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ORANGE DEGREE TEAM

The Central York Orange Lecture School members will exemplify the Arch Degree in Flesherton Orange Lodge rooms on Friday, April 22nd, when all members of the L.O.L. are invited to be present.

Future Events

GOOD PLAY IN FLESHERTON

Come and see "Aunt Minnie From Minnesota" in Flesherton town hall on Monday, April 18th at 8 p.m., by Priceville young people. Judging by the number of times it has been presented to the public, it must be well worth seeing. Admission: 35c, children 25c.

PLAY AT EUGENIA

The Kimberley young people will present their play "She's My Daisy" in the Eugenia hall on Wed. April 20th, under auspices of L.O.L. 1118. Play to commence at 8:30 p.m. Admission: 35c and 20c.

EUCHRE IN FLESHERTON

Progressive euchre will be held in the Fraternal Hall, Flesherton, on Thursday, April 14th, under auspices of Eastern Star. (Note change of date). Admission: 25c.

ROCK MILLS BAZAAR

A bazaar and short program will be held in the Rock Mills school on Wed., April 13th, at 8:30 p.m. Admission: 15c.

SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER

Don't throw away our old papers, magazines or books. Just notify Russ. Andrews or Rev. A. G. Macpherson and collection will be made.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

Farm implements and equipment, including practically new Ford tractor with tractor plow, disc, cultivator, binder, hog-feeding equipment, Dodge coach, 25 tons mixed feed grain, cleaned Ajax oats — In Dundalk, Saturday, April 16th, at 2:30 sharp. — Lloyd Acheson, Prop., Geo. E. Duncan, Auctioneer.

Miss Edna Jaques Gave Splendid Lecture in Church

A very pleasant evening was spent last Wednesday evening when Miss Edna Jaques, famous Canadian paet-lecturer, gave an interesting lecture, highlighted by her comments on the incidents which prompted her to compose the poems which she read.

After welcoming those inattendance, particularly members of the Markdale C.G.I.T., Miss Emma Oliver introduced the guest artists, Mrs. R. Andrews, soprano soloist, Mrs. Milne, organist, and Miss Janet Macpherson, soprano soloist, who was accompanied by her sister, Margaret. Rev. A. G. Macpherson introduced the guest of the evening.

Miss Jaques was born near Collingwood and moved West with her parents while still a young girl. She is a very witty and amusing speaker, but at times serious and extremely interesting. Her method of reciting her poems was unusual but effective. "My Neighbor's Clothesline" gives an idea of what can be deducted of the housewife's character by looking over the lundry blowing in the breeze. How much a seed catalogue means in the Spring to people on the prairies and in western isolated areas is given in "To a Seed Merchant." Miss Jaques put into verse the thoughts of all good mothers in her poem ::My Daughter." Her "Above the Timber Line" was written after a wearisome hike and horse-back ride. It was amusingly related by the speaker. In a tribute to church workers who so fiathfully aid in the work of the church, she has written "The Faithful Few." Her closing room was "I'll Sing for You."

Her entire lecture was exhilerating and the audience was loath to have her finish. It would be a pleasure to hear her again. The lecture was under the auspices of the C.G.I.T., of which Miss Oliver is the leader.

While in Flesherton Miss Jaques was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Macpherson, Miss Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bellamy. She is a cousin of Mr. Bellamy.

As long as cities have most of the population that's what will be wrong with the country.

A catastrophe is when the ladies' bridge club meets with nobody absent to be talked about.

Service Station Burns After Explosion And Occupants Escaped, Losing All in The Fire

Disaster struck in the village at about one o'clock Thursday afternoon of last week, when an explosion occurred in the B-A gas station and restaurant operated by Mr. and Reg. Boden, who were lucky to escape with their lives, along with their son, George, and a customer, Mr. Ruesell Andrews, barber in the village.

When the explosion occurred Mr. and Mrs. Boden and Mr. Andrews were standing beside a pinball game when they were suddenly thrown to the floor from the blast. Tables, booths and other fixtures were overturned and a counter was thrown on top of Mrs. Boden, from which she was extricated by the men. Mr. Boden ran upstairs where his 5-year-old son, George, was playing and carried him down the stairs through the thick black smoke which filled the building. When the blast came three young men, Bob Turney, Jim Johnston and Frank Taylor, were outside the building and they had to force the front door open, due to the carpet and other things piled against the opening. Those inside were then able to escape.

None of those in the restaurant were injured from the explosion.

In a matter of only a few minutes the entire structure was a mass of flames and Mr. and Mrs. Boden and George escaped with only what they were wearing, they didn't even have time to take the money from the cash register. The large windows in the service station section were blown out and scattered for a hundred feet outside. Mr. Boden's car was at the side of the building and a front window of it was demolished.

Within a couple minutes after the fire siren gave the alarm, the village fire fighting equipment was on hand but it was seen that nothing could be done to save the building and efforts were made to save the Munshaw hotel, 75 feet away, and a barn at the rear of the service station owned by Mr. Welton, but the heat was so intense that this soon caught fire. It was at this time, when the fire was spreading that a call for help was made to neighboring municipalities for assistance, which came from Durham, Dundalk, Collingwood, Markdale, Chatsworth and Owen Sound. The Durham brigade arrived after the fire had been under control for some time, but they laid their hose line from the river, a istance of several hundred yards and pumped water to the scene of the fire. Collingwood pumper also did excellent work in making sure the flames did not spread. At one time the gable end of the Munshaw House blazed up from the terrific heat, but the local brigade kept control and no further outbreaks occurred. Harold Best owns several cabins that were close to the burning buildings, one of them being only fifteen feet from the barn, and have fireproof siding and roofing, which kept them from destruction. Paint on the doors peeled, however. The contents of the cabins were carried to a safe distance.

