DISTRICT NEWS

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Various Items Concerning Activities in Communities Nearby Where Many of Our Readers are Interested

BALLINAFAD

Farm Forum met in the Hall with Stone School Forum as their guests when 20 attended from their group. Discussion was on "Is Farm income used efficiently?". Some strong discussion followed the broadcast. Progressive euchre was played with Mrs Horace Bell winning the highest score for ladies. Mr. Wm. Norton and Mr. Robert McEnery were tied for the men's. Lunch was served and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Next week's discussion will be "What price shall we ask."

The Farm Forum held a euchre in the Hall last Tuesday night, Mrs. Edmunds and Arnold McEnery having highest scores.

ROCKWOOD

Last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Schneider held open house for the public to come in and see candy in process of making in his candy factory. It was an interesting affair especially to see the humbug candies from start to finish and also see how the little yellow stripes are blended into the rest of the material then finally pulled into long strips and placed in a box while another employee pulls down a handle which cuts into the strip and turns out a lot of the little pieces and spread into a long table. The chocolate candies were also interesting to see in the process of making and later packed up in boxes of different quantities. Following the disastrous fire in Guelph a few years ago when Mr. Schneider was forced to vacate the old Bell piano factory, Rockwood is fortunate in having such an enterprising industry on the premises of the late Vernor T. Smith who carried on a rubber patch business for the automobile tire trade.

The many friends of Mr. John Lister regret his illness when he was seized with a stroke at his home last week. He had been out of doors before dinner shovelling snow and following the mid-day meal was seized with the attack.

Mr. John Hamilton is also on the sick list and confined to his home.

Mrs. Seth Ward and daughter Barbara were in Toronto during the week-end. While in Toronto, Barbara was on the radio, CFRB.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Joseph William Weir, 61, one of Campbellville's most respected residents passed away on Saturday afternoon. He was a blacksmith for over 40 years. He was born in Puslinch Township and came here at the age of 2 years.

He was a member of St. David's Presbyterian Church and was an active worker being a Sunday school teacher and an usher and a member of the Board of Session. He was also a member of Campbell Masonic Lodge. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Linn at home, Mrs. Leslie Legg of Toronto; also three brothers, Thomas of Hamilton, Robert of Kilbride and Charles of Carlisle.

Funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from St. David's Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. with Rev. John MacNeil officiating. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery. Funeral was under Masonic auspices. Dr. McDonald of Kilbride, Mr. Frank McNiven of Milton and Mr. C. A. Elsley, Mr. R. C. Menzies of Campbellville were honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were Messrs. John Gilmour, J. K. Mahon, Colin McPhail, A. T. Moore, William Moore, William Van Sickle.

St. David's Presbyterian Y.P.S. meeting was held on Friday evening in the basement of the church with Ronald McPhail presiding. George Goldstraw acted as secretary. William Elliot was in charge of devotional period. Roll call was answered with "my favorite comic strip." Plans were made for a box social next month. A debate was held entitled "Resolved that comic strips are a detriment to society." Mrs. George Goldstraw, Mrs. John Beech upheld the affirmative side and Robert Elliot and William Bryant argued for the negative. Miss Olive Mahon and Dr. J. Beech were judges and awarded the honors to the affirmative side.

Miss Della VanSickle and Sheila Tehonney read a debate "Resolved that the oyster is superior to a sponge intellectually." William Bryant was convenor of the social hour which was held after the close of the meeting.

Friends of Edward Mahon were sorry to hear he has been confined to his home with a recent illness.

Miss Olive Mahon of the Guelph General Hospital spent Thursday visiting her parents.

Mrs. A. McPhee was moved to a nursing home in Toronto on Friday.

NASSAGAWEYA

There was a large gathering of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McPherson in Bloomsbury School on Friday evening, January 30th to spend an evening with them and honor them before they leave their farm in this community. Mr. Lindsay Ferguson was chairman for the program, opening with all singing "The Maple Leaf Forever" and then a reading by Miss Doreen Ferguson; a violin selection by Messrs. Alex. Near and Mansel Nellis; a recitation by Fay Marsden; a duett "Sam and Susie" played by Mrs. Wallace Lasby Jr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marsden; a violin selection, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson were invited forward to chairs placed for them and Mrs. Freeman Wilson read an address and at the proper time Messrs. Lloyd Marsden, Freeman Wilson and Wallace Lasby Jr. made the presentation of an end table and book rack, large mirror and an electric table lamp. Both Mr. and Mrs. McPherson made fitting replies. "For they are jolly good fellows" was then sung and following the program, progressive euchre was played and a dainty lunch served and then there was dancing and a social time spent and the meeting closed with God Save the King.

