

NEWS CARRYING MAKES ADVANCE

Between the lines in Royal Gazettes which preserve the formal announcements of six kings and one queen who have been proclaimed since Halifax was founded in 1749 is the story of rapid advance in carriage of news:

Death of George II, October 31, 1760. Official advice reached Halifax on February 3, 1761. George III proclaimed King in Halifax on February 11th. Time elapsed, three months, three days.

Death of George III, January 29, 1820. Official advice reached Halifax on April 6, 1820. George IV proclaimed on April 7th. Time elapsed, two months, eight days.

Death of George IV, June 6, 1830. Official advice reached Halifax on August 16th. William IV proclaimed the same day. Time elapsed, two months, 10 days.

Death of William IV, June 20, 1837. Official advice reached Halifax on August 11th. Victoria proclaimed Queen the same day. Time elapsed, one month, 22 days.

Death of Victoria, January 22, 1901. Official advice reached Halifax same day. Edward VII proclaimed January 28, 1901.

Death of Edward VII, May 6, 1910. Official advice reached Halifax the same day. George proclaimed May 9th.

Death of George V, January 20, 1936. The Canadian Press flashed report immediately and official advice reached Lieutenant-Governor Covert two hours later. Edward VIII proclaimed January 22.

YORK COUNTY COUNCIL From the Windsor Star

Were there no lines of explanation, a photograph of the York county council might easily be mistaken for one of the Ontario legislature. This is understandable because this council is the fourth largest legislative body in Canada. Principal reason for the size of York county council, of course, is the abundance of towns, villages and townships. There are several municipalities grouped about Toronto, all of which are represented. Numerous places lie to the north along Yonge St., and there are others to the northeast.

With county council holding its regular sessions in Toronto, the expense necessary for mileage alone is at once apparent. The annual cost lends weight to the argument that county councils might be done away with, or at least reduced in size to a considerable degree. There is general agreement that we are grossly over-governed in this and other ways. Objection to abolition of county bodies might be based on sentimental grounds, but should not be. Always there will be matters of interest to the county as a whole, but why could not a small board take care of these? One man could represent various townships, and others could act for towns or villages according to location. At any event, the taxpayers have enough burden to shoulder without paying for costs which are not necessary.

Nothing turns out right unless somebody makes it his job to see that it does.

Rudyard Kipling "Poet of the Empire"

December 1865—January 1936

He is gone, this prince of story tellers, this craftsman of letters, this man who stood alone in his genius. For Rudyard Kipling could, and did, touch the boyhood of the world with his jungle tales, encourage the dependent with his "If," bring to one's fireside the doings of far-off lands, stir a country with his "Absent Minded Beggar," and thrill a nation with his "Recessional."

True, there are other story tellers, other singers of songs, other makers of fine-sounding sentences, other lovers of England, but only to this generation was given the combination of all, only to us was given Kipling.

What a strange name for such a shy, retiring man—Rudyard. How did it come about? The story is this:

Alice Macdonald, one of the four daughters of Reverend George B. Macdonald, met John Lockwood Kipling at the village of Rudyard, England. This was the beginning of a friendship which later resulted in the marriage of the two young people. When Mr. Kipling was appointed director of the art school at Bombay, India, the couple made their home in the Far East. And it was here that a son was born, and called "Rudyard" in memory of the place where the two parents first met. Little did the couple think that this name was to become known throughout the world.

Young Rudyard grew up in the midst of all the color and drama which go to make up Oriental life. India was part of him, and the natives his friends.

At the age of six he was sent to England to escape the unsuitable climate, a small, homesick boy in a strict school; his mind and body longed for the time when he might return to his beloved India. While still a boy, he was placed in United Service College, where, in the less strict surroundings, he again became the happy boy who some years before had left India.

At seventeen came the great decision of his life—University or India? And luckily for those of us who from childhood have sat at his feet, he chose India. Here, back in Bombay as sub-editor of the Civil and Military Gazette, he learned the lesson of hard work. Day after day he prepared and saw through the native hands, copy for his paper. But in between times he found moments to write. Little poems, witty jingles, short stories, tales of the life around him, found their way into the paper, and people liked these little fillers. They began to look for them, to wonder what they would find in each issue as the days went on. And so began the life of literature which just a few days ago ended, for us, but not for him, for did not he himself say: We shall rest, and faith we shall need it;

Lie down for an aeon or two, Till the Master of all good workmen Shall put us to work anew.

And what of his scholarship, for he was no mean maker of jingles? He was known as "the laureate of the empire." In 1907 he visited Canada and became LLD of McGill University. He was Hon. D.Litt. of Oxford, Cambridge and Durham. In 1907 he received the Nobel prize for literature. He was a Rhodes Trustee. Lord Rector of St. Andrew's University and an Hon. Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. From time to time his books—stories, poems and histories—appeared to be received each time with tremendous interest and appreciation by the reading public. His only son, reported missing during the Great War, was never found.