The large plate glass windows in the F. H. W. Hickling store and the Best restaurant were cracked from the heat and the paint blistered. The plate glass in the Hickling store was replaced this Monday afternoon.

The service station was of stone and brick veneer construction and was an attractive building. Mr. and Mrs. Boden took over the operation of the service station and restaurant two and a half years ago, shortly after he received his discharge from the Air Force, in which he served for four years. Their daughter, Donna, 10, had just gone to school before the explosion occurred.

The cause of the explosion will remain a mystery as an examination by members of the B-A Oil Company and inspectors failed to find the cause, and Mr. Boden said that there was nothing in the cellar that he knew of which would cause the blast. Company officials are said to think that an old tank, not now in use, might have leaked gasoline left in which spread into the ground and came into the cellar near the air compresser. It is not likely that the cause will ever be known.

The barn owned by G. B. Welton had some boats stored therein, five of them being burned, besides some furniture, a stove and other things. His loss will exceed $1,000.00 and the loss to Mr. Boden and to the B-A Oil Company, which owned the service station will amount to about $20,000.00, partly covered by insurance. Mr. Welton did not have any insurance on the barn.

The local telephone system went out of business at 1:30 p.m., when the fire burned a telephone pole directly in front of the service station across from the telephone office, and all telephones lines, local and long distance were severed, but not before the telephone operators had sent through their calls for aid and also informed their headquarters telephone service would be severed in a short time. The cable repair crews from Owen Sound, Kitchener and Brantford were on hand by six p.m. and service was restored by 6:30 Friday morning. They accomplished a splendid job, working all night on the task. A new pole was erected on Monday.

The above picture shows the B-A Oil Company service station and the close proximity of the barn at the rear of the station, with the hotel. At the extreme right is the building owned by Doug. McArthur, which was within range of the blaze. The tourist cabins are not shown in the picture.

ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO BODEN FAMILY

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boden are highly regarded by everyone and they conducted a splendid restaurant, giving first class service and were very genial in meeting the public. Their loss of all their household and restaurant equipment aroused the sympathies of the entire community and Friday morning a fund was started to assist them in recouping their losses. In a few hours several hundred dollars had been subscribed and this Tuesday morning over $850.00 had already been collected. Rev. A. G. Macpherson and Russell Andrews, who headed the campaign, state that they will have a complete report ready for the next issue of The Advance of those who contributed cash.

Many others have donated wearing apparel, household utensils and bedding. Needless to say, both Mr. and Mrs. Boden have been overwhelmed with the kindness and thoughtfulness which has been shown them in their hour of need by the people of this community and others who are strangers to them, and words cannot express their feelings at this time. The Boden family are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stewart at the present time. Miss Kate Macmillan, who teaches in Toronto, has generously opened her home to them until permanent arrangements can be made.

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GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

April 15th, 11 a.m. — Good Friday Service at St. John's.
April 17th, 11 a.m. — Easter Service at Flesherton.
3 p.m. — Easter Service at Inistioge. Reception and Communion.
7.30 p.m. — Easter Service at Eugenia.
April 24th — Reception and Communion Services at Flesherton, Proton and Eugenia.

"THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HATH MADE, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT."

Rev. A. G. Macpherson, Minister. — Geo. H. Cairns, Secty. Official Board.

Mrs. E. Fisher Again Heads Flesherton W. I.

The election of officers of Flesherton Women's Institute was held at the regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. Alex. Aberdein Thursday evening of last week, when Mrs. Eva Fisher was re-elected as president. Other officers are:

1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. G. Lawler.
2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. N. Stoddart.
Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Dargavel.
Dist. Rep.—Mrs. G. Lawler.
Auditors—Mrs. Hawken and Mrs. T. J. Fisher.
Quilting Com.—Mesdames Genoe, Teeter, McDonald and Hamilton.
Sick Com.—Mrs. Teeter, Mrs. Bell.
Hist. Research—Mrs. Milligan.
Resolutions—Mrs. W. Kaitting.
Citizenship—Mrs. Hickling.
Social Welfare—Mesdames Aberdein, Cornfield and Hamilton.
Home Economics—Mrs. Pinkerton.
Publicity—Mrs. N. Stoddart.
Agriculture and Canadian Industries—Mrs. M. McFadden.

A discussion on resolutions was led by Mrs. Kaitting and $10.00 was donated to the Boden fund and three quilts are also to be presented. Four members paid B-day fees.

The Institute meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month instead of the first. Mrs. W A. Hawken conducted a contest of waist measurements, with Mrs. Pinkerton being the winner.

Born

BATES — At Hamilton, Ont., on Friday, April 8th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Harol Bates, a son.

JACK — At the Nuhn Nursing Home, Flesherton, on Sunday, April 10th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jack (Alice Livermore) a son, James Carl.

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