

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interesting Items Concerning Other Centres and Communities in which Many of Our Readers are Interested

NASSAGAWEYA

The sympathy of this community goes out to the widow and family of the late John A. Black in their bereavement.

The Dublin Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Alex Near last Friday with a fair attendance of members present.

Mr. W. F. Darby of Knatchbull had the misfortune to lose a valuable Holstein cow last week.

The public schools are preparing for their Christmas concerts as also are the Sunday Schools of the various churches of this Township.

Mrs. Reg. Wilson and daughters visited with relatives and friends in Nassagaweya over the week-end.

The many friends of Mr. Levi Easley of Brookville were pleased to learn that he was able to return home from the Guelph Hospital last week much improved in health.

EVERTON

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Boles were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCutcheon visited recently with Mrs. Irene Walker, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin and Bobby visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palfreman, Guelph Road. Mr. Harold Wright visited in Toronto on Saturday.

A number from here attended the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lasby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, Guelph visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Couling visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palfreman visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hortop.

OSPRINGE

Congratulations to the pupils of the local school, who sang in a school chorus at the recent Music Festival in Guelph and received third prize.

The Women's Institute sponsored a euchre at the school on Friday evening with a fair attendance. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. F. Leitch and Mr. E. Barber for high scores, consolation awards were given to Mrs. George Robertson and Mr. N. Barber. The committee in charge served refreshments at the close and a social time enjoyed.

Friends of Mrs. F. Brydon will be sorry to learn she is ill and under a doctor's care. All wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Tolton and Miss Roberts of Eden Mills spent a few days last week with Mrs. M. Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kalthoff are spending ten days holiday with friends in the States.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart and Mr. Percy McEachern visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McEachern and family at Caledon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Henderson and Evelyn moved to their farm which they recently purchased near Belwood.

Friends of Mr. Archie Sclair will be sorry to learn he was confined to the Guelph Hospital for a few days with an infection in his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fisher graciously opened their home on Monday night for the weekly meeting of the Farm Form, with twenty in attendance. Mr. Gordon Robertson was leader for the evening, when the topic, "The Seed Grain Situation" was very ably and vigorously discussed. Following a lively discussion, several games of progressive euchre were enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Battle receiving prizes for high scores. The hostess and her assistants served a beautiful lunch.

FARMERS AND PRODUCTION

The farmers have an incentive to increase their production, in the prospect that they can in the majority of cases get a good price for their products for which heavy demand is likely. Many farmers are conservative and inclined to go slow about production if there is any doubt in their minds about the prosperity of the country.

A farmer was heard to remark before the war that while he had usually raised a pig at that season, he was not going to do it that year because business did not look good to him. Probably a good many more were like him. This year the business prospects are very good and one would think that the majority of farmers would have little doubt about their ability to sell their products. This confidence should increase production.

LIMEHOUSE

The fourth of a series of euchres was well attended last Friday evening. Mrs. H. Norton and Mr. J. Rougley were highest scorers, consolation going to Mrs. Fred Brown and Mr. Gordon Wingfield and the door prize was won by Mrs. Cyril Clarke. May's Orchestra had charge of the dance. The young folks play takes over Friday evening this week.

The Limehouse W.I. group put on their comedy, "Tea and Scandal" for the S.S. No 16 Farm Forum on Monday evening.

Sunday School re-opened following re-organization on Sunday last with twenty-five attending. Teachers in charge included Rev. C. C. Cochrane with the Bible Class, Miss W. Ivens, Intermediate and Mrs. Gibby and Mrs. Helen Gale in charge of the juniors.

Pupils at S.S. No. 9 and S. S. No. 16 are practising for Christmas concerts.

Limehouse W.I. ladies packed cartons of food and clothing weighing over thirty-five pounds for unfortunate people in England recently. Contents were all donated.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spitzer and Anna visited at Breslau on Sunday.

ROCKWOOD

Township nominations were held just Friday which resulted in acclamations for all concerned. In the evening a meeting was held in the interests of the Police Village trustees and an election will be held next Monday, December 1st. Reeve D. D. Gray was re-elected by acclamation for a tenth term.

