

A QUESTION FOR ONTARIO



THE CANADIAN SOLDIER'S WIFE

Her husband is fighting for you, so that we may live in peace, comfort and security at home. Are we going to let his loved ones want?

FLESHERTON

The annual commencement exercises of Flesherston High School were held on Friday evening last. The large auditorium was filled to its capacity.

During the evening a shield won by the Flesherston pupils in their joint field day with the Markdale school, was unveiled by Maurice Wright, the President of the Athletic Association.

An Honor Roll which contained the names of 25 pupils and ex-pupils of the school who are on active service was unveiled by Miss Emilly Acheson who gave an appropriate and splendidly rendered reading.

An excellent programme was given by the pupils which consisted of the following numbers: 1. The Allied National Anthems, the marseillaise being sung in French by the students of the school who are studying French.

2. A piano solo by Muriel Legat, 3. A song by the High School boys entitled "Our High School Girls" composed by Principal White. 4. A play entitled "Which is Which" brought the entertainment to a close.

The certificates and diplomas were presented to the successful candidates on the different examinations. The Lower School 18 in number, by Rev. Mr. McDonald, Pastor of the Baptist Church, the Middle School and Matriculation 10 in number being presented by Mr. R. G. Holland, Principal of the Public School.

Silver medals given by the School Board were presented by Mr. J. S. McMillan to Miss K. McVicar, who obtained the highest number of marks in the inspection on the High School Entrance and to Miss P. Allen who obtained the highest standing in form 1 promotion examination.

a slight stroke on Sunday evening which has impaired his speech but otherwise his faculties remain normal. His friends hope for improvement.

Mrs. Samuel Pedlar of this place received word on Sunday of the death of her son in law J. W. Hoxth near Owen Sound.

Mrs. R. Campbell an old resident of Eugenia was found dead in bed on Monday morning heart failure being the cause.

Successor to Late H. H. Miller.

We have an item from Hanover this week which will be of considerable interest to many of our readers. It will be remembered that after the death of the late H. H. Miller it was announced that his son Mr. M. A. Millier would take charge of and carry on the business which Mr. Miller had established in Hanover over thirty years ago.

THE PRESSING NEED OF MEN.

The Prime Minister of this Province and the leader of the Opposition have both returned recently from the trenches and have both brought back with them quite distinct impressions.

THE TIME LOCK

Continued from page 7. tioned the mysterious woman in the taxi, his depression became acute. He drove the balls around a deserted table with vicious jabs of his cue, the while he too bewailed the fate that kept him away from the Carters' yacht.

Notice

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Registered Shorthorn Bulls for Sale

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HOLSTEIN

The Methodist church was well filled last Sabbath evening to listen to the Rev. Dr. Endicott deliver his address on China. For almost an hour the speaker held the audience with the life in China. He had labored in the field for over sixteen years. He said that the Chinese were a worthy people and needed the gospel.

The annual Concert of the Public Library was held here on Wednesday evening of last week. The attendance was not what the character of the entertainment deserved, although a fair gathering was present. The artists did their part without discount. Mr. Milne is a singer of no mean order. His interpretations and renderings will not soon be forgotten, especially in his number "Flow Gently Sweet Afton."

The annual social gathering of the Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday Schools were held on Tuesday and Wednesday evening of this week and were a success.

N. W. Campbell, Inspector Public School, visited our halls of learning on Tuesday afternoon. The inspector has been quite ill recently and scarcely able to attend to his duties.

A. C. McKay, Grand Trunk Railway agent here, left Wednesday morning for a two weeks vacation at his home in Ailsa Craig and at other points. Our school closes Friday. The teachers intend spending their vacation at their homes.

Mrs. H. Messnard and her sister, Miss Ina Marsh, left for the home of the former in Buffalo on Thursday of last week.

The Orchard mill property has been recently purchased by Mr. W. C. Dickson, the deal with Mr. Dadds having fallen through. Mr. Dickson is now running the mill.

BLYTHS CORNERS

The annual meeting of the Varney branch of the United Farmers County Operative company was held on Friday afternoon December 15 a large number of the members being present. Grand Master James Wilton in the chair.

After a considerable amount of business was transacted the presiding master vacated the chair and called on past master D. McIvride to proceed with the election of officers for 1917 which resulted as follows: Master R. R. Watson, Treasurer; G. M. Leeson, Cor. Secretary; D. McIvride, Rec. Secretary; Wm. Bogle.

Rev. Mr. Matheson occupied Knox pulpit on Sunday last in the absence of Rev. B. X. Smith whom we understand was preaching anniversary services at Priceville.

Mr. Matheson's discourse was quite interesting and inspiring. After a month of anxious waiting three men arrived on Monday last to begin operations on Mr. James Petty's shed. It is anxiously hoped that the weather will be favourable for at least a few days for the erection of the building.

Mrs. Doupe of Saskatchewan is home on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Halliday, brother and sister and will remain for some time.

A little clause in our suggestion of a site for the erection of a beef ring shop evidently ruffled Mr. James Ket's feelings a trifle but when we backed up our statement by facts, being a sensible man, he admitted it not to selfish. As Mr. Petty was the only man good enough to offer a free site by all means put it there; any place between here and Durham will suit us.

Although from some points of view we have different in opinion some what, we have no hesitation whatever in extending heartiest congratulations to the Editor on the completion of his twentieth year as Editor of "The Chronicle" standing as it does well up among the newsy home papers. Another 20 years of like trials and endurance should well qualify the Editor and all others to pass through the pearly gates.

We wish the Editor, his staff and numerous readers a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Classic City Chronicles

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to ye Editor, Staff and all the readers of the Chronicle.

Many homes where the chronicle is read however will not be very merry at this festive season hence our initial sentence almost seems out of place we deeply sympathize with the bereaved. Every day I am reminded of the tragedy of the awful conflict through which we are passing. Right in front of my desk sits a 13 year old laddie in khaki the oldest of 6 children and his father paid the supreme price for our freedom in the trenches about two months ago. And some one had the nerve to say to me Saturday evening that soldiers wives are getting too much. It is difficult to be polite on such occasions.

Recruiting comes to my mind at at this moment. It is progressing.

It is said that Germany's arrogant proposals for peace have stimulated recruiting in the old land perhaps it has, but not in the Classic City. There are hundreds of young men here who ought to be in uniform but the seriousness of the conflict has not entered their mind as yet.

Reverting to recruiting one is forced to believe that conscription is the only remedy for the inexcusable indifference that is being manifested by so many of our young men in the urban districts towards the urgent call for men. It is to be hoped that the proposed registration will result in a better response of our young manhood to the pressing needs of the Empire.

Your scribe has been wondering for some time why the heads of the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures do not take drastic measure with the members of their own families who are physically fit and of military age. I am referring to the civil service employees. Surely it stands to reason that among the first men to enlist should be those under the direct control of the government.

Can the country get along without them might be asked. There are hundreds of men over military age unfit for military service who can do the work that any young man in the civil service is doing. Why cannot our government pluck up courage to say to young men physically fit for their employment "Our country needs you we don't".

How much better it would be if every young man in the government service, who knows he is fit to fight should do as that caretaker of the Galt armouries did some time ago. He gave up his job to a returned invalid soldier which in itself was a splendid example of unselfishness but he did more he took the wounded soldiers place in the army.

Ring off I yes I will as I have said enough on recruiting for one article. In former years the general question at this season was "who will run" but our municipal pot is not even beginning to boil perhaps our old council will be elected by acclamation.

Santa Claus is having no difficulty in procuring his supply of toys this year judging from the appearance of the shop windows, Germany isn't the "whole show" in toymaking. There is hardly enough snow to

make good sleighing yet we are thankful for small mercies along this fine mud and Christmas go well together. Many people will do without turkey or geese this Christmas. Last week I priced a small goose in the market "two dollars" said the owner. I remarked that a fellow was a goose to buy one.

Although there is much sadness in our city today I venture to say that this will be one of the happiest Christmas seasons, in the whole, that ever was enjoyed thanks to our Provincial Government. The passing of the recent temperance act is one of the greatest blessings that has ever come to us. School gardens will be established in connection with our public schools during 1917 in order to help solve the

problem of "How may we lessen the cost of living"?

Information Wanted

A person from Elora has sent us an advertisement, making enquiry about a note, of which we know nothing, though the parties interested may know of it. We are asked to insert the notice, and paid for doing so. It says: "A promissory note drawn about 30 years ago by a man the name of McKeown, of Proton township, payable to a man in the vicinity of Durham. Any information of him would be gladly received at Box 11, Elora, Ontario. 213p

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