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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Money found.—Considerable amount. Apply at Chronicle office. 2

Miss Pearl Izzard of Port Elgin is the guest of Miss Vida McLachlan.

Mr. J. Levine went to Toronto Monday on business.

We want correspondents in every unrepresented corner of the adjacent townships.

A fire, supposed to have been caused by a discarded cigarette butt, caused \$10,000 damage in Okotoks, a town 50 miles south of Calgary.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church had a sale of home made quilting, etc., on Saturday afternoon and evening, and made about \$20.

Mr. W. L. Kerr, of Grand Rapids, Mich., in his letter to renew, says he would like to see Varney and Norman by news frequently.

Straford girl hockeyists defeated the Owen Sound girls by a score of 4 to 1. The game was played last week in the Classic City.

In the illustrated portion of The Toronto News, of Saturday, there is a picture of the Hon. Dr. Jamieson, from a recently completed portrait by E. Wylie Grier.

The New Brunswick elections on Saturday last resulted in a defeat of the Conservative Government by a majority of 2; 23 being Liberal and 21 Conservative.

For Sale or to Rent.—The property known as McKechnies' Mills, in the town of Durham. Everything ready to operate at once. For particulars apply to G. & J. McKechnie, or J. P. Telford, their solicitor.

Mr. Allister Anderson, Medicine Hat, Alta., wants to know what's wrong with the Hampden correspondent. News items from outside points are always enjoyed by the boys and girls away from home.

The Hanover Post announces that this week it will appear as an all-home print paper of eight pages of six columns. We think the change is a good one, and our opinion is based on a number of years' experience.

Ptes. Frank MacKay, Wm. McGirr, and Ray Pluker, of the old 147th Battalion, were taken in a recent draft to France, to reinforce the Mounted Rifles. Mr. Geo. MacKay received the information from his son a few days ago.

Don't fail to attend the military fair on Tuesday next. The relics will be on exhibition in the afternoon in the town hall, and a public illustrated lecture will be given in the evening by good speakers. Everything is free, and all are invited.

The box social, announced to be held at Varney on Tuesday night, March 6, has been changed to Wednesday, March 7. The postponement was made to give way to a military fair, to be held in Durham on Tuesday.

Robt. Alexander, Geo. Dunn and Percy McKechnie are amongst the late recruits. The two former failed to pass the medical test. McKechnie will enter in training in the course of a month or so.

Lieut. Jos. Yule, organist and choir leader of Division street Presbyterian church, Owen Sound, is here in the interests of recruiting for the 248th Battalion. He contributed an excellent solo in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, and in the Methodist church in the evening.

Mr. Grant McComb has been indisposed for several months, but we are pleased to see him looking his usual self again. He wishes to thank the citizens for the many acts of kindness shown him and his family during his illness, and to assure them of his full appreciation of their sympathy and generosity.

A box social will be held in the Edge Hill school (S.S. No. 3) on Friday evening, March 3. A good program will be given. Admission 25c., children 15c., ladies with boxes, free. Teams will convey free, both ways, all who wish to go from Durham, leaving the public library at 6.30. Good accommodation will be provided for horses.

Wood wanted.—At The Chronicle office.

Britain's national debt is estimated at \$13,200,000,000.

Miss Moffet of Hamilton is visiting her brother, Mr. W. H. Moffet.

Mrs. Meagher and family left last week for Akron, Ohio. Her son, Andrew, has been there for some time.

Canada's pension bill is now \$3,600,000 a year, and is growing rapidly.

Mr. Wesley Sirrs, of Unity, Sask., is visiting relatives and friends here and in Egremont.

The annual meeting of the National Portland Cement Co. was held in Toronto yesterday.

Principal Allan has been sick for the past few days, and is unable to attend to his school duties.

Mrs. George MacKay and daughter, Jean, are visiting their sons and brothers at St. Marys.

Capable servant wanted, for general housework in small family; wages \$18 per month. Apply to Mrs. F. A. Corryell, Hanover, Ontario.

The Kingston council thinks of putting a tax on cats. By doing so, it is estimated the city revenue would be increased by a thousand dollars.

This is the first of March, and two months of 1917 have passed into history. The year so far has been sufficiently severe. The snow-fall has been heavy, and many of the roads are in poor condition for traffic.

At the military fair on Tuesday night, wrist watches will be presented to the recruits. Band and other instrumental music, as well as vocal selections will be contributed. The reeves of adjoining municipalities have been invited to take part in the program.

