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Department of Agriculture

(Intended for last week.)
Last week saw the conclusion of the Clarkburg Short Course. The wards of the attended the Ladies' Courses and 25 attended the Young Men's Course. They proved a decided success.

The thanks and gratitude of the Instructors are due to Messrs. Hartman, Hamilton, Buchanan, Hamilton, Hooke, Brown, Brown, and others who assisted in many different ways.

At the conclusion of the Boy's Course, a Junior Farmers' Improvement Association was organized. The following are the executive officers: Pres., H. E. Hartman; Vice-President, Brock Shore; Secretary, George W. Reiner; Treasurer, George W. Reiner; Directors, Stambaugh, Hamilton, Reiner, Hooke, Ed. Patterson.

Considerable work is planned for these young men and it is hoped that they will carry out the same as every confidence is placed in them.

This week the Agricultural and Home Nursing courses were completed at Holstein. This will be the last month's course in 1922. It is hoped that it will be possible to conduct several Three Day Courses in March with the Agricultural Society in the County.

HOG CLUBS

To date there have been eight Hog Clubs organized in Grey County. Several are being formed, so that before long the number of Improved Hogs will greatly affect the quality of Bacon in Grey. The Clubs are scattered over the County fairly uniformly.

PLACE ON ATTENTION

Since sending the editorial on Louise Keller to the Local Pages some time ago, many inquiries have been received. Evidently it has not been noticed by some. For the benefit of those who did not see it, it is reprinted in full again. One pound of salt or "Frythrum" powder, five pounds of Hotholcher, and three to five pounds of Sulphur. Two will not cost much.

STOCK IMPROVEMENT

A letter has recently been received at the office asking for the names of any farmers who have Bulls and Hens for sale in the County. Such opportunities come very rarely and I will pay any Broker who has such stock for sale to get into communication with the office.

The aim of the office is the service which can be rendered to the farmer. Many more could avail themselves of its offers of help. It is a matter of greater co-operation. It is the Department of Agriculture, Markdale, that you, Farmers, it will pay.

Centre Grey Board of Agriculture Meetings

Walders Mills	Feb. 12
Rockley	Feb. 14
Beatham	Feb. 15
Arvenas	Feb. 16
Kimberley	Feb. 17
Maxwell	Feb. 19
Fleisherston	Feb. 20
Hopewell	Feb. 21

Speakers: Mr. A. R. G. Smith, of New Hamburg; Mrs. Chas. Macoun, R. R. No. 4, Campbellford; Mr. Smith is one of the leading farmers in the Province. He has taken part in club work, instruction of schools, and other activities intended for the betterment of Rural conditions. Mr. Smith is president of the Board of Agriculture for Waterloo County, and has been of material assistance to the Agricultural Representative in conducting the work of the Branch. He is also Secretary of one of the best Agricultural Societies and is a strength to the Rural School Fairs of Waterloo County.

Subjects: "The Dairy Industry of Canada"; "Best Cattle and Milking Shorthorns"; "Field Crops and Rotations"; "Seed Control Act and Inspection Work."
Mrs. Macoun has been leader in Women's Institute work in her own locality, where the Institute has been of such valued service to the community. After a number of years' experience in teaching, part of the time in Rural Districts, she returned to the farm and is thoroughly conversant with Rural needs, methods and possibilities. She is Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Subjects: "Women's Responsibilities to Herself, Family and Manhood"; "Rural School Fairs—Past, Present and the Ideal of the Future"; "The Farm Home"; "Consolidated Schools"; "What the Women's Institute has done for one Rural Community";

Separate meetings will be held in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Joint meetings at night at 8:00 p.m.

All parties in the Townships of Holland, Euphrasia and Collingwood, are to send their names to the Secretary. He will make members and will receive all publications from the Provincial and Dominion Departments.

Women's institutes are required to provide meals. All schools, Boys and Girls, and all Kindergartens to be held in the following places:
H. J. Thompson, President.
B. J. Graham, Secretary of Board of Agriculture.

M. J. W. Thompson, President of Women's Institute.
Mrs. W. A. Hartman, Secretary of Women's Institute.

Address and Presentation

On Wednesday evening, January 24, 1923, about sixty friends and neighbors gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKeechie, who are leaving shortly for their new home near Brampton. At an appropriate time the following address was read and presented made, to which Mr. McKeechie and Mrs. Mary McKeechie made suitable replies. The evening was joyously spent in dancing and social chat. A dainty lunch was served at the conclusion by the ladies.