And now he has gone, and each of us will remember him as we are touched again and again in the years to come by his inspiration. The children will sing: Land of our birth we pledge to thee Our love and toil in the years to be, When we are grown and take our place As men and women with our race. And we who are older will sing: The tumult and the shouting dies, The captain and the kings depart, Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart, Lord God of hosts be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget.

"What time do you get up in the morning nowadays?" asked the very earnest man. "As soon as the first rays of the sun enter my window," replied his friend. "Jove," exclaimed the earnest man, "that's jolly early, isn't it?" "No," said the other; "you see my window faces the west."

THORNHILL

At the Women's Hospital, Bloor St., on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison (nee Florence Wells) daughter.

Miss Loretta Dean entertained sixteen of her school friends at her home on Saturday evening, when an enjoyable time was spent.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20th, at 2.30, at the home of Mrs. J. Fisher, Centre St. The roll call will be answered by naming a Canadian Industry. Mrs. C. Smith will give a reading and Rev. J. D. Cunningham will speak on Nova Scotia. The hostesses will be Mrs. Mizen, Mrs. Price and Miss S. Pearson. The women of the community interested in Institute work are cordially invited to attend.

The Young Ladies Class of the United Church met last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Charles Harding, Richmond Hill. Mr. Victor Grainger was guest speaker and gave a very interesting and educative talk on "Flower arrangement and color scheme" demonstrating his talk by use of his own flowers which were afterwards presented to the hostess and members of the class. At the close a social time was spent over the tea cups, when Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Caines were hostesses.

Mr. Ernest Gellatly of Parry Sound visited friends here over the weekend.

A meeting of the executive and directors of the Thornhill Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday night at the home of the president, Mr. Percy Bone. The various committees were appointed to arrange for the seasons shows, including Tulip Show in May, Rose, Peony and Pansy Show in June and the Fall Show. Members will again receive valuable options this year. N. J. Smellie and A. J. Thompson were appointed delegates to attend the Ontario Horticultural annual convention held in the Royal York on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 13-14.

The L.O.L. held a successful euchre and dance last Friday night, at the home of Mr. Walter Robinson. The prize winners: Ladies, Mrs. Alan Wiltshire, Mrs. Jack Simpkins; consolation, Mabel Robinson, Gents, Gordon Atkinson, Jack Clark; consolation, Kenneth Brillinger.

The Women's Association of the United Church met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Percy Bone. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Mrs. R. Simpson, occupied the chair. Mrs. M. McLean led in the devotional period. Short readings were given by Mrs. James, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Brillinger, Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Morton closed the meeting with prayer.

KING CITY

The Y.P.S. of the United Church visited Dunkerron on Monday evening last week. The program was in charge of the local society. An enjoyable hour of games and contests were provided by Dunkerron.

Mr. Lawrence Follott, missionary convener, presided at the Y.P.S. this week. An interesting program was given followed by progressive crokinole, Miss Annie McBride and Mr. Bud Hamby were the winners. Cookies and tea were then served.

Mrs. M. Winter, Mrs. A. Gordon, Mrs. W. Carson and also Miss M. Case attended the Centre Presbytery Conference of the W.M.S. of United Church last Thursday in Toronto.

The social evening under the A.F. A.M. in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening was a great success with over sixty in attendance. Mr. B. Hollinsworth presided and the program consisted of piano solos by Mr. Harris and Mrs. Harris of Newmarket, Misses Beth McDonald, Francis Ross, Dorothy Armstrong; piano duets, Mr. and Mrs. Harris; piano and violin selections, Miss Dorothy and Master George Armstrong, Mrs. E. Patton and Miss Arlean Carson; reading, Miss Betty Walker; vocal solo, Miss Bobette Holinsworth. A very dainty and nourishing luncheon was served by Miss Louise Lockhart assisted by Misses Mabel Lumbe, Ninette Hollinsworth, Hilda Patton, Eliza Barker and Margaret Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dew and family attended the birthday dinner on Friday for Mrs. Dew of Toronto on the occasion of her eighty-ninth birthday.

Mr. Elwood Patton returned to his home from Kirkland Lake on Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Dew, Messrs. Aubrey Archibald and J. C. Dew were present at a dinner party on Friday evening at the home of Miss E. Pollett of Richmond Hill in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Crockford of Toronto.

Joe: "For years I used to get up at six, breakfast at eight, dinner at one, tea at six, and bed at ten, and I never felt better in my life." Bill: "Joe, what were yer in for?"

