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**THORNHILL**

**Ten Acres Purchased For Park and Athletic Grounds**

The Thornhill Field Day Association this week completed the purchase of ten acres of the McMahon farm, formerly the Seager farm on the west side of Yonge Street, which will be used as a park and athletic grounds. The first Field Day was held on these grounds in 1924 and ever since that time the purchase of the property has been a project of the Association. It will fill a long-felt need in the community and should be a boon to sport in the district. We understand the purchase price was \$3000.

The Home and School Association held their regular monthly meeting in the school on Monday night. The fathers were responsible for this meeting and Mr. C. L. Burton was guest speaker. In his remarks he charged that the existing adolescent school laws should be altered. It should be changed so that those who wish to go out and work may do so and let the scholars stay in school. At present the child has to stay in school whether he can take it or not. Prisons and penitentiaries are filled with young men who were thwarted in their early ambitions. It is up to parents to discover their child's ambition. Teachers, with large classes, can't be expected to do it alone.

"There is no lack of work in the world today, but merely a lack of preparation to do that work. One reason for the large number of unemployed is that they have not learned to do anything really well where their services would be desired above all others.

"Social doctrines say everyone should have a good living yet not work too much. I don't believe it," Mr. Burton continued, "because what human being is happy who does not come home tired after a day's work? Nothing very good is going to come out of human labor unless there is some energy spent.

"Children should be allowed to realize their ambitions while still young. Many are discouraged in their early ambitions and are forced by their parents to take up a profession or be something their parents would like.

"If the child wanted an education bad enough, he would go out and work for it. The time to make sacrifices is when the child is young and wants to do or have something that might help it towards its vocation."

Mr. Spence presided at the meeting and the Glee Club of the Toronto Club of Printing House Craftsmen furnished the music. The men served a substantial lunch at the close.

**Earl Jacques Elected**

Earl Jacques was elected village trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Henderson. He won out in a three-cornered fight, the vote being Jacques 57, Thomas Jackson 33 and Percy Maude 16.

Lenten Services will be held in the Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night next week. On Good Friday morning a united service will be held in Newtonbrook United Church. This is Holy week, and it is expected that the people of the community will avail themselves of the privilege of attending these services.

If the nails on his two index fingers are short and broken, he is a nervous nail-biter or he taught himself to use a typewriter.

**KING CITY**

Mrs. Jas. Webb of Schomberg district celebrated her 80th birthday on March 20th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard. She is the daughter of the late John McDevitt of Dunkerron and has resided at Schomberg all her life, marrying when 24 years of age. Mr. Webb passed away in 1928. There are seven children, 23 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Forty gathered with her to celebrate the occasion, which found her in good health actively interested in family and local events.

Mrs. Robert White of the eighth line observed her 90th birthday on March 17th also the anniversary of her marriage 65 years ago, in Ireland, the land of her birth. On that day she and her husband, also of Irish parents, set sail for Canada. They came to King Township and Mrs. White has resided in the same place for 65 years, her husband having died some years ago. The family of five children are living within three miles of her and with their families were glad to enjoy this happy event. Ellen White, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Silas Groombridge, Ed. White and Jno. White are the children.

Mrs. White is a Presbyterian by faith, having attended the ninth line church. Strangely enough her church membership lines are written on her marriage certificate, as was the Old Land custom in 1874.

**RIDDELL-FERRIS**

The Baptist parsonage, King, was the scene of a very quiet wedding on Friday evening, March 17th at 8 o'clock, when the Rev. J. Galloway solemnized the marriage of Mary Elizabeth Ferris, only daughter of Mr. Robert Ferris and the late Mrs. Ferris, of Toronto, to Britton Andrew Riddell, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Riddell of King. The bride who was unattended, wore a shadow-striped rayon blue dress, an all wool reefer coat in skipper blue, navy hat and navy accessories with corsage of rosebuds and carnations. Following the ceremony the couple left for Ottawa and points east. On their return they will take possession of their farm on the third of King, formerly the Stewart property.

On Wednesday, March 15th, the bride was tendered a shower by church friends at the parsonage, receiving gifts and good wishes from her associates of the church. She is a valued member and organist of this church, and with her husband, who also holds church office, will find still further opportunity of serving actively in church and community.

