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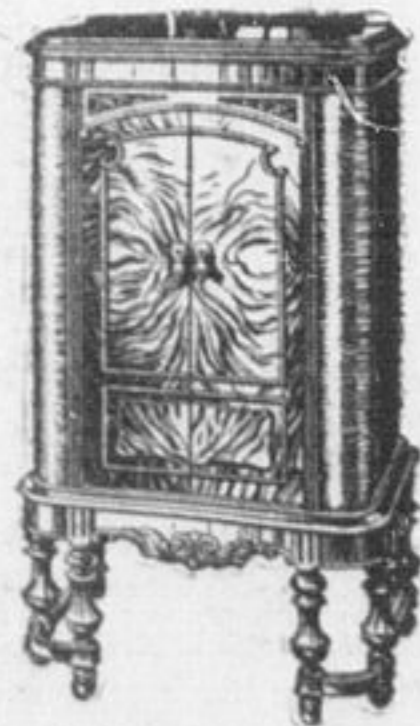
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Annual Convention of Women's Institute

South Temiskaming and Cochrane Institutes Hold Conference at New Liskeard Recently. Official Report of the Event.

Throughout the North Land, in the district served by The Advance, there are many branches of the Women's Institute, and for this reason the official report of the recent annual convention for the Women's Institute for South Temiskaming and Cochrane Districts may be of interest to readers of this paper. The following is the report of the convention as written by Mrs. Mason Healey, convention secretary as published in The New Liskeard Speaker last week.

"The South Temiskaming and Cochrane Districts Women's Institutes held their annual convention in the Baptist Church, New Liskeard, on September 28 and 29, with a large attendance of members. Mrs. A. MacLachlan introduced Mrs. W. Raymond as chairman for the opening session.

"After the Institute Ode was sung, followed by the Lord's Prayer, we had some community singing, led by Mrs. E. E. Bartlett, with Mrs. Antrim at the piano. Mrs. Raymond then gave a short address and Mrs. Putnam welcomed the visitors in her bright cheery manner, and a hearty response was given by Mrs. McAuley from Charlton. Mrs. Healey then read the minutes of the convention held in Swastika last year.

"The business of reports was then proceeded with. Mrs. McAuley gave a report of the Central District and their outstanding work. After more community singing, Mrs. Hyde gave an interesting account of the work in the Northern District; we then had some reports from the Southern branches. Then the District report was read by Mrs. Healey. After community singing, Miss Powell, assistant Superintendent from the Department at Toronto, gave a most interesting address and suggestion for carrying on the work of the branches in the most effective way.

"We then listened to reports of Standing Committees. Miss Moore from the Department of Health, gave an instructive address on the nursing problem of the North, asking the branches for their moral support of the nurses in their community work. A very fine display of home craft was then viewed, and surprise and pleasure was expressed by many at the excellent exhibit.

"At the afternoon session, Mrs. Lethian, Monteth, presided and gave us a very nice address. We then had some community singing including a round. A letter was read from Mr. Putnam sending his greetings and good wishes for the success of the convention. We then had reports of relief from the districts after which a discussion was led by Miss Powell on the best way of sending in reports to conventions. A solo from Mrs. Bartlett was much enjoyed, followed by an encore, "Smiling Through."

"Mr. McCracken, from the Children's Shelter, Haileybury, spoke on the work of the Children's Aid Society, thanking the W. I. for the kindly interest they take in that important work. Mesdames Bartlett, Craven, MacLachlan and Reid sang, "Poor Little Lamb," accompanied by Mrs. Wathen, to the enjoyment of everyone. Miss Collins spoke on her special work of Needlecraft and showed some samples of fine sewing, giving us many useful hints. A question drawer was taken and very ably answered by Miss Powell, after which we had more community singing.

"A banquet was served by the New Liskeard branch in the basement at 6 p.m., at which a large number set down and which was thoroughly enjoyed.

"At the evening meeting Mayor Sutcliffe presided. After a few words of compliment and advice, we listened with a great deal of pleasure to some fine musical selections, starting with Mr. Eric Smith's Orchestra in a suite from an opera by Gluck, followed by an address by Dr. D. G. Wilson, M.B., from the Sanatorium at Haileybury, who emphasized the need of a diagnosis and care by a doctor in the early stages of tuberculosis; not to be afraid or shun it, but take all possible care not to get

Gandhi's Fast "A Stunt"



DR. AMBEDKAR

leader of the "Untouchables" of India, who demands a separate electorate for his people, viewed Gandhi's fast as "political stunts." He said, "Gandhi's latest move is not a moral one, but political."

indifferent and neglect it. The orchestra then played "Gloria in Excelsis" from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass," in splendid style.

"Miss Collins gave us a short talk in her own charming manner, which we all enjoyed. Mrs. Hamner delighted us with a song and gave as an encore "A Garden of Roses," Mr. Young sang, "The House by the Side of the Road" in fine style and gave as an encore "Keep on Hoping." The orchestra then played a French waltz called "Charming," which was as good as its name, and it was a great pleasure to listen to such a fine rendering.

