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REMOVING TO TEXAS TO RUN FRUIT FARM

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Millman of Hamilton Spending Vacation in This Vicinity.

We had a pleasant call Tuesday afternoon from Mr. J. S. Millman of Hamilton, who, with his wife and young son are visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Crutchley and other friends. Mrs. Millman will be better known to her Durham friends as Miss Annie McCreary.

In the course of our conversation, Mr. Millman, who is in the real estate business in the Ambitious City, informed us of his intention of shortly removing to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, where he expects to engage in the cultivation of citrus fruits such as oranges and grape fruit. The Rio Grande Valley, he informs us, is the old bed of the Rio Grande one of the most erratic rivers in the world, which for hundreds of years has been working south till now it has reached its extreme southern limit and will, it is hoped "stay put."

The silt deposited by the river is most suitable for the raising of citrus fruits and already the quality of the product has been pronounced the best in the world. The Rio Grande Valley is out of the cyclone belt, and also has a most comfortable temperature winter and summer, having no frost, and no extreme heat. Here garden and other products grow three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, and the installation of a modern, efficient irrigation system reduces the liability of crop failure to the vanishing point. The valley is situated about three hundred miles south of San Antonio, is the most southerly point in the United States with the exception of Key West and the southern portion of the Florida peninsula, and is said to have an even better climate than California.

Mr. Millman says he has enjoyed his visit up in this part of Ontario very much and especially a run last Sunday through the rugged hills of Glenelg and Egremont, where he says, the scenery was magnificent and the country the kind that appeals to him.

Though a native of Hamilton all his life he feels that the rigors of a Canadian winter are not to his taste, and will enjoy a change for a time at least to a climate where perpetual summer reigns and fuel and clothing bills are not so high. Referring to his native city of Hamilton he says that times there have not been any too good for the past three or four years and voices his opinion that Durham appears to be the best business place he has struck on his present trip, there being apparently steady work, good general business and an air of prosperity about the town that is lacking in many of the places he has visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Millman and son will leave the end of the week for Gordie, where he will visit relatives, returning soon to Hamilton, where he will make arrangements for his removal to Texas early in the fall.

We spent a very pleasant hour in conversation and were much impressed with his optimism and apparent general knowledge of affairs in his future home.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Millman success in the Lone Star State and will be pleased to learn of their prosperity.

ENJOYED EXTENSIVE TOUR FROM WEST BY MOTOR

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Scott and Family Spent Day With Durham Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Scott and two sons, Dunning and Percival, of Speers, Saskatchewan were in town Sunday night and part of Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. Alton and other friends and relatives.

The party left Speers, eighty miles north of Saskatoon, the latter part of June, and came by way of Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit and Hamilton to Toronto, and here to Mrs. Scott's home near Bessett, where they spent the past month. Returning to the West, they called on Durham friends for a few days and left Tuesday for their home in Saskatchewan.

For the past eighteen years Mr. Scott has been Lands Agent for the U. P. R. and reports times picking up in the West. The trip East was made in a Chevrolet Special, 1922 model, and with the exception of the long going out of commission he says he experienced no trouble whatsoever during the whole journey. He is an enthusiastic "Chevy" booster and says he makes his thirty miles to the gallon right along.

We were pleased to have a call from Mr. Scott and sons, and enjoyed an hour's conversation about old times in Durham and vicinity before he went West over twenty years ago.

SOUTH GREY FORCES PREPARE FOR FRAY

Met in Methodist church Monday Afternoon and Organized for Coming Battle

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the South Grey Temperance forces for the coming election on October 23, was held in the Methodist church here on Monday afternoon. Mr. J. W. Blyth occupied the chair and a gathering of upwards of twenty-five were in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. L. E. West of Holstein, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$13.54, and on motion the statement was accepted as read.

Mr. Thomas Allan urged the advisability of organizing the society in South Grey, and made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Rev. Mr. West. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President.—J. W. Blyth, Varney.

1st Vice-President.—Mrs. W. Rogers, Holstein.

2nd Vice-President.—Mrs. (Dr.) Staples, Hanover.

Secy.—Treas.—C. Ramage, Durham.

The following committee for municipalities was elected:

Egremont.—R. Sim, Rev. L. E. West, David Allan.

Bentineck.—A. C. McDonald, John Milligan, Miss Flora McDonald, Thompson Boyd.