WOODBRIDGE DISTRICT NEWS

Colored Pictures Feature At Y.P.S. Meeting

Pictures of Central Africa taken by Rev. Ridout was the attraction at the United Church Young People's meeting on Monday night. The pictures taken last year were colored to correspond with nature and when shown by lantern together with explanations by Mr. Ridout were unusually interesting. It was Missionary night and Miss Mae Watson, Missionary convener, presided. The attendance was one of the largest in the life of the society. Others on the program were Misses Marie Allen and Mary McLean who sang a duet. Rev. J. S. & Mrs. Roe Showered At

W.M.S. Meeting

There was a good turnout of members at the February meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S. on Friday afternoon of last week when an address on Foreign Missions by Rev. J. S. Roe was given. Mrs. W.A. Wallis presided and a miscellaneous shower of useful and ornamental articles was presented Rev. J. S. Roe and Mrs. Roe, the presentation address being made by Mrs. Wallis while Mrs. Wm. Fleming and Mrs. James Brown presented the articles, to which Mr. Roe made a suitable reply. Supper was served under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Harris, Mrs. Ed. White, Mrs. William Mainprize and Mrs. Fleming. Mr. and Mrs. Roe were married a few months ago and Mr. Roe was recently ordained and inducted as Pastor of the church, the charge having been made vacant as a result of the long continued illness of Rev. John McKenzie, who we are sorry to say is making slow progress.

Miss Thelma Shore, a member of the teaching class, treated her class to a sleighing party on Wednesday night of last week which was followed by refreshments served by Miss Shore at her home, 8th Avenue North. Many Attend Junior Institute Dance

Although road conditions were unfavorable more than 300 young people gathered in the Orange Hall on Friday night of last week, it being the occasion of the annual dance of the Junior Women's Institute. The program with Art West's Orchestra providing the music and Henry Hillard as floor manager included old time, modern and novelty dances. Officers in charge were Mrs. Leo Watson, Mrs. Alvin Wood, Miss Evelyn Brown, Miss Mary Kersey and Miss Iola Watson.

Christ Church Young People's Meeting

Monday night's meeting of Christ Church Young People was devoted to music when vocal numbers were rendered by Misses Isabel Smith, Vera Smith and Norma Ostrander and a number of musical contests conducted by Misses Olive Weatherill and Betty Wallace. Miss Doris Ostrander, music convener, presided.

"The Blue Teapot" a one act play is in course of preparation to be entered in the West York Deamery Contest to be held at Richmond Hill. Miss Avis Poole is in charge of rehearsals.

Woodbridge Hockey Team Win Ten Straight Games

Woodbridge Hockey Team can boast of an unbroken record of ten games and 54 goals so far this season. The last win was at Willowdale where Woodbridge won by a score of 4 to 2. The players were, Bert Shore, Charlie McLean, Jack Blake, Jack Haworth, Jack Bunting, Don Groskurth, Bill McLean and Benny Harris. Gordon Bagg, coach.

The Woodbridge Euchre Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cousins on Thursday night of last week. There were fifteen tables and prizes donated by Levi Elliott were won by Mrs. Lulu Willis, Mrs. Glass, Mr. Roy Barker and Mr. Lindsay Ward. The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Willis on Thursday.

Y.P.S. Hold Citizenship Night

The young people of the United Church made a feature of Canadian Citizenship at their meeting on Monday night. Miss Mary McLean, convener, presided and a Citizenship program as follows was rendered: A cornet solo by Jack Punshon; piano solo by Miss Agnes Watson; reading "The Home Town" by Miss Bessie Nattress; the topic "Canadian Citizenship" by Clair Bush; a contest divided into three groups "Citizenship in the home" led by Miss Bertha Whitmore, "Citizenship in our Country" led by Clair Bush, "Citizenship in the Community" led by Don McCallum; a vocal duet by Cameron and Andrew McClure; and prayer by Miss Mae Watson.

Woodbridge Party Motors To Florida

It has become quite the custom for many Canadians, like different varieties of birds, to migrate to warmer climates during the winter months. A party of four Woodbridge residents left by motor for Florida on Monday last. The party includes Dr. G. D. McLean, W. S. Belfry, Hugh Lindsay and Charlie Smith.

United Church W. A. Meet

The February meeting of the United Church Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Kearney, No. 7 Highway East, when "Stewardship" as the topic was taken by Mrs. Robert Watson, and other items on the program were, Scripture reading by Mrs. Leo Watson; a reading by Mrs. G. W. Bagg; and singing by the octette comprised of Mrs. Kellam, Mrs. A. E. Kearney, Mrs. Lindsay Ward, Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Mrs. G. D. McLean, Mrs. Russell Ward and Mrs. G. W. Shore; a piano solo "Nearer My God to Thee" with variations was an enjoyable item. Rev. J. H. Kidd addressed the meeting and lunch was served at the close by the hostess.

"What has become of the old fashioned winter?" is a question often asked. In reply we may say that anything more old fashioned than the one we are having is needless, and ought to put at rest, for a time at least, the idea that there are no old fashioned winters any more. With the mercury hovering around the zero mark and roads drifted full of snow so that they are impassible it is quite evident that the old fashioned winter still exists.

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