"Thursday morning's session was opened with Mrs. Anyon, Sr., Englehart, in the chair, who gave a short address, and then the remaining business was proceeded with. The reports of Standing Committees from the various branches were given. Miss Powell suggested that we have the same conveners for the coming year. The rest room problem was discussed and referred back to the branches. A resolution was brought upon reforestation and the pruning of trees on the highways. A motion was carried that we support it. A resolution regarding widows' right to the estate of an intestate was brought from West Lambton. It was decided to support the first part, but not the second part of the resolution. A resolution was brought from the Central District that we ask for an exemption of the amusement tax for the Women's Institutes. During the discussion it was suggested that we ask to have more British films shown in our amusement houses.

"Mr. Thompson then gave an address on the movement of "Back to the Land," and asked for our co-operation in any way possible to the newcomers in our districts.

The financial report of the Swastika convention was read by Mrs. Healey. Mrs. Lethian and Mrs. Hyde from Monteth gave an invitation for the convention to be held in Monteth next year, which was accepted. Mrs. Lethian and Mrs. Hyde to be chairman and secretary respectively, for the convention.

"We then had an inspiring address by Miss Collins on "Speech," which was followed by a vote of thanks from Mrs. Lethian, seconded by Mrs. Anyon, Sr., that we tender our hearty thanks to Miss Powell, Miss Collins, the committee of the church and all who helped to make the convention a success. After singing "Unto the Hills" and "God Save the King," the meeting closed."

SAD DEATH OF KIRKLAND FIREMAN ON WEDNESDAY LAST

Kirkland Lake was greatly shocked on Wednesday of last week at the death of Freddy Youngberg, popular treasurer of the Kirkland Lake fire brigade. He was found dead in his car on the Kirkland Lake-Swastika road by a man living in the vicinity who noticed the car and thought the man inside was asleep. On investigation it was found that Youngberg was dead with a rifle wound behind the right ear. There was a 22 rifle in the car, also a note saying:—"To all I say goodbye; goodbye to all. I hope you will all forget and forgive." The death is viewed as a great mystery as none of the friends of the deceased can think of any reason for suicide. Youngberg was apparently in good health, and he was well known for his smile and his never-failing cheerfulness and good humour. He had been an active member of the Kirkland Lake fire department some years after going to Kirkland Lake from Haileybury where his parents reside. He was 37 years old and was district representative of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company. He was unmarried. As late as noon on the day of his death he was seen by friends and appeared to be in his usual health and cheerfulness. Less than an hour afterwards his dead body was found in the car which had been parked by the side of the road. Chief of Police W. Shane, of Kirkland Lake, carried on an investigation into the death, but so far as known here the mystery of the case has not been solved to date.

Blairstown Enterprise:—A little boy was sitting behind a bald-headed man in church. At intervals the man kept vigorously scratching at different locations in the fringe of hair that encircled the shining bald pate. The worshipper kept it up so long that the lad back of him became seriously interested. So the lad leaned over in the most solicitous manner he could command and said: "Mister, you'll never catch him there. Why don't you run him out into the open?"

Some of the Rackets Worked in the West

They will be Tried in the North if the People Here do not Watch Out. It is a Safe Plan to Refuse all Peddlers.

Geo. Smith, chief of detectives at Winnipeg, in an article recently published refers to schemes now being used to defraud housewives. He calls them "rackets," and though the ones he refers to are being used in the West at the present, there is little doubt but that they will be tried in the East and the North before long. The one way to avoid the loss from these rackets in the North is to be prepared for them. If people here know the game they are not likely to be victimized when the racket reaches here. It is an odd fact that many good things originate in the North but rackets and other evil things often come in from outside. The Advance has always tried to help out in this matter. When some form of illegal game is noted in the South, The Advance makes mention of it in the hope that people here will be ready and prepared. Especially is this true of rackets that are worked in Orillia, Barrie, North Bay, Sudbury, Pembroke. When things get hot for the racketeers in these towns they move on and they are very likely to come to the North unless they know the people here are on to them. There have been a number of cases where racketeers have actually dropped the idea of working the North because of publicity given to the working of their schemes elsewhere. "Curse the newspapers," the racketeers say, "the people will not bite in the North because they know our scheme." A good plan for the ordinary man or woman in the North is to turn down completely every peddler of every description. If there is absolute refusal to listen to any of them there will be no losses. It is even better to refuse to hear the peddler, and at the same time to call the police and tell them that there is a peddler on the rounds. The police will then investigate that peddler, which action is usually discouraging for the peddler.

Chief of Detectives Smith in his article says:—"Very seldom does the housewife who has been preyed upon inform the police; instead, it pleases her to look out the window to see if her next-door neighbour is as easy to defraud as she is."

Chief of Detective Smith then proceeds to take up a few of the rackets recently worked. Among other things he says:—

The prescription racket is one of the new set-ups. It is usually presented by a woman, who appears apparently much excited, to tell a woeful tale ending with her unsuccessful attempt at suicide by taking poison. She is penniless and now, regretful of her act, wants only the price of an antidote at the corner drug store. The act usually goes over.