On account of the anniversary services at Eden Mills on Sunday, no services were held in the Presbyterian Church here.

At St. John's Church Sunday, Rev. W. G. O. Thompson of Georgetown conducted service and officiated during Holy Communion.

Mr. Don McArthur of Toronto was home for the week-end.

Following Monday's snow storm, the Highway snowplow was out clearing the snow for better traffic.

As a result of a bad bump to a Hydro pole on Main St., Hydro employees were busy Tuesday replacing a new one.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. M. T. Smith in the passing of his wife, Agnes F. Walker, who passed away last Friday in Guelph General Hospital. Funeral took place Monday with service at McLanaghan & Ross Funeral Home, Guelph, and interment in Rockwood Cemetery.

CAMPBELLVILLE

The finance committee of the Campbellville W.I. held a successful progressive euchre on Thursday evening at Christie Hall. Door prize winner was Mr. Walter Ferrer and euchre prizes were won by Mrs. Thomas Hilson, Mrs. O. Morse, Mr. William Buck and Keith Lush.

Mrs. Sophia Patterson's guests over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Auckland and family and Mr. John Humman of Lowville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley and Peter have moved to Brampton where Mr. Bradley is guard at the Army Headquarters.

Mrs. William Hurron celebrated her birthday on Friday and among her family and friends, she was showered with a host of gifts and cards.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary at their home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart Crawford, Judith and Murray of Gravenhurst spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McPhail and son were Sunday guests with Misses Janet and Jean McPhail. They will move to Milton this week. Mrs. Bryant and William will occupy their apartment.

Mr. Howson Lush and Mr. George Thomas are home from their hunting expedition near Dorset. Their bag included a bear.

Several from here attended the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mrs. Frank Quinlan and Mary Theresa visited relatives in Toronto last week.

Mr. Ronald Roberts spent the week-end with his mother Mrs. Charles Roberts.

Mr. Jack Laking spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laking.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ingls and family were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingls.

Mrs. Jack Harris of Freelon spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ingls and son LeRoy spent the week-end in London with the latter's parents.

No. 1 School Farm Forum met on Monday night at the school and former discussions were reviewed. Progressive euchre was enjoyed and prize winners were Mrs. Edgar Cairns, Mrs. Albert Stewart, Mr. John Howarth and Mr. Claude Ingls.

MY WEEK

By R. J. DEACHMAN

In recent articles I have pointed out that there was a prospect of a substantial surplus this year, an excess of Federal Government receipts over Federal Government expenditures. Then I asked this question: If you were Minister of Finance and found yourself with a billion dollar surplus at the end of the year what would you do with it. I put the same question before a group meeting at the Y.M.C.A. in Ottawa. I have received a shower of responses, people are interested, they have definite views on this subject. If my miniature Galtley-Poll selects public opinion, the Canadian people want to reduce the national debt, lower taxes and after that there are other things, many of them, want to have and much they want done.

One man wanted to devise a scheme whereby young people could get married at a reasonably early age and be sure of a home within their means. Tough job! People have been trying to do that for a long time. The trouble, in recent years, is that they want too many other things. Not all of them want houses. It's a good idea, let's keep it in mind! Another suggested that we needed a change of heart, a willingness to consider the interests of others instead of seeking always, our own advantage. I agree with him. He also wanted debts reduced and taxes lowered. I hope he lives to see his three desires become realities: It would bring a happier, wiser world.

Through these replies ran suggestions that we ought to spend substantial sums on public works of a productive character. Of course that isn't a suitable suggestion for the moment. We have full employment now. To extend public works at this time would involve the transfer of workers from more productive employment, moving them into tasks which were less productive. Some saw this point and suggested that we should do this when, and if, employment falls off.

One man suggested compulsory savings to mop up some of the money now spent on luxuries. That brings up a curious point. We are more prosperous now, than we have ever been before. Total salaries and supplementary labor income in 1946 was more than double the 1939 level. Even after allowing one-third off that level because of increases in the cost of living we have vastly increased spending capacity in comparison with any past period, but our desires are still beyond our means. All are anxious for more money to spend.

