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Alex H. Gibbard, City Librarian, Resigns His Post

HAS SERVED MOOSE JAW SINCE OPENING OF LIBRARY 27 YEARS AGO

(Moosejaw Times-Herald)
After devoting 27 years of his life to serving the reading public of Moose Jaw, Alexander H. Gibbard, librarian of this city's public library, has decided to retire at the age of 77 years. During his more than a quarter of a century in office a total of 3,386,484 books have been taken from the laden shelves by countless thousands of readers, some seeking knowledge and others looking for a moment's relaxation in the printed word.

Mr. Gibbard tendered his resignation at the meeting of the Library Board on Tuesday, March 5th, and it was accepted with regret by the board members. The resignation will go into effect July 31. Meantime the Library Board is making plans to give suitable recognition to the man who is responsible for building an enviable reputation across Canada for Moose Jaw's Public Library.

The appointment of a successor to Mr. Gibbard will be taken into consideration by the Library Board at a special meeting to be called within the next two weeks.

Born in Napanee, Ontario, in 1863, Mr. Gibbard came from old pioneer stock. His father, Charles Gibbard, was a descendant of one of the first families to settle in Upper Canada, while his mother was born Content Wells Hawley, of United Empire Loyalist stock and a direct descendant of Captain Jehiel Hawley, one of the earliest settlers in Vermont.

Completing a course in the Bowmanville high school, Mr. Gibbard entered Toronto University and in 1887 obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree. During his under-graduate days he spent two years in the university library as an assistant librarian, and his first ten years out of university were spent in the teaching profession. From 1898 to 1901 he was editor of the *Whitby Chronicle*, but left the position to resume his teaching, continuing that work for the next 14 years.

He was principal of the high schools at Georgetown and Niagara Falls South and modern language master in the Collegiate Institute at Brantford in Ontario. On coming west to Saskatchewan Mr. Gibbard accepted the position of principal of Grenfell school and later occupied the position of modern language master in Moose Jaw Central Collegiate.

LOVER OF BOOKS

Since graduating from the Toronto University, Mr. Gibbard's life has been one devoted to the spread of education and during the 20 years he spent in the teaching profession he became widely known in Ontario and Saskatchewan. A lover of books, and a scholar, the true sense of the word, Mr. Gibbard first became interested in library work when he devoted much of his spare time in the university to working as an assistant to the university's librarian. In later life he held the position of secretary in the library boards at Georgetown, Niagara Falls, Whitby and Grenfell.

But it was not until coming to Moose Jaw that he left the teaching profession to devote all his activities to library work. Named librarian of Moose Jaw's new public library, he entered on his duties on Jan. 1, 1913, and set on foot the building of the beautiful building which was as fine a collection of literary works as can be found in any library of its size in Canada. Preceded by a barrage of publicity in the press across the Dominion, the library opened its doors to the public on August 16, 1913, and today the building houses 28,580 books, a silent tribute to the unflagging energy with which its librarian worked throughout the years to build an extensive collection.

Before the Moose Jaw library officially opened its doors, Mr. Gibbard was given six months to undertake the difficult task of selecting the 6,000 books which were to form the foundation of the city's book collection.

VALUABLE BOOKS

His training as a student librarian at the university served him in good stead when it came to choosing books for the non-fiction department—the most important section of any library. Particularly proud is Mr. Gibbard of the library's non-fiction section, which contains volumes of untold value for their education or carry on with their studies after leaving the classroom.

Mr. Gibbard contends, that it is possible, if the reader knows how to apply himself, to take a complete university course in the non-fiction department. The student can plot out a course of study and by intensive reading equip himself with a university education without leaving the city, the librarian claims.

The Moose Jaw Library Board and Mr. Gibbard have received many fine compliments on the excellent selection of books, particularly in the non-fiction class. Travellers from the Old Country have often commented on the complete collection of books on Canada that is to be found in the local library, and on several occasions letters of praise have been carried in the columns of the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*.

A criterion of the library's popularity with the reading public of Moose Jaw, and an indication of the success that has met Mr. Gibbard's 27 years of work as its chief librarian, is revealed by the growth in the number of books being borrowed.