Another small-time racketeer who finds easy prey among good housekeepers is the high-pressure salesman of the "grease eradicator." He carries his own candle which he lights before allowing the grease to drop upon any garment, sometimes his own. He produces a small bottle of colourless fluid and a rag, with which he wipes out the grease stain with little effort. The victim does not suspect that the salesman's candle is one specially prepared from soap.

Even members of bereaved families are made the victims of the door-to-door racketeer. Obituary columns in the newspapers give him his lead. In some cases he boldly approaches the home and asks for the deceased. When told that the person he seeks was buried a few days earlier, the racketeer appears embarrassed and offers condolence.

He then explains that the package he carries contains a bible on which a deposit was paid by the deceased, and on which there is \$5 owing, and leaves it to the family whether the book shall be accepted. Invariably the money is forthcoming.

The "folding" game is another method of mulcting the trusting housewife. She is offered a box of stationery for 10 cents or half a dozen neckties for \$1. After the salesman has left the door she discovers that, through a clever folding process, she has bought one sheet of paper and one envelope, or one necktie with colourful end scraps pinned to the bottom.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—During his film career, Tom Mix has suffered 49 accidents. Among the worst of these was a shooting, a stabbing, several bone fractures and once he had a hole blown in his back by dynamite. But it takes more than such trivial mishaps to stop this hard-riding daredevil of the movies.

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Fire Brigades Meet at Kirkland Lake

Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration, One of the Speakers at Firemen's Event This Week in North.

The seventeenth annual convention of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association, held in the Municipal Building at Kirkland Lake on Monday and Tuesday last week was welcomed by Reeve Hunt of Kirkland Lake, who presented President J. C. Page and the convention with the key of the city.

Election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following: President, Chief Secord Robinson of Kapuskasing; First Vice-President, A. M. Douglas, New Liskeard; Second Vice-President, Chief Marcella, Haileybury; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Fred Thompson, New Liskeard. The executive consisted of William Gardiner, Cochrane; Chief Brady, North Bay; M. G. Hansman, New Liskeard; H. Parker, Kirkland Lake; S. Mallin, Swastika; J. Lemey, Haileybury; Mr. Tibault, Rouyn; Ted Desrosiers, Noranda; William Farnen, South Porcupine; F. Wilson, Kapuskasing; George McKelvie, H. C. and P., New Liskeard and J. Prentice of Schumacher.

Following the election of officers E. P. Heaton, Ontario Fire Marshal, gave his address, in which he stated that Ontario is holding its own with regard to fire losses. Last year he stated that Quebec had 15,500 fires with a loss of \$15,000.00. He stated that fire losses have been getting smaller every year. In 1932 the average loss was \$1,700, in 1924 it was \$1,500, until at the present it is only \$1,000. The greatest loss during the last ten years is in our dwellings with mercantile stores next, then farmers' barns, factories, churches, schools and hospitals and lumber in the order given.

Mr. Heaton stated that natural ignition is one of the most prominent causes of fires and he demonstrated how this cause of fire worked.

Chief Thompson of New Liskeard and Acting Mayor Walters invited the firemen to New Liskeard next year, which invitation was accepted.

Hon. W. A. Gordon said that Kirkland Lake might have been completely wiped out in the spring if it were not for two reasons: First, the efficiency of the local brigade; and, secondly, by the wholehearted turnout of the citizens, who helped to stamp down the raging forest fires. He said that the Budget must be arranged to see that

ample funds are set aside for the supplying of firefighting equipment to the various fire brigades. "When I travel about, and hear other parts of Canada boasting about their ridings, I can be excused if I boast a bit about my riding, which represents three of the greatest industries in Canada, namely, lumbering, agriculture and mining," he stated. "If a person needs a tonic," he stated, "he can feel it in the air as soon as he goes into the North Country. I can safely say that our prospectors, miners, engineers and executives in the North, due to their efficiency, courage and locality, are a source of great gratification to me."

"It is a source of great gratification to me to see people come into our country who become good citizens, and who are not influenced by propaganda by their countrymen who come here to cause trouble and to disobey our laws. People who come to Canada to make trouble will receive a great deal of attention from me," he stated. "until they learn to become good citizens." In remarking on the Department of Labour, he said it might be better known as the department of human relations. He stated that some provinces in Canada have probably made more progress in this direction than any country in the world. No country is entitled to go so far as to become a burden to those who are thrifty in favour of those who have become shiftless. "It is gratifying to me to know that we are meeting the present economical burden and are slowly coming out of the depression. During the recent Economic Conference Canada gave leadership to the Empire and the Empire is giving leadership to the world. The depression will not end overnight, but out of this depression will emerge men of all stripes who will offer leadership to other countries of the world," said Mr. Gordon.

Perth Expositor:—The Cornwall Standard-Freeholder wonders how contractors get along these days without the help of spectators. Nowadays building regulations demand that store fronts, in the process of construction or remodeling, must be enclosed by boarding and thereby deprive many citizens of a little harmless pleasure. In days gone by it was a common sight to see 20 or 30 persons grouped about a store front when such work was in progress, keenly interested in the activities of the masons and carpenters and offering all kinds of free advice. It may be hard to figure out just how the contractors get along these days without the helpful spectators, but somehow they seem to do as well as usual.

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