**ANNUAL RAISE OF \$100 PROPOSED FOR TEACHERS**

Salaries of teachers in Ontario are to be discussed when the Trustees' and Ratepayers' association meets in Easter week at the O.E.A. convention in Toronto.

A 14-point platform has been drawn up under the general head of "Develop the school and preserve democracy." One of the points calls for a minimum salary of \$700 to teachers. There are some paid less than \$500, though that is the minimum set by the department of education.

Nat satisfied with the \$700 objective, the Trustees' association executive has recommended that "there be a raise of \$100 per year up to \$1,200 if the teacher is satisfactory." One point likely to arouse controversy is one that calls for all real property to be based on a provincial equalized assessment. It has been accepted at only a few county meetings.

**The 14 points are:**

1. That equal educational opportunities should be given every child in Ontario.
2. That not less than 50 per cent of school expenditure should be borne by the state.
3. That greater co-operation between school boards should be fostered in the interest of boys and girls.
4. That a province-wide medical examination should be given at least once each year during the elementary and secondary school life of the child, paid for by the department of health and approved by the department of education.
5. That a permanent record should be kept of every school child throughout the elementary and secondary school life.
6. That a more practical course should be provided for all primary and secondary schools leading to a standard diploma which would be recognized by business firms, agricultural colleges and other practical professions.
7. That the teaching profession be assured of a greater tenure of service and a minimum salary of \$700.
8. War being the greatest menace of civilization and democracy, every effort should be made by teachers to encourage international peace and to teach the truth about war.
9. That every effort be made to

**Wake Up and Live**

By Dorothea Brande  
Article No. 1

With the time and energy we spend in making failure a certainty, we might have certain success.

A nonsensical paradox? No; fortunately it is a sober, literal truth, one which holds a great deal of promise.

Failure indicates that energy has been poured into the wrong channel. It takes energy to fail.

Now this is something which we seldom see at once. Because we commonly think of failure as the conventional opposite of success, we continue to make false antitheses of the qualities which attend success and failure. Success is bracing, active, alert; so the typical attitude of failure, we believe, must be lethargy, inertia, a supine position. True enough; but that does not mean that no energy is being used.

When failure comes about through devoting precious hours to time-killing pursuits, we can all see that energy is being diverted from its proper channel.

But there are ways of killing time which do not look like dissipation. They can seem, on the contrary, like conscientious and dutiful hard work, they often draw praise and approval from onlookers, and arouse a sense of complacency in us.

It is only by looking more closely, by discovering that this work gets us nowhere, that it both tires us and leaves us unsatisfied, that we see here again energy is being devoted to the pursuit of failure.

But why should this be so? Why if, with the same energy we must use in any case, we might be succeeding, do we so seldom live the lives we hoped and planned to live? Why do we accomplish so little, and thwart ourselves senselessly?

We know that those who succeed see the same sunsets, breathe the same air, love and are loved no less than failures; and in addition they have something more: the knowledge that they have chosen to move in the direction of life and growth instead of acquiescing in death and decay.

Then why do we fail? Especially, why do we work hard at failure?

Because, beside being creatures, subject to the Will to Live and the Will to Power, we are driven by another will, the Will to Fail, or to Die.

But the idea of another will, a counter-balancing will, the Will to Fail, the Will to Death, is not so readily accepted.

Yet death is as much a fact of experience as birth and growth; and if Nature prepares us for each new phase of life by closing off old desires and opening new vistas, it does not seem too difficult to think that we are, always, being slowly, gently reconciled to our eventual relinquishment of all we hold dear as living creatures.

And withdrawal from struggle, abandonment of effort, releasing of desire and ambition would be normal movements in an organism which was being gently wooed away from its preoccupation with life.

It is for this reason that we are entitled to look upon the Will to Fail as a reality.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dutcher of Kettleby observed their 57th wedding anniversary on March 10th.

George Farr has been re-elected president of the Excelsior Lacrosse Club at Brampton.

A very henpecked husband reached the end of his patience, and, after a final row with his wife took his bowler hat from the peg and said: "I'm going."

Three years later he returned and his wife greeted him: "Where the dickens have you been?" "Out," he replied, and hung his hat on the same peg.

