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Scout Concert

The Scout Concert held in the Masonic Hall last Thursday evening, Feb. 7th, 1918 was a great success in every way, the Scouts distinguished themselves in the way of recitations, songs, etc., and received badges, won by much hard work and strict testing. We had some local talent who contributed kindly to making a pleasant evening and, in no less a degree did the Wolf Cubs with their drill under the admirable training of Miss Edwards and the performance of their other work such as is necessary as part of their training. The Hall was packed to the doors and all went away feeling they had spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. H. G. Hammond, Provincial Secretary occupied the chair, with the assistance of the Rev. T. R. Haughton, Chaplain, and Messrs. H. A. Lawrence and Col-Stalker, Commissioners. Mr. Hammond in his remarks touched upon the splendid work that had been done by the Troop and Scout Master, which was in evidence during the evening. The Troop desire to thank all those who helped them, particularly Dr. L. Langstaff, Rev. T. R. Haughton, Miss Edwards and Mrs. Duncan for their kindness to the boys. It is hoped that the outcome of our concert will mean that several other boys will now come and join the Scouts. The proceeds go toward Camp equipment which is in great need of funds. Robert Mansbridge received his warrant as first assistant Scout Master. The "burning of the staves" was also an interesting feature of the evening. Much regret was felt at absence of Scouts Hugh Oliver and Ted Mansbridge.

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Poultry Farmer—Bernard White.

First Class—Stanley Ransom, Bernard White, Robert Mansbridge.

Epworth League

A most interesting time was spent at the Epworth League on Monday evening. After the usual opening exercises, a vocal solo was given by Mrs. N. Glass followed by an excellent address, illustrated by pictures by Rev. P. Price, our missionary home on furlough from Japan, on "His work in Japan." In a very adequate way he gave us an idea of the manners and customs of the Japanese people, and of the good work he accomplished during his three years as a missionary among the people of Japan.

A very excellent entertainment will be given at the Epworth League on Monday evening Feb. 18th. Some of the best local talent are taking part. This is your opportunity of hearing a good concert, free of charge. Everybody welcome.

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Peat Near Bradford

For many years past it has been known that peat existed in tremendous quantities on the Holland Marsh, near the town of Bradford. The extremely severe weather of the past winter has brought the question to the front again, in order to help solve the fuel question. A meeting of a number of the business men, of Newmarket was held a few days ago when correspondence was produced indicating that the value of the peat did not rest in its heat producing qualities, but that it contained by-products sufficient to pay for its manufacture. A committee was appointed to obtain further information as to the cost of machinery and installation. Another meeting will be held, and the matter will likely be brought to the attention of the Provincial Legislature.

Red Cross Notes

The regular meeting of the Red Cross Auxiliary, will be held in the Public School, February 18th, at four o'clock.

The members of the Girl's Branch of the Society, would be glad to receive donations of fancy material, plain materials, or anything in cotton goods suitable for personal property bags. These bags are 9 by 13 or 14 inches.

The knitting Committee request all those who are knitting mittens, to send them in this week, so they may be shipped next week.

Seed Fair

A seed fair will be held in the Lorne Hall Richmond Hill, under the auspices of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, on Saturday Feb. 16th, 1918. As will be seen by posters, good prizes will be offered for competition. All entries must be made with the Secretary, before 12.30 on day of fair, at which time all exhibits must be in position for judging. The public will be admitted at two o'clock p. m. Mr. Wm. S. Scarf President of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions will address the meeting.

Skating Party

The Ladies Aid of the Richmond Hill Methodist Church are giving a Skating Party in the rink on Tuesday next, February 19th. Refreshments consisting of hot coffee, hot weiners, rolls, and candy will be served. Good band in attendance. Adults 15 cts. Children 10 cts. Everybody come.

Valentine Carnival

Remember the Valentine Carnival under the auspices of the Girls Branch of the Red Cross auxiliary, in the Rink to-night. Good prizes offered for costumes. Refreshments served. Richmond Hill band in attendance. Admission, adults 15 cts. children 10 cts. Come and help the cause along.

DOWNSVIEW

A very interesting and educative programme was given by the Young men when the Elia Young People met in the Sunday School room on last Tuesday evening. Farm topics of general interest were discussed while musical selections on the violin and organ made a very well balanced programme. Upon conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the performers.

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Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Feb. 17th, the Minister will preach at both services; in the morning on, "Winning our own souls;" in the evening on, "The Sluggard will not plow."

The Mary Slessor Mission Band meets at the Manse 4 p. m. Friday.

The W.M.S. will meet at Mrs. Watson's Wed. next, 7.45 p. m.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held last Wednesday evening, when reports were presented and new officers elected. Messrs. Pratt, Clark, Watson and Monkman were elected to the managing board for a three year term. The different missionary organizations reported good work.

The Grant Mission Band of younger boys and girls raised \$20, the "Mary Slessor" Band of older girls raised \$30, the Women's Auxiliary \$166. In addition to these, the Sunday School raised \$106 for missions and the congregation \$252—in all, the missionary contributions of the church amounted to \$575.

The Sunday School showed splendid progress, about fifteen per cent increase in attendance, over fifty per cent increase in missionary giving, raising in all \$375.

The Ladies Aid reported their total proceeds for the year \$359; of this, they paid \$200 on the organ.

The Centenary Committee reported the net financial returns from the celebration \$218.

The Treasurer reported envelope contributions \$1300, plate collections \$276, rent \$163. Of this, a cash balance of \$349 remained, against which stood \$333 of unpaid accounts, leaving an actual balance of \$16.

The outstanding liabilities of the congregation are \$1940, of which the organ debt comprises \$1140.

The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes was \$3159 or about \$16 per member. The membership is now just 200.

East York Plowmen

At the annual meeting of the East York Plowmen's Association held on Saturday afternoon in the Heather Hall in Agincourt, these officers were elected.

Honorary presidents, W. F. Maclean, M. P., Capt. Tom Wallace, M. P. George S. Henry, M. P. P., Alex. McCowan, W. N. Milken, John Little, Alex. Doherty and Andrew Hood, president, W. H. Munro; 1st vice-president, W. H. Munro; 2nd vice-president, Bert Kennedy; secretary-treasurer, Deputy Reeve J. T. Stewart. Directors, T. Shadlock, J. Shadlock, A. Doherty, Clark Young, Arthur Little, Charles Watson, James A. Rennie, W. G. Rennie, T. A. Paterson.

Village Council

The council met on Jan. 24 in the Clerk's office with all the members present. Several accounts were read, which the Treasurer was instructed to pay. Bylaw 576 was passed appointing officials for the current year and Council adjourned. The officials appointed were as follows—Assessors Mr. C. A. Skeele Auditors Messrs A. E. Lehman and G. Moodie. High school Trustee Mr. J. P. Glass, Public Library Trustee, Wm. Pratt, Board of Health Mr. G. Reaman, Medical health officer Dr. W. R. Pentland, Fence viewers, Messrs. D. Steele, R. Dixon and A. Richardson. Caretaker and truant officer, Geo. Smith.

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