From 6,000 on the opening day in 1913, to 28,580 volumes, according to the last count taken in January 1940, is the growth. During the years it has

Party Leaders in the Dominion Elections Next Tuesday



Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

When we next go to press, one of these men will be Premier of Canada. You, the people of Halton County, together with the other citizens of our Dominion will do the choosing.

Whatever be the outcome, we hope the defeated Party will support the elected government as far as is reasonably possible, and thus help Canada in a united war effort.



Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, M. C.

been open to the public, a grand total of 44,388 volumes have been purchased by the board or presented to the library. Many have been discarded after wearing out under constant use.

Mr. Gibbard was married at Port Perry, Ontario, July 31, 1890, to Miss Margaret J. Ham, one of the first dozen girls to matriculate at Toronto University. When Mr. Gibbard retires on July 31, 1940, he will at the same time be celebrating his golden wedding anniversary with his wife. They will go to Vancouver to live, where their daughter, Ethel, also a graduate of Toronto University, is on the staff of the John Oliver H.S.

DEPUTY CHIEF GEORGE GUTHRIE MARRIES

Deputy Chief Constable George Guthrie of Toronto, was married on Monday in Wesley United Church, Westmount, Que., to Miss Lottie May Kelly of Westmount. The service was conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. B. B. Brown and the couple left immediately for Ottawa on their honeymoon.

NORVAL JUNIOR FARMERS AND JUNIOR INSTITUTE

The March meeting of Norval Junior Farmers and Junior Institute was held on Thursday, March 14th, at the home of Thos. and Mary McGee. At the Junior Institute meeting, the president, Reta Fisher, presided. The roll call was answered by an Irish joke. After the business, Elizabeth Reid read a paper on the "Ideals of a Junior Institute Meeting." Jean Fisher read an account of the Life of St. Patrick. Ruth Dierlam conducted two contests.

At the Junior Farmers meeting, D. Charles acted as chairman. Bruce Reid continued his talk on "Co-operation." Joe Ross gave the history and development of hybrid corn. Craig Reid gave a paper on "The Horse." The roll call was answered by an Irish joke.

At the joint meeting Ruth Dierlam gave a reading. Elizabeth Reid favoured us with piano solos. Mr. C. D. Graham, Agricultural Representative for Peel County gave a talk on the "Need for Co-operation in the Present Crisis."

The next meeting will be held at the home of Bill and Eloise Hyatt.

RED CROSS MAKE ANOTHER SHIPMENT

The following large shipment of goods went forward to the Red Cross Society warehouse in Toronto last week:

- Surgeons gowns
- 51 Pr. pyjamas
- 9 Pneumonia jackets
- 72 Ice bag covers
- 8 Hampton pads
- 52 T. binders
- 68 Handkerchiefs
- 30 Pr. bed socks
- 79 Army scarves
- 19 seaman's scarves
- 106 Pr. wristlets
- 14 Aero caps
- 6 Helmets
- 19 Pr. rifle mitts
- 2 Pr. knee caps
- 35 Sweaters
- 7 Pr. seaman's stockings
- 122 Pr. socks
- 2 cartons containing surgical dressings and bandages, as follows:
 - 25 Sets of dressing (3 dressings and two wipes to each set).
 - 72 Face masks
 - 52 6-in. bias bandages
 - 14 4-in. bias bandages
 - 79 3-in. straight bandages
 - 51 4-in. straight bandages
- 1 Carton containing children's clothing for Polish Relief.

Competition Keen at Halton County Seed Fair

The 1940 Halton Seed Fair conducted under the auspices of the Halton Crop Improvement Association was held at Georgetown on Friday and Saturday of last week. This year's exhibit was the largest of any yet held and the programme on Saturday afternoon brought out an attendance which filled the town hall to capacity.

The cereal grain classes were particularly well filled with 33 exhibits in all. The class in alfalfa was also well filled and brought out some excellent lots. As in former years, only those with seed for sale were eligible to make entry and the seed exhibited was of the same quality as that offered for sale and furthermore, was accompanied by grade and control certificate number. The demand for seed was quite keen and a number of the exhibitors sold their supply in a comparatively short time. The championship in cereal grains was won by an exhibit of Nobarr barley, grown and exhibited by Reid Bros. of Georgetown.