Story of liberty lovers: (1) "Down with the Fascist!" (2) "Yes, sir, I can get you a lot of scrap iron if you'll gimme a nickel."

encourage a better class of moving-pictures.

10. That assistance be given by the federal government to the provincial governments for the vocational training and employment of youth.

11. That all real property be based on a provincial equalized assessment.

12. That the department of education make a more thorough study of the unit of administration for the purpose of securing the greatest economy and efficiency in the educational system.

13. That every effort be made to increase interest in education in order that our citizens will be well prepared for life.

14. That there continue to be the greatest possible co-operation between our association and the department of education.

**WOODBRIDGE**

Deaths of the widows of two brothers, John and George Porter, both of whom lived in Woodbridge, occurred last week. Mrs. John Porter was buried in Weston, and Mrs. George Porter in Park Lawn cemetery, Toronto. Mrs. George Porter was a well known musician who had many pupils in and around Woodbridge. Her people formerly lived in the Maple district and later moved to Chinguacousy where they operated a resort at Snell's Lake.

The Young People of the Woodbridge United Church held their regular weekly meeting on Monday night last and had as their guests the Young People of the Bolton United Church. The visitors furnished the following programme: duet by Edith and Alma Downey; the scripture was read by Bobbie Studholm; prayer was offered by Miss Enid Hopper; Phyllis Ellwood told a story; readings were then given by Rev. W. W. Rivers; Ruth Martin and Verna Wallace sang duets; Miss Dorothy Wakely gave a reading. They were dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. W. Rivers. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

**JAMES F. EAST**

James Frederick East, a former well known Kleinburg merchant, passed away in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday, March 22. Mr. East was born at Nashville 78 years ago and operated a business there before going to Kleinburg. He is survived by three sons and a daughter, C. R. East, of Providence, R.I.; George F. East, of Fort Frances, Ontario; C. Aubrey East, of Montreal, and Miss Maude East of Kleinburg.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from his late residence to the Kleinburg United Church. Interment was in Nashville cemetery.

**LOCAL PRESBYTERIANS**

**STAGE FINE CONCERT**

A splendid evening of entertainment was enjoyed by a large crowd when the Woodbridge Presbyterian Choir and Young People's Society jointly staged a "Variety Night" in the Orange Hall last Wednesday evening. Practically every member of the two organizations shared in the staging of the event, the program including songs, glee club selections, elocution, dances, vocal quartets, tableaux, a one-act play and various other items.

Those directing the activities included Mrs. D. McKenzie, director of the play; Miss Jean Lawrie, musical director; Mrs. D. Boughen and Chas. Agnew, stage directors; Miss Gladys Brownlee and Charles Bradbrook, business managers, and Jack Natress, president of the Y.P.S. Guest artists who assisted were the well known child entertainers, Jean and Marie Cooper, of Toronto, who contributed songs and dances.

**TESTON**

**Late Gertrude Treacy Piercey**

On Friday evening, March 24th, there passed into rest Gertrude Treacy, wife of Frank Piercey, in her 57th year. Although not enjoying the best of good health for some time Mrs. Piercey did not take seriously ill until about six weeks before her death when everything possible in medical science was done to restore good health but to no avail. Deceased was of a bright and cheerful disposition and will be sadly missed in the home and different activities of the community. The funeral service was held Monday afternoon in Teston United Church which was filled to capacity by sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. D. Davis, her pastor, had charge and in the course of his remarks referred feelingly to the kindly and genial disposition of the late Mrs. Piercey and to the active part she had always taken in church work. Interment followed in King Cemetery. The sincerest sympathy of his many friends is extended to Frank Piercey in his bereavement.

"There is no death what seems so is transition,

This life of mortal Breath Is but a suburb of the life Elysian, Whose portal we call death."

Flu and a few cases of Whooping Cough are prevalent here.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kerr on the anniversary of their Silver Wedding on Saturday, March 25th.

Y.P.U. service was withdrawn last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Castator, Toronto, spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Roy Cooper.

Miss Muriel Kyle was home for the week-end.

The people of this community extend sympathy to Rev. D. Davis who recently received a cable from London, England, announcing the death of a relative.

Mr. S. Bowers who purchased the Castator farm is having the house renovated and repaired.

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