I imagine that if we were to do what my friend suggests, establish compulsory savings, people would fight against it with tooth and claws, and, if not with claws, with votes, for many feel as poor now as they did when they had half as much. I doubt if humanity will ever be satisfied purely by increased material prosperity.

One man distributed his program over nearly all fields of efforts. He would give 50% of the hypothetical surplus to debt reduction, 30% to lower taxes, 10% for increased old age pensions and 10% to raise the salaries of civil servants. Bless their dear hearts the civil servants are seldom out of the minds of the people of Ottawa and—the salaries and retiring allowances if the civil servants is as keen a subject of discussion as crop prospects among farmers.

I like best the story which came from far away Alberta. He was a farmer but has now retired: "Mr. Abbott," he wrote, "is in the position of a farmer who finds that his income for the year is 50% above his requirements. What should he do with it? He should consider the prospects of the future. He should study how best to use his surplus so as to add to the prosperity of the future years and in my humble opinion the best place for it would be in the improvement of his live stock, buildings and equipment, with the hope that this may help him to get better results out of his farm in future years. It may be that in this there is a basic idea for the Minister of Finance."

I sat down and looked at the answers to my questions I read them again and again then I said to myself: "Canada is in the position of the farmer. We should look carefully over the whole field of effort with the object of improving methods, lowering costs and maximizing production. When we accomplish this purpose, debts and taxes will become less important. The burdens will be less because the backs that bear them will be stronger and with still larger national income the debt can be reduced."

Yes, the hearts of the people are sound. One man placed first on his program these simple words: "Feed Europe." It's a good idea but I am far from unkind when I make this statement: Better by far if we could put the people of Europe to work. The man who can devise a means of doing this will have conferred upon Europe a power of recovery far greater than can come from any Marshall plan. If you have a better idea on how the expected surplus should be spent, let me have it. Fame might come to you through finding wiser ways of spending a billion dollars.

On the face of an immense stone at Bon Echo, Ontario, the elements have worn the rock to a rough likeness of Walt Whitman, the American poet.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS RETURN TO ONTARIO

In describing the range of the Prairie Chicken, bird books tell of the gradual trek northward over the Canadian plains of this diminishing species, and add: "formerly in Ontario." A revision is indicated. A specimen in the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology was found dead by a railroad worker 50 miles north-west of Fort William in 1929, first evidence that the true Prairie Chicken or pin-tailed grouse was back in the province after an absence of many years. About 1932 they were reported on Manitoulin Island, welcome invaders from the Michigan mainland where numerous colonies are found. Since then they appear to become permanent settlers on the island, and to date they are known to be present at about 20 different points. So deep is the interest in this recurrence of the Prairie Chicken in Ontario that the department of Lands and Forests has commissioned James L. Bailie, ornithologist of the Royal Ontario Museum, to take a census of the birds and report on the possibilities for eventually securing breeding stock for introduction to other areas of the province. Because of the great value of these game birds and the fact that their numbers have decreased deplorably in years past, they are legally protected and this protection will be rigidly enforced until all danger that they will share the fate of the now extinct Heath Hen has been removed.

SERENE NOVEMBER

The month of November is not a popular period of the year. There are too many chill winds and cold nights which remind one of the freezing temperatures and frigid blasts of the winter still to come. To some it is a melancholy thought that the life of most plants and flowers, and the leaves of the deciduous trees, have come to an end.

The bright colors of the summer and early fall have mostly vanished. The sun is getting far away from us, and the lower power of his rays fails to illumine the landscape as it did in summer days. Masses of bare trees take on a dull color tone and seem to say that their work of the year is ended.

Yet there is a certain quiet serenity about the month of November that has its pleasing aspects. Nature has finished her labors of the warm months and is resting peacefully in the memory of past achievement. The scene might be considered typical of elderly persons who had finished most of their labors and were enjoying the fruit of many years of toil.

There are about 2,800 languages in the world.

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JUST ARRIVED

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