In the small seed classes an entry of alfalfa shown by T. J. Brownridge of Georgetown won the membership and these two lots, therefore, received the special trophies donated by the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. The same company also offered another silver trophy which was won by Craig Reid of Georgetown, who sponsored the largest number of exhibits.

The exhibits were shown in uniform bags supplied by the Association and these coupled with some excellent educational displays, gave the hall a very attractive appearance. Educational displays were on exhibit from the Ontario Forestry Branch, Soils Department of the Ontario Agricultural Department, Field Husbandry Department of the same Institution and the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. At the programme on Saturday afternoon, President W. E. Breckon of Freeman acted as chairman and briefly reviewed some of the activities of the Association during the past year, following which he introduced the guest speaker, W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. Mr. Reek's address was particularly well received by the large audience, many of whom commended favourably on the very practical nature of his address. Short addresses were also given by Prof. Frank Morwick of the Soils Department at the College, under whose direction the soil survey, has recently been made of Halton County soils and the soil map was on display during the afternoon.

The annual Junior Farmer Judging Competitions in grain and seeds, fruits and vegetables and cream grading were held in conjunction with the seed fair on Saturday morning and brought out 34 competitors. The high man of the event was Craig Reid of Georgetown, who with Gordon Leslie tied for the honour of winning the Halton Seed trophy emblematic of the judging of grain and seeds. The Halton Cream and Butter trophy for cream grading was won by Richard McLaughlin of Norval and the Strathcona Orchards trophy, emblematic of the championship of fruits and vegetables was awarded to Bruce Reid of Georgetown. The prize winners at the seed fair were as follows:

- Late oats, 4 entries—1st, Arthur Swamer, Acton; 2nd, J. H. Willmet, Milton; 3rd, John Pickett & Son, Hornby; 4th, Frank Wilson, Georgetown.
- Urban oats, 19 entries—1st, F. W. Riddell, Georgetown; 2nd, Woodlands Orchards, Bronte; 3rd, M. T. McNabb & Sons, Georgetown; 4th, Reid Bros., Georgetown; 5th, R. J. Graham & Son, Georgetown; 6th, S. B. Heatherington, Freeman; 7th, Col. D. H. C. Mason, Georgetown; 8th, H. L. Hutt, Georgetown.
- Early oats—10 entries—1st, Gordon Leslie, Acton; 2nd, Hugh Reid, Acton; 3rd, R. J. Graham & Son, Georgetown; 4th, Thos. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; 5th, F. C. Willmott, & Son, Milton; 6th, Reid Bros., Georgetown; 7th, Woodlands Orchards, Bronte; 8th, John Alexander, Georgetown.
- Barley, O.A.C. 21, 6 entries—1st, J. A. VanFleet, Milton; 2nd, John Pickett & Son, Hornby; 3rd, Wm. W. Harris, Milton; 4th, Miller Bros., Georgetown; 5th, Frank Wilson, Georgetown; 6th, Col. D. H. C. Mason, Georgetown.
- Barley, smooth awned, 3 entries—1st, Reid Bros., Georgetown; 2nd, Geo. Fisher, Georgetown; 3rd, F. W. Riddell, Georgetown.
- Alfalfa, 7 entries—1st, Thomas J. Brownridge, Georgetown; 2nd, A. E. Woodley, Milton; 3rd, Seward Wilson, Georgetown; 4th, J. H. Willmott, Milton; 5th, Morley Watson, Tansley; 6th, M. T. McNabb & Sons, Georgetown.
- Red-Clover, 1 entry—1st, W. N. Atkinson, Streetsville.
- Alsike, 2 entries—1st, W. N. Atkinson, Streetsville; 2nd, Frank Wilson, Georgetown.
- Field peas, 1 entry—1st, Hugh Reid, Acton.
- Buckwheat, 1 entry—1st, Hugh Reid, Acton.
- Potatoes late, 1 entry—1st, J. E. Pearen, Acton.
- Potatoes, early, 1 entry—1st, J. E. Pearen, Acton.

The winners in the judging competitions were as follows:
Grain and seeds, Juniors—1st, the (Jack Van) Goosen, Geo. Fisher; 3rd, Grant Allan; 4th, Dirk Van Goosen; 5th, Ward Brownridge.
Seniors—1st, Gordon Leslie; 2nd, John McNabb; 3rd, Walter Reid; 4th, Johnston Neelands; 5th, Geo. Henderson.
Fruits and vegetables, Juniors—1st, Bruce Reid; 2nd, Fred Bell; 3rd, Claude Pickett; 4th, Ivan Taylor; 5th, John Van Sickle.
Seniors—1st, Craig Reid; 2nd, Geo. Breckon; 3rd, Lloyd Miller; 4th, Gordon Fisher; 5th, Marilyn Heppel.
Cream grading, Juniors—1st, Geo. Hamilton; 2nd, Donald Peer; 3rd, Angus McNabb; 4th, Harold Brown; 5th, Wm. Lucas.
Seniors—1st, Richard McLaughlin; 2nd, Bob Allan; 3rd, The (Elwood) Johnston, Lloyd Fisher; 5th, Jack Turner.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

The weatherman informs us that Spring began at 1:24 p.m. this afternoon (March 20). To put it in his own words, "Spring is usually supposed to begin on March 21, but the beginning of the vernal equinox deviates a matter of hours from year to year, and occasionally starts on March 20."

Which all sounds very nice, but you've got to show us! With Winter renewing her assault to-day, local merchants are hunting out their discarded Christmas decorations, and we wouldn't be at all surprised to see old Santa himself walking down Main Street to-night. Merry Christmas!

RECEPTION FOR MAJOR BARBER

Major J. R. Barber was entertained at a Company dinner at Milton Inn Tuesday evening, with some fifty officers and men present. Major Barber takes over command of "C" Company Lorne Scots P.D. & H. Regiment, while Major Graham Peacock and Capt. D. Chisholm have been transferred to Oakville Company. The Company presented Major Barber and his wife with a Parker desk set. After a good meal, all retired to Company headquarters for the Company meeting.

ASHGROVE

On the evening of March 13th the W.I. held a dance and euchre at the home of Mr. Jack Riddell. Some enjoyed dancing while others played euchre. Five tables of euchre were played. Mrs. T. Clifton and Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth received the ladies prizes, while Mr. Fred Wrigglesworth and Mr. L. Miller were lucky winners of the men's prizes. The April regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clayton Wilson. Miss E. Wrigglesworth and Miss E. Bird were chosen as delegates to attend the Girls' Conference in May.

Miss I. Wrigglesworth, Mrs. F. Wrigglesworth and Mrs. Frank Wilson attended the St. Patrick's tea held in the Presbyterian Church, Norval, on Wednesday, March 13th.

Mrs. H. Bird, Mrs. Clayton Wilson, Mrs. Walter Brownridge, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. T. Clifton attended the St. Patrick's tea held in the United Church, Norval, on Friday, March 13. Messrs. Frank Wilson, Clayton Wilson, Cecil Wilson, H. Barnes, L. Miller, P. J. Laird joined with the group of farmers who were the guests of Canada Packers, Ltd. on a tour of their abattoirs on March 13th.

Miss Lula Graham has returned from Kapuskasing. Her journey from Kapuskasing to Toronto was by aeroplane.

The Bright Star Mission Band met on Sunday afternoon in the basement of the church with Betty Riddell presiding. The roll call was answered with the name of a flower. Mrs. Frank Wilson gave the story from the Mission Band study book. Doris Brownridge and Ruth Morrison favoured with a vocal duet and Mabel Wrigglesworth gave an interesting reading. Plans were made for the Thanksgiving meeting to be held early in April.

Don't forget the W.A. crochets in the basement of the church on Monday evening, March 25th. We hope for better roads this time.

Rev. J. O. Totten had a special message on Sunday morning to commemorate Palm Sunday. The choir assisted with appropriate music.

The Ashgrove Y.E.U. are holding a special Easter service on Sunday, Mar. 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Mr. K. Partidge, B.A. of Brampton will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Mabel Mur-

Georgetown Midgets Win

EARN TRIP TO COPPER CLIFF FOR ONTARIO PLAY-OFF

Drubbing Hanover Pee-Wees 6-0 in the second game of a series for the Southern Ontario championship, the Georgetown N.H.L. Midgets won a trip to Copper Cliff, and a chance at the Ontario finals. Total score of the two games played put Georgetown on top with 16 goals against Hanover's 4.

The game last night was one-sided, as the score would indicate, with Georgetown putting up a sterling defense as well as providing most of the offensive work. From the moment when George Walker hit a bouncing puck into the upper corner of the Hanover net in the first four minutes of play, there was little doubt as to the final outcome. In the same period, Carter scored on a pass from Kemshead, and Harlow was credited with one unassisted.

Penalties: Ingram, Schenk and Coffel.

In the second period, Harlow scored again, with penalties registered against Schenk and Lahn.

The midgets bagged two more in the final period, credit for these going to Coffel and Soloaki.

We will be looking for the boys to bring back another championship this week end from Copper Cliff.

Line-ups:

Hanover: Esbough, Vanslyke, Zimm, Sohaus, Kramp, Scarborough, Crowe, Maurer, Lucas, Pickering, Lahn and Machesney.

Georgetown: Emmerson, McCarter, Harlow, Coffel, Kemshead, Sergeant, Schenk, Walker, Ingram, Soloaki.

Referees: Perce Blackburn, Georgetown; Vanslyke, Hanover.

LAST-MINUTE RUSH LOOMS FOR DRIVERS

March 31 is Set as Deadline for 1939 Plates and Licenses

No extension of time will be granted beyond March 31 for use of the 1939 plates and licenses.

In making this announcement, J. F. Bickell, Registrar of Motor Vehicles urged all motorists to secure their permits and licenses immediately. While many car owners throughout the province have already secured their new 1940 plates, records show that there are thousands who face the prospect of finding themselves in the last-minute rush unless they act without delay.

Officials at the Motor Vehicles Branch declare that the increasing possibility could easily avert the inconvenience and annoyance of waiting in a crowd. "It's a job that will take a few minutes now but it may take hours later on," one official stated. "We have the plates and licenses ready; it's now up to the motorists, but March 31 is positively the deadline."

LIONS CLUB

The regular bi-weekly dinner of the Lions Club was held at the McHibben Hotel on Monday, March 18th. Mr. Ralph Ross, former principal of Georgetown-High School gave an interesting address on "Education," tracing the education of man from birth throughout his life. Mr. Ross stressed the fact that education should not stop when one leaves school but should continue as long as a man is alive.

It was decided to send the Midget N.H.L. hockey team to Copper Cliff if they defeated Hanover in the final game of the series, with the Club paying the balance of necessary expenses.

KNOX CHURCH W.M.S. MEETING

The Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church held their thank-offering meeting in the school-room on Wednesday afternoon, March 13th. The president, Mrs. Davidson, presided.

The scripture reading with comments given by Mrs. Wm. Sinclair brought an Easter message. Mrs. Clark gave the prayer.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Riddell of Milton and her address was both helpful and inspiring. Solos by Mrs. Harold Michie of Boston were very much enjoyed. Lunch and a social hour followed the closing of the meeting.

MOTHER OF MRS. WILLIAM BEEVE PASSES IN BRAMPTON

The funeral took place Monday afternoon, with burial in Brampton Cemetery, of Mrs. John F. Carter of Brampton. Mrs. Carter died in the Peel Memorial Hospital, on Saturday in her 86th year, after less than a week's illness.

Mrs. Carter was born at Mayfield, the daughter of the late William Large, but had spent the greater part of her life in Brampton. She was a member of the Salvation Army.

Surviving are her husband, four sons, Roy of Markdale, Russell, Victor and Fred of Brampton; three daughters, Mrs. Alex. Hicks, in England; Mrs. Harvey Cuthbert, of Brampton, and Mrs. Wm. Reeve, Georgetown; two brothers, William, of Brampton, and Adam of Hamilton; a half-brother, Charles Drinkwater, Brampton, and a sister, Mrs. George Brambles, of Orangeville.

ray of Norval and members of her group will contribute musical numbers. Everyone come and enjoy the Easter service with us.