THE ADDRESS

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKeechie and Family, with Grandma:—
As you are about to move from our midst to Brampton, we, your neighbors, have gathered to say goodbye and to wish you God Speed.

It is a habit of industry and frugality you have made good, and by genuine kindly neighborliness you have earned the respect and appreciation of your neighbors, so that it is with deep regret we experience your departure.

As an expression of good-will to the family we present this chair, to Grandma, in particular, (this shows) and to Cecil, from Mrs. Lettich, this neck scarf.

We all join heartily in wishing you one and all every good in your new home and future life.
Signed in behalf of your friends and neighbors:
Peter D'Arcy,
S. H. Wright.

25 YEARS AGO.

From The Standard of Feb. 10th, 1908.
Miss Sattie Jacobs is visiting Miss McKnight of Owen Sound.

The following official staff was elected at the annual meeting of the Markdale Public Library: C. W. Rutledge, Chairman; M. Turner, Secretary; A. Macpherson, Librarian; Dr. Geo. Treasurer.

Mrs. Watson moves this week to town from Lauriston.
We are pleased to report Mr. J. H. Dumas on the way to recovery, after a severe attack of congestion of the lungs.

Mr. M. Armstrong is attending the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge in Toronto.

Rivardale

Probabilities: Snowing snow.
Mr. Percy Bull, the musician of Rivardale, is spending a few months at Rosedale.
An error appeared in Rivardale news last week. An item reading: Miss Lottie Johnson, should have read: Mrs. Lottie Gibson.

Mr. Oliver Hill of Orange Valley vicinity, is engaged with Mr. O. Leonard.
According to the old tradition concerning the 2nd of February, Ground Hog Day, we will, as the Indians say, "Have heap much cold weather for many moons to come."
Although the "Flu" has been very prevalent in some localities during the past few months, there has only been one victim of the terrible malady in this vicinity to date.

Inferred from the loud lamentations of the Wodehouse reporter, his demand for good food has recently been greater than the supply. However, he can rest assured that the requirements of the situation will receive our prompt attention as soon as we can obtain a car load of "pickles and pea-straw".

Card of Thanks

To those who so generously and kindly assisted during recent illness, by act or sympathy extended, we desire to express sincere thanks.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Flew.

Vandeleur

Quite a number in this community are laid up with grippe.
Mr. Bob Mercer is visiting his niece, Mrs. Dana McGee, at present.

Mr. Dave Graham, ar. and Mrs. P. Beard, of Fleisherston, spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham.
Mrs. Burritt, of Kimberley, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dave Graham.

Miss Alice Cutting, Markdale, is spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. Wyville.
Mrs. J. Flynn is visiting with friends in Toronto.
Mrs. Dave Graham and children spent a few days last week with friends in Kimberley.

A jolly sleighload of young people went on a skating party to Fleisherston on Thursday, last week.
The service in the church here was withdrawn on account of the very severe weather which lasted over the week-end.

The Women's Institute are preparing a play which they have decided to give on February 23rd.
The debate, which was held in the hall on Monday evening, of this week under the auspices of the local Farmers' Club, was a decided success. The subject was "Resolved that the farm women have fewer opportunities to enjoy life than the farmers." The affirmative was taken by Mrs. F. Davis, captain, Mrs. R. Genoe, Misses Annie Graham, Gerde Smith, Lillian Buchanan, May Graham and Mrs. F. R. Boland. The negative was taken by Messrs. H. Graham, captain, W. A. Weber, Russell Freeman, R. Graham, F. J. Boland, Frank Davis, E. Waring and Will Ratcliffe. The judges were Mr. Jos. Buchanan, Mrs. D. Graham and Miss L. Purvis. After due deliberations they decided the debate was a tie as far as points were concerned, but the men were ahead in delivery. Some splendid points, humorous and otherwise, were brought out on both sides. The debate was the second in the series held by the Club and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd present. Another debate will be held on the 5th of March, the subject being: "Resolved that travel is more educative than the study of books." Captain, Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, for affirmative, and Mr. R. Freeman, negative. Previous to the debate the Club held a short business meeting. Among other things it was decided to enter the Farmer's Sun Subscription Contest and an agent was appointed. Several pamphlets, dealing with proportional representation and the alternative vote, have been received by the Secretary, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on February 19th, when this matter will be thoroughly discussed. W. A. Weber and H. I. Graham were appointed a Committee to get information and lay it before the meeting.

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