Sacramental services were held in the Ebenezer United Church last Sunday morning conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Pickersgill.

The Heather Mission Band held their monthly meeting in the parlor of the church last Sunday under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Fatt.

The sympathy of this community goes out to the family and relatives of the late Mrs. Brownlow in their bereavement.

Miss Magaret Pickersgill, R.N., of Brantford visited with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Pickersgill over the week-end.

OSPRINGE

Quite a gloom was cast over the community when word was received of the sudden passing of Mrs. Mary E. Aitken. She had been a patient at the Guelph General Hospital having undergone an operation the previous week. The operation proved successful and she was up and about, expecting to soon come home when she suffered a heart seizure and passed peacefully away Friday, January 23rd.

The late Mary E. Baldic was the eldest daughter of the late Charles and Sarah Baldic and was born Jan. 3, 1874 on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Mary Cooke on the highway, where she spent her girlhood. On June 11, 1902, she married Thomas W. Aitken who predeceased her in 1934; their years together were spent on the "Aitken homestead" on the second line. Following her husband's death, she moved to Ospringe. Mrs. Aitken endeared herself to many with her kindly and unselfish ways and took keen interest in helping others. The funeral was held Sunday, January 25th with private service at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. Sunter followed by service in the Ospringe Presbyterian Church of which she was a charter member. Rev. J. M. Anderson of Acton brought a comforting message and Messrs. Gordon Garner and Robert Lofthouse of Erin sang very sweetly "Over In Glory."

Interment was made at Everton Cemetery with Messrs. D. N. McTavish, J. L. Allan, F. Brydon, M. McCutcheon, David Stewart and D. G. Robertson acting as pallbearers. The numerous floral tributes were carried by Calvin Aitken, Norman McKenzie, Vernon and Edwin Stewart, Douglas and Kenneth Robertson.

Left to mourn her loss are two sisters, Miss Emma Baldic and Mrs. Gertrude Sunter and a nephew, Arnold Sunter of Niagara Falls, Ont.

"Is Farm Income Spent Wisely?" was the subject for discussion at the weekly Farm Forum held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robertson with Mr. McKinney as leader. Mrs. Gordon Aitken and Mr. Alvin Fisher won awards for euchre. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fines offered their home for the next meeting. A social time was enjoyed and lunch served.

Mr. F. Leitch attended a rally and banquet on Friday at Guelph for the rural area school trustees.

A student from Knox College at Toronto conducted service at the local church on Sunday. During his stay in the village he was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kalthoff.

School was closed on Thursday and Friday due to the illness of the teacher, Mrs. Ruth Papple.

The "Needle and Thread Circle" held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Kalthoff on Saturday. The leader, Miss Doris Fines taught how to make a "Round Buttonhole." The hostess served a delicious lunch at the close.

EVERTON

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Hamilton were Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs Harvey Jestin and Bobby visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stan McKay, Guelph.

Mrs. Ted Jestin visited on Saturday with Mrs. Jim Milne and daughter, Rockwood.

Mr. Harvey Smith, Toronto University spent the week-end with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs Earl Van Norman, Acton visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loughrin and family have bought a house in Guelph and have moved in this week.

Mr. W. Loughrin has sold his house to Mr Robert Brownlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pattern of Guelph visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Alton.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright and family were Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Brown and family, Ospringe.

MOFFAT

What the prospects are for a reduction in the rigors of winter is in the mind of everyone in our community. We hope that the bear will not continue his winter slumbers any longer than is really necessary. However, there are some things to be thankful for in the midst of our severe weather. One of these reasons for gratitude is the persistent and effective work of our snow plow and its operator in keeping our roads well open for the motorist.

Our neighborhood was saddened by the sudden death of one of our elderly citizens in the person of Mrs. George Brownlow, who passed away in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on Saturday, January 31. The funeral was held in Acton from the Johnstone and Rumley Funeral Parlor. The sympathy of a large circle of friends goes out to the sorrowing family.

The annual meeting of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church was held in the church school room on Thursday evening, January 22nd. The reports of the various organizations was most gratifying to both minister and congregation.

Mr. Wm. Black is in Toronto this week attending the Shorthorn Breeder's Association and will leave during the month for Edmonton on similar business.