Glenelg.—R. T. Edwards, John Ellison, Thomas Bell.

Normanby.—John Cooper, Mrs. Ezra Halliday, Mrs. Dr. Easton.

Proton.—E. E. Hockridge, Mrs. W. Dingwall, with another to be added.

Artemesia.—T. R. McKewen, Mrs. H. Down, Rev. Mr. Sutherland.

Durham.—Thomas Allan, Dr. Wolfe, Andrew Derby, Allan Bell, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. J. S. McElraith.

Hanover.—John Taylor, E. T. Graff, Miss Jamieson, Mrs. J. S. Knechtel.

Neustadt.—Henry Ford, Rev. Zeimer.

Dundalk.—Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. J. R. Macintyre.

It was decided to hold a mass meeting in Durham at a date to be announced later.

ATTENDED MOTHER'S FUNERAL AT ORILLIA THURSDAY

Mrs. W. H. Town Passed Away After Eight Weeks' Illness From Heart Trouble

Mr. D. C. Town Jeweller, was called to Orillia last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Town, who passed away on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Cook, at Exbridge.

Mrs. Town, whose home was at Orillia, was taken ill while visiting her daughter, and had such a severe seizure of heart trouble with complications that it was impossible for her to be removed to her home at Orillia.

Born in Scott township, Durham county, 78 years ago, she shortly after marriage moved to Orillia, where she spent the greater part of her life. Since the death of her husband eight years ago, although she always maintained her Orillia home, she has at different periods enjoyed visits with her son, Mr. D. C. Town here, and made many warm friends who felt genuine sorrow when they learned of her demise. Her last visit here was two years ago.

During the past eight weeks, Mr. Town has been most attentive and made frequent visits to his mother's bedside, and while no hope was held out for her recovery from the first, the news of her death came as a distinct shock.

REPORTED DROWNING OF THOS. HENDERSON JUST A BRAINSTORM

Durham Man Never in Danger on Atlantic Voyage. Sensational Story Manufactured Out of Whole Cloth

The story of the near drowning of Mr. Thomas Henderson of this place on his recent trip across the Atlantic to visit his old home in Scotland, and which was the basis of a news article in The Walkerton Herald and Times of two weeks ago, now turns out to have been nothing more than a pipe-dream on the part of the editor of that paper, who had absolutely no excuse or reason for allowing his journalistic sensationalism to run away with his good sense when he penned the article. Why he did it is best known to himself.

According to the article in The Times, Mr. Frank Weaver, organist in the Walkerton Presbyterian church, who went over on the same boat with Mr. Henderson, but who returned to Walkerton on August 2, was responsible for the statement. It is needless to say that the reported near drowning of Mr. Henderson was the occasion of considerable worry to his wife here, and to set her mind at rest she and the writer motored to Walkerton on Friday to interview Mr. Weaver on the matter. Mr. Weaver was quite indignant that his name should have been coupled with such a brazen falsehood, and said there was absolutely nothing to the yarn. He did not know Mr. Henderson, and never saw him to his knowledge.

Further, he stated that he and Mr. Ogden of Minneapolis were the two men referred to in Mr. Henderson's letter in The Chronicle three weeks ago as having been struck by the wave that came aboard the vessel and nearly washed Mr. Ogden overboard.

In his conversation, Mr. Weaver told us that the storm was quite a heavy one, though not one that would be considered "bad" by a sailor man, saying that the captain of the Athenian referred to it as "a fresh breeze." Mr. Weaver estimated the wind was blowing approximately fifty miles an hour.

We had an interesting half-hour conversation with Walkerton's well-known organist, who is so well known here, and who, besides being an accomplished musician, is also an entertaining conversationalist. Mr. Weaver left Montreal on July 4, landed at Glasgow, Scotland, on July 12, took the night train to Bristol, visited his parents in Staffordshire, spent two days in London, a day or so in Paris, and landed back in Walkerton on the second of August after a further visit with his wife's relatives at Brockville. His account of his trip sounds like a modern version of Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eighty Days." A peculiar feature of Mr. Weaver's trip is that he arrived at Quebec on the Doric of the White Star Line ten miles ahead of the Athenian, the boat on which he went to Glasgow, on her first return trip to Canada.

NEW TEACHER ENGAGED ON HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Comes From Cornwall, and Has Excellent Record as High School Teacher

Miss J. Cresswell of Cornwall has accepted the position on the teaching staff of the High school made vacant by the resignation of Miss F. Abbott. Miss Cresswell, who is informed, comes highly recommended as a successful teacher, and with her acceptance of the position, the staff is now complete for the term opening next month.

This is the second time since June that the position has been filled, Miss McDonnell, who accepted the situation a month or so ago having resigned owing to sickness in her family. The board later learned, however, that she had accepted a similar position at Pembroke, where she was to get fifty dollars more than here, but when they took the matter up with her, charging breach of contract, she flatly denied the charge that the difference in salary had anything whatever to do with her change of mind. Under the circumstances, however, the board can hardly be blamed if they took the explanation with a grain of salt, claiming that if her family had illness enough to cause her to cancel her contract here, they showed poor judgment in recovering nicely when she had the opportunity of a situation in another town at a fifty dollars' increase in pay.

GARAFRAXA HILL REPAIRING COMMENCED YESTERDAY

A start was made yesterday on the repairing of Garafraxa street hill, but, judging from the discussion at the last Council meeting not much money is to be spent on it this year.

The hill, however, is in a bad state, and it is to be hoped that the Council will see their way clear to make considerable improvement on it before they start.

The work done yesterday would lead one to believe that possibly the Council was merely cultivating it to put it to crop, but it is likely that something more will be done this coming week. We have not been informed as to the amount of improvement anticipated, but trust it will be made in a much more passable condition before the work is called off.

COUNTY ROADWORK STILL GOING ON

County Outfits Working Both East and West of Durham—May Shut Down Any Time

Work on the county roads east and west of Durham is again in full swing and, if the funds hold out, quite a lot more will be completed before the snow flies this fall. From Hanover, the road gang has been busy since early spring under the supervision of John Whiteman, and at time of writing are engaged on cutting down the Brigham hill at Allan Park. The hill, this side of the village was cut down quite a lot this spring and, while still rough and in poor condition, is passable. It has been found necessary, however, while the work on the Brigham hill is in progress, to detour all westbound traffic from Durham to Hanover at Allan Park, one concession south and one west, coming out again on the county road at the Aytan sutherland near the C. P. R. station. From here west the road is in good condition.

Working east from Priceville, Thomas Nichol and his gang are at present cutting down and straightening the "S" hill at the Rob Roy. Behind him on the big hills in Glenelg, the Gaffrey Construction Company of Monkton has been filling in the hollows on the roadway that is to take the place of the old "Glen" road. Though they quit work Monday for some reason it is expected operations will begin again in a few days, and while The Chronicle has not been officially informed on the matter, the roadway will in all likelihood be opened for traffic some time this fall. The big hill just east of the Bunessex curve still remains to be completed and also a cut made on the hill at this curve leading on to the new road.

Speaking to The Chronicle, Mr. Thomas Nichol said he expects to have the Rob Roy hill in good shape about the last of the month when traffic will be directly over the top instead of around the curve.

At present it is impossible to say with any degree of accuracy how long the county gang will be kept up to strength.

This year the County Council allotted a certain amount for roadwork, and when this allotment is used up the construction work will cease with very little notice.

WORK STARTS SOON ON PROV. HIGHWAY

Much Activity Expected As Soon As Farmers Are Free From Harvest Duties

We have it on fairly good authority that in the course of a couple of weeks graveling will commence on the Provincial Highway between Guelph and Owen Sound. And if motorists can be relied upon, it is about time. The highway, especially south of town is getting in a wretched shape, and can not be repaired very much until the road is re-metalled and the drag put on. While considerable grading has been done this summer, there is at present not much surface that can be moved and as a consequence the road is getting quite bumpy. In the southern portion, too, we are told the road is getting in poor shape and will take considerable looking after before it is back in shape again.

Even in their present condition, however, we learn the local roads are in excellent shape compared with some others, but that as soon as the farmers are free from harvesting activities the work of repairing the highways of the province will be commenced with a vengeance.

FARM YOUTH RALLY IN MARKDALE NEXT WEEK

Sports Programme Planned, and Other Features Will Make Interesting Afternoon

Thursday of next week is the date set for the Southeast Grey Farm Youth Rally at the Markdale agricultural grounds and armories, and from advance information is likely to be one of the big events of the season. Though not definitely formed, we believe the event is to be in the form of a picnic, when the usual good time will be enjoyed in games, dancing and other sports.

The sports program is being held under the supervision of Mr. A. MacLaren of the O. A. C. Guelph, and in addition, there will be dancing and other forms of recreation. Good music is also being provided by the Dundalk Band, and an admission of ten cents is being charged to help defray expenses.

ATTENDED MOTHER'S FUNERAL IN ARTHUR ON SUNDAY

Mr. Alex. Arnold, foreman on the contractor's gang engaged in cutting down the big hills at the Glen was in Arthur Sunday attending the funeral of his aged mother, who passed away on Friday. Mrs. Arnold was eighty years of age. Mr. Arnold was accompanied from here by Mr. Charles Kennedy of Bunessex.

HAD TONSILS REMOVED

Sony, Freddie and J. D. Murdock, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Murdock were operated on recently in Durham Hospital for the removal of tonsils.

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Quality of Stock Raised on Farm, Not Quantity, is Dominant Factor, According to A. B. MacDonald, Who Addressed Egremont Agricultural Society Directors Last Friday Night

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Mr. MacDonald explained that the Dominion Department of Agriculture did not desire to force these fairs on any community, but rather to assist communities desirous of entering into this class of competition by supplementing the prize list with a grant of one hundred dollars, the understanding being that the community raise at least another hundred dollars for prize money and bring in at least eighty market hogs for sale. He explained that these fairs usually held separately from the customary Fall Fair, would stimulate an interest in raising bacon hogs and that the judges provided by the department would after the judging was completed, explain the method by which they arrived at their decision, showing competitors why an apparently "select" bacon hog had been classed as "thick smooth," and in this way offsetting a lot of the dissatisfaction at present prevalent amongst hog raisers regarding the present grading methods.

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As a further advantage to agriculturists, Mr. MacDonald said the raising of "select" hogs would have to be done on a community basis. There was no particular advantage of one man in a community keeping good stock if his neighbours persisted in keeping scrubs. Even now communities having the larger percentage of "selects" were commanding much better prices than others where the percentage was problematical. The packing houses and others who bought hogs always had these high percentage communities in mind when they sent out their weekly prices, and the high percentage communities had the advantage over the others in that the buyers competed for the products from these centres, which meant higher prices for the hog raiser. This was the reason, in part, why some communities

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ATTENDED FUNERAL OF FRIEND AT BRANTFORD

Local Provincial Highway Constable Called to Telephone City Through Death of Friend

Mr. R.M. Wallace, the local provincial constable who patrols the Guelph-Owen Sound highway was called to Brantford Monday, where he acted as pall-bearer yesterday at the funeral of his friend, Junior Pilot McBride, of that city.

McBride was engaged as forester in the Port Arthur district, and was in the junior pilot on one of seven airplanes used in that district for fire patrol. Early Saturday evening McBride and his two companions were on a forced trip searching for a sister plane missing since the previous Thursday. According to Junior Pilot Burton, who was in charge, the plane "ran into a bump" on one wing, which sent him on edge, which sent it into a spinning nose dive from a height of 1,000 feet into a muskeg swamp one and a half miles from Savanne station. McBride died of his injuries shortly after the accident and Victor Gilbert, of Kingston, the third occupant of the machine, died in hospital at Port Arthur two hours afterward.

Burton will probably recover but at time of writing, owing to his condition, has not yet been told of the death of his companion.

GOOD CROPS GENERAL IN THIS LOCALITY

District Around Palmerston, However, Seems Backward From Too Much Wet Weather

Mr. George Binnie returned Monday from judging field crops of oats in Mildmay and Chesley districts. Mr. Binnie says the oats in Mildmay vicinity are magnificent, but Chesley is not nearly so good. In the vicinity of Harrison and Palmerston, and even as far up as Mount Forest, crops appear short in straw and very light.

When asked about the crops in our own vicinity, Mr. Binnie said he thought they were real good and that farmers around here had nothing to complain of on that score.

WILDER'S LAKE DEER DIED LAST WEEK

The young doe secured last fall by Dr. Jamieson for his park at Wilder's Lake died last week and now the Dr. is on the lookout for another to take its place. The doe ever since arrival was not very thrifty and some