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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY.

The Fourth Annual Community Life Conference at Pickering College, Newmarket, is being arranged for the first week in January. A committee is working on the program.

A man in Detroit had a row with his wife, and it ended up in police court. It started because he contended his wife could not iron shirts as well as his mother, and so persisted in having his mother do them. If this thick head had stayed at home with his mother instead of getting married the court would have not had to listen to his shirt tale, and things would have been better for all parties involved.

No less than three counties have petitioned the Ontario Government for permission to call in their outstanding debentures, to reissue them at a lower rate of interest. The governments virtually do this, why not the counties? And then if the counties have the right, why not the individual, who is struggling to meet interest charges at 6 and 7 per cent. Fact is, the private borrower stands as much in need of relief from burdensome interest charges as any class or group, but nothing is done to improve his lot.

An editorial in a California paper says that after fifteen years in the business a newspaperman becomes reconciled to the following facts: 1st, He will always be regarded as some sort of freak; 2nd, that the favors he does will usually go unnoticed, but his mistakes never; 3rd, that when he gets in a crowd someone will say jocularly, "Don't talk in front of So-and-So, he'll put it in the paper;" 4th, that once a week someone will remark that "newspaper work must be fascinating."

In a letter to the Mitchell council, R. G. Smith of Teeswater, who owns the skating and curling rink in Mitchell, stated that he will sell the rink for 1,200, and that it cost around \$8,000. He says he would have had \$1,500 more in the bank if he had given the rink away five years ago. Skating and curling rinks do not seem to be paying proportions in many small Ontario towns in recent years.

The lash may seem a brutal thing, but if it will shock a young offender into realizing that he is headed the wrong way and cause him to turn about it will be a blessing in disguise and as an alternative to a term in a reformatory or prison, there can be no question that it has one distinct advantage and that it will prevent the contamination that often results from confinement with other offenders. To those who consider the lash degrading it may be pointed out that it is not nearly so apt to create an unwholesome influence as a term in a place of correction and punishment. The lash cures while it stings, but the prison sentence doesn't always cure while it confines.

There seems to be an evergrowing determination to keep up with the Joneses. Human nature is like that. For instance, how many people know that a United States heiress, and still a school girl, has had to do a lot of skimming and scraping to get along on \$5,000 a month? And even at that she told a court that girl just had to have more than that to live properly. Imagine it, if you can. She recently received \$1,300,000 from the family estate of \$30,000,000 so her financial problems should be settled for a time at least. Countless people will, no doubt, marvel and wonder how \$5,000 a month can be spent, but with the proper education (?) it is not a difficult business. Easy come, easy go.

No doubt poorer school children will envy the rich heiress who has been struggling along on \$5,000 a month, but there is the probability that these less favored folk will know little about indigestion or gout. That is a big compensation.

The Estevan Mercury gives the following as evidence of the ease with which the desires of a kind-hearted individual may be hindered:

"The cry of distress that has been broadcast from this vale of desolation has touched a sympathetic chord in the heart of old Ontario and heavily laden cars are now speeding westward with sorely needed provender.

At such a distance it is, of course, difficult to know just what of their ample stores might give the greatest joy to hungry denizens of the prairie and from out of bags and crates there roll surprises that speak more eloquently of kind impulse than of mature judgment. Cabbages, potatoes, sides of bacon and jars of fruit speak volumes for the generosity and discrimination of our far-off friends. But who can measure the warmth of sympathy of the good sport at Caledonia last week who, out of his fullness of heart and acquaintance with human craving, slipped a bottle of good Ontario rye in among the cabbages, trusting that its message of cheer would trickle down some parched, despairing gullet, the music of its gurgle whispering 'I, too, have suffered.' Sad to relate, the bottle cracked on the way out and its contents filtered and strangely flavored the goulash that some happy householder will ladle out of her brood this winter. The substance missed its purpose but the spirit of the good impulse lives to rise like incense to the memory of the unknown giver."

VELLORE

The Euchre Club met on Monday evening in the Township Hall. There were eleven tables playing. The prizes were awarded to the following: Ladies, first Miss Marion Phillips, second Miss Deborah Davidson, third Mrs. Crane, consolation Miss Laurena Rutherford; gents, first Mr. B. Peelar, second Mr. Herb Joslin, third Mr. E. Fierheller, consolation Mr. Wm. Bates.
Owing to the fact that Vellore Christmas concert will be held on Monday, Dec. 17th, the regular meeting of the Euchre Club will hold their next meeting on Monday, Dec. 10th.
Miss Jean McKinnon of Weston spent the week-end with her parents.

The Watson Family Re-union held a euchre and dance in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening. A number of friends in the neighborhood joined with the clan and report a real good time. Lester Smith's orchestra provided the music.

A large crowd attended the Vellore Junior Farmers and Farm Girls' annual dance last week.

Keep in mind the regular meeting of the Junior Farmers and Farm Girls' Club on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th. A good program has been planned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Craise of Niagara-On-The-Lake visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rutherford over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. David Donald of Toronto and Mrs. Millar of Rapid City, Michigan, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Craib.

We are looking forward to great developments in the recently established Silver Fox Farm owned by Mr. Pete Craib.

All roads lead to Vellore on Monday evening, Dec. 17th, when Vellore Pupils and ex-Pupils will put on their annual Christmas Concert.

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Rt. Hon. R. B. BENNETT, Prime Minister of Canada, to the Canadian Association of Tourist and Publicity Bureaus, November 6, 1934.

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