The Federation of Nassagaweya School Teachers met on Monday evening in No. 3 school with Mrs. Anne Wilkinson of No. 3 presiding. Many important matters were under discussion, one of which was the sending of parcels to the school teachers in England.

The Johnson family from Streetsville are nicely settled on the farm recently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell, who have taken up residence in the city of Guelph.

Mr. Roy Spears of Hamilton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fraser.

Misses Ruth and Irene McGillvray of Guelph spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dredge.

Mr. John Allison of Millgrove has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hathaway.

Mr. Robert Hitchen visited friends in Kitchener over the week-end.

Mrs. Rudolph Nollmeyer passed away at her home Friday, January 30th.

Mr. Del Moffat has taken over the business formerly owned and conducted by his father-in-law, Mr. R. S. Elsley, who has been in business here for the past quarter of a century.

WARNING AGAINST ANTI-FREEZE RACKETEERS

Shortage of dependable antifreezes such as ethylene glycol and glycerine base this year is giving an opening to substitutes which may contain calcium chloride or other solutions which are actually harmful to automobile radiators, warns Hardware and Metal.

The hardware business paper quotes A. R. Haskell, manager of the Toronto Better Business Bureau, as recommending that motorists should either stick to well-known makes or should get the sales story of the substitute antifreeze down in black and white in case of subsequent radiator trouble.

OLD WINTER SCENES

The old timers will say that in some respects the winter scenes of their youth were far different from those of the present time. In those old days before automobiles had become common, the merry jingle of sleigh bells was a prominent feature in this district.

The famous old song "Jingle Bells" is still popular and gives a picture of the cheerful enjoyment of the people, particularly the young folk, in slipping on those runners over the smoothly packed snow. The line "O what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh" expressed the joy of such occasions. The people had many good times in those old days, even though they lacked many facilities that have so vastly added to the satisfactions of life.

Acton Tax Rate is Same As Last Year

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equalized assessment. This was not half of the amount that had been levied for last year for the Continuation School and was one break in the increased costs of all municipal expenditures.

Total receipts for the year were estimated at $25,118.53 and total expenditures estimated at $83,104.83. This left a balance of $57,986.30 to be raised by tax levy and a rate of 63 mills was required for this amount which will be reduced by one mill by reason of the provincial subsidy and make a net rate of 62 mills. This is exactly the same as last year's rate.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law setting the rate as outlined above.

The Chief was instructed to secure two new uniforms for the municipal police.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for painting the Council Chamber walls, ceiling and woodwork.

POOR DOG

The teacher was giving a health talk to her class, and warned her pupils never to kiss animals or birds.

"Can you give me an instance of the danger of this, Bobby?" she asked one boy.

"Yes, miss, my Aunt Alice used to kiss her dog."

"And what happened?" asked the teacher.

"It died."

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HORSES and HARNESS—Black Gelding, 6 yrs. old, 1400 lbs., good in all harness; Set of Double Harness; Set of Single Harness.

DUAL PURPOSE SHORTHORN COWS—Red Cow, 5 yrs. old, fresh January 5, with calf at foot; Red Cow, 5 yrs. old, fresh Jan. 19, with calf at foot; Grey Cow, 5 yrs. old, fresh Jan. 26, with calf at foot; Roan Cow, 5 yrs. old, fresh Jan. 27, with calf at foot; Red Cow, 5 yrs. old, due March 10th; Roan Cow, 8 yrs. old, with calf at side bred Oct. 27; Roan Heifer, with calf at side; Red Heifer with calf at side; Red Heifer, due Feb. 20; Spotted Heifer, due Feb. 21; Farrow Cow.

YOUNG CATTLE—7 Heifers, from 500 to 750 lbs.; 4 Steers, about 700 lbs.; Holstein Heifer, 20 mos. old; 4 Spring Calves; 3 Fat Calves; 4 Young Calves; Reg. Shorthorn Bull 284021, Orange Prince, born Nov. 13, 1945.

PIGS—Young Yorkshire Sow, bred Dec. 27; Young Yorshire Sow, bred Jan. 27; 5 Yorkshire Pigs, 10 weeks old; Young Yorkshire Sow, 9 Yorkshire Pigs, just weaned; Yorshire Hog.

SHEEP and POULTRY—9 Oxford Ewes; 2 Ewe Lambs, bred Dec. 1; Oxford Ram Lamb; 120 Hampshire Red Pullets, in full production.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, LUMBER, WOOD—Princess Pat kitchen Range as good as new; Renfrew Cream Separator, good as new; Washing Machine; Cupboard; Wardrobe; Writing Desk; 5 Burner Coal Oil Stove; Chemical Closet; 600 ft. of 1 inch Spruce Lumber; 35 2x4 Scantling; 500 ft. of Elm Plank; 3 Bunches of Shingles; 50 Cedar Posts; 10 Cord of Stove Wood, 1 ft., dry, ready for stove, mostly elm; Hydro Pole 35 ft.

HAY and GRAIN—40 tons of good Mixed Hay; 85 bus. of Fall Wheat; 25 bus. of Beaver Oats, cleaned and ready to sow; 120 bus. of Buckwheat; 125 bus. of Banner Oats and Barley, cleaned and ready to sow; 100 bus. of Heavy Mixed Grain; 30 bus. of No Barb Barley; 700 lbs. of 2-12-6 Fertilizer.

IMPLEMENTS—McCormick Deering 11 disc fertilizer and Grain Drill, Massey Harris Binder, 6 ft. cut, Massey Harris Mower, 5½ ft. cut, Massey Harris Hay Loader; Dump Rake; Cockshutt Manure Spreader; Moltam Farm Wagon; Wagon Box; Flat Hay Rack; Sloop Sleighs, Cutter; Walking Plow; Disc Harrow; 5 Section Harrows; Maple Leaf Chopper, 10 inch, Fanning Mill; Massey Harris Potato Digger, with 7 ft. chain; Quarter Horse Power Electric Motor; Colony House; Woods Electric Chopper, 25 cycle, nearly new; Brooder Stove; Chop Box; Roll of Snow Fence; 2000 lb. Scale; Barrel; Gas Barrels; Logging Chain; Pair of Binder Truck Wheels; Hay Fork; 170 ft. of Hay Fork Rope; Pulleys; Scuffler; Massey Harris Pulper; Turnip Sower; Wheelbarrow; Step Ladder; Grain Bags; Crosscut Saw; Sweed Saw; Pig Crate; Sap Pails; Small Farm Tools; Set of Slings and many other articles.

TERMS—CASH

No Animal or Article to be removed until settled for. All articles must be moved by March 1st as the Farm is sold and the owner is giving up possession on that date. Road open for cars.

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TAKE TIME TO LIVE LONGER - ADVICE TO MOTORISTS

"Ignore schedules" is the standard instruction from bus and transport companies to their drivers when road and weather conditions are bad. The bus and truck drivers themselves, many of whom have passed the million mile mark of safe driving in all seasons, say that motorists should follow suit and adjust the speed of their cars to the conditions of the roads and the weather. "The only safe speed is the speed where the vehicle is under full control," said W. C. Blackadder, veteran bus driver who has carried passengers over a million miles of roads.

Another safe driving habit that will help motorists get through the winter in good shape, say these heavy duty men, is to gear down when on icy surfaces. This is a simple procedure on passenger cars compared to the double-clutching necessary on buses and trucks every time a gear is shifted. The "gearjammers" emphasize that this is the best way to keep control of a vehicle on slippery roads. They point out that to cut down skidding the motorist should keep his foot away from the clutch pedal when braking until his car is almost stopped. And, also, motorists should keep their windshields and headlights clean so that they can see to avoid accidents. A little ventilation should be allowed in the car to prevent steaming up of windows.

When queried about their gripes against car drivers, they had surprisingly few. The general opinion is that the driving standard of the motoring public is just as good as that of the "professionals" who drive trucks and buses.

"My main beef is that many motorists do not stay in their proper lane of traffic and do not give hand signals before turning," said Gordon Cooper, a tractor-trailer operator who is nudging the two million mile mark. "They make right turns from the centre of the road and left turns from the extreme right of the road. Position on the road is all important—it is the only sure way of letting the driver behind know of your intentions." Most of the men who wheel the big rigs agreed that the majority of accidents they had seen were caused by the failure of motorists to signal before turning.

C. J. Sullivan, an ex-pilot officer with 12 years experience driving transports, averred that the driver who really "scares the pants off him" is the one who highballs through a stop sign onto the main road without any let-up in speed.

Bus drivers are required to come to a full stop at all level crossings and G. O'Neill, with 12 years experience transporting passengers around Ontario, was of the opinion that all drivers would be wise to adopt this safety precaution.

Shades of the ejected crofters! Sheep and cattle may soon be pastured in deer forests and grouse moors of Scotland.

A New York professor says that civilization on Mars could teach us a thing or two, about getting along in one world.

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