Barrister W. F. Dunn, Moose Jaw, Sask., spent Sunday with his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Laidlaw. He was on his return from Ottawa, where he had two important cases before the Supreme Court, and was successful in each. He arrived here on the late train Saturday night, and left for Moose Jaw on the first train Monday morning.

The ratepayers of Kincardine will vote on a by-law proposing to loan \$20,000 at four per cent. to J. D. Watson, and also to grant a site and tax exemptions. Mr. Watson is a resident of the town, and formerly in the Coombe & Watson Co., from which he withdrew some time ago. He is a man of recognized ability in the furniture business.

The Ontario Government will shortly receive a petition a mile long, bearing a hundred thousand names from Canadian border towns, asking that the sale of Sunday newspapers in Ontario be permitted. St. Thomas, Tilbury, Ford, Walkerville, Sandwich, Bell River, Tecumseh, and Amherstburg, are all enlisted in the fight to secure Sunday papers.

The house of James Banks, concession 4, township of Proton, was recently destroyed by fire, but sympathetic neighbors set to work at once and in four days a new house was built, and a purse of \$86 presented. Mr. Banks was in town a week or so ago, and expressed his gratitude for the kindness shown him. He is a son of Mrs. Richard Banks of Edge Hill.

Lieut. Yule of the 248th Battalion, organist and choir leader of Division street Presbyterian church, Owen Sound, will give a recital in the Presbyterian church here on Thursday evening, March 8, commencing at 8 o'clock, assisted by Miss Elsie Pickering, contralto soloist, of Mt. Forest, and other talent. Admission 25c. Proceeds for Red Cross work.

Among the Toronto passengers on the ill-fated Laconia, torpedoed by a submarine on Sunday, was Lieut. D. Bradshaw, a nephew of Mrs. (Dr.) D. Jamieson. He is a member of the Royal Flying Corps, and was returning to the front after a month's leave of absence. He went overseas in February, 1916, and has been at the front since August. He is 25 years of age, and a native of Toronto. He has two brothers in uniform, one at the front.

Thriving bakery business for sale—H. Burnett, Durham. 1417

Having placed my books in Mr. A. H. Jackson's hands, kindly call and settle with him.—W. Black. 4

Lieut. Chas. D. Farquharson is one of a draft of 30 officers from the Army Medical Corps, to go overseas, and will sail shortly.

Mrs. Fred. Jamieson, of Melford, Sask., visited her brother, Dr. Wolfe, and family, for a week, and left Tuesday to spend a time with Owen Sound friends before going west.

D. R. McKinnon of Ceylon was reported in the list of wounded last Friday. He is a son of Farquhar McKinnon, of R. R. No. 1, Ceylon. It is not known how seriously he is wounded.

For sale or to rent.—A comfortable brick house on Lambton street, adjoining the school grounds. Immediate possession will be given. Apply to Mrs. Arthur McClocklin, R. R. No. 1, Durham. 1

Don't miss the musical treat of the season, Thursday, March 8. Lieut. Yule, of the 248th Battalion, assisted by Miss Elsie Pickering, contralto soloist, of Mt. Forest, will give an organ recital in the Presbyterian church. Admission 25c. Proceeds for Red Cross work.

Coming.—Prof. Katz, the well-known eyesight specialist, of Listowel who has done so much good work around here for years, in relieving eyesight trouble, eyestrain, headache, will be at the Middaugh House, Durham, Saturday, March 10. Will examine eyes by the method that never fails.—E. Katz, graduate optician.

The sinking of the Laconia Sunday night, in which at least two American lives were lost, is stated officially from Washington to constitute a clear-cut violation of American rights. This is regarded as an "overt" act, and war between the United States and Germany is now thought to be inevitable.

Mrs. Wm. Hill, sister of Mrs. Angus McArthur, with whom she made her home for some time, died on Tuesday, rather unexpectedly, though she had been ailing for some time. The remains were taken to Toronto yesterday, and interment will take place today at Zion cemetery, Scarborough. A short service was conducted at the home by her pastor, Rev. S. M. Whaley.

Union S. S. No. 1 box social, will be held in the Orange Hall, Varney, on Wednesday evening, March 7. Admission 25c., children 15c., ladies bringing boxes, free. Teams will be provided free for all who wish to come from Durham, and will meet at H. N. Burnett's bakery at 7 o'clock. Good accommodation for horses. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. This will be the best of the season. Don't miss it.

A snowbank was used by a thirsty citizen of Straford as a depository for a bottle of whiskey. It made a complete refrigerator, but when he pleaded to being under the influence of liquor, and told the court that he had secured a "heel" of a bottle of liquor from a friend, who was going through the city, later hiding it in the snow, he let himself open for another charge, that of having liquor in other than his private dwelling house. On the first charge he was fined \$10 and costs. On the second he also pleaded guilty, and was fined \$200 and costs, or three months in jail. He is serving the time.—Mt. Forest Rep.

The box social held on Wednesday night last week in Bunnissan schoolhouse, was a great success when the inclemency of the weather is taken into consideration. Solos rendered by Mr. Mistle shrdlu etaoin shrdlu dlu Messrs. Mistle and Fallaise deserved special mention. Messrs. Brown, Gray, and L. and M. McKeown gave a number of spirited violin selections that brought down the house. Mr. A. Bell and his company of singers rendered very valuable service. Among the sales, the barrel of flour donated by Mr. Guy Kearney brought in \$39. The total proceeds of boxes netted the neat sum of \$148.10, making a total contribution in the section of \$163.60. Mr. J. A. Graham electrified the audience with a witty and wise address. Mr. Geo. Binnie was chairman, and Miss Rita Irwin general accompanist.

Police Magistrate Jeffs, of Hamilton referred recently to the increase of insanity, and declared that scarcely a day passed but he was obliged to commit people to the asylum. He was unable to trace its prevalence directly to the war, but he believed the world conflict is largely responsible, causing sensitive minds to collapse through worry.

The Smith Bros. are getting themselves well carried up for the spring and summer trade. They have contracted for forty Fords, and have 12 of them on hand now. They got in three last week. Intending purchasers might just as well make up their minds to purchase early, and get the full benefit of the season. Automobiles are now past the experimental stage, and are more dependable than ever before. They are cheap, too, and have almost become a necessity, as well as a luxury.

Seeds for spring planting arrived this week and may be purchased at many places in town. To cope with the high cost of living, it would be well to cultivate every available inch of ground. The vegetable man may be a convenience, but to have vegetables in your own back yard is worth the needed exertion. To put the time against the product may convince the amateur that the profits are small, but the time might as well be spent in gardening as in ways less profitable. It might be well to try it as a Production and Thrift experiment.

The Cunard Line ss. Laconia was torpedoed without warning on Sunday night. She had about 300 on board, practically all of whom were saved. Reports differ as to whether or not the Laconia carried American passengers, but a Queenstown correspondent to The Daily Chronicle reports the loss of two American lives. As it is claimed the boat was torpedoed without warning, the already strained relations between the United States and Germany will be further intensified, and war made more imminent.

The Saugeen Red Cross workers met at the home of Mrs. R. Banks on the 20th of February. Six hospital shirts, 12 pillow cases, and two pairs of socks were made. A dainty lunch was served and a seven-dollar collection taken. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Melosh, on March 6. On February 6th they met at the home of Mrs. Dan. McKechnie, when they made two hospital shirts, six pillow cases, and started two pairs of socks. Luncheon was served, and \$2.75 collection contributed.

The machinery of the Warton cement plant has been sold for \$8,650, and last week's Echo, in referring to it, says: "From now on, generation after generation, and perhaps until Gabriel blows his horn, men and women and children will gaze at the walls of the cement factory, for they were built for eternity. But the machinery has been sold. What cost probably hundreds of thousands, has gone for \$8,650, and The Echo understands that junk dealers were the buyers. What cost one million dollars will now be thrown upon the township of Keppel, as it is a safe inference that the Trust Company will wash their hands of the whole affair."

Everyone who is interested in the work of our soldier boys at the front should not fail to attend the exhibition of war trophies, given by the 248th Battalion in the town hall, Durham, on Tuesday, March 6. The collection, which consists of fragments of bombs, trench mortars, shrapnel, helmets, rifle grenades, machine guns, gas masks, rifles, Prussian helmets, flags, bayonets, etc., etc., has been kindly loaned to the Grey Battalion by a number of enterprising citizens of the county. Capt. J. F. White, formerly of the 20th Battalion, C. E. F., will be present during the afternoon session and will explain and demonstrate the uses of the different trophies. In the evening, Lieut. Trivet, of Military District No. 2 Headquarters Staff, who is also a returned officer, will give an illustrated lecture on Trench Warfare. Lieut. Col. J. Hilliard Rorke is anxious that everyone in the county should see this collection, so there will be no admission fee at either the afternoon or evening sessions. Come along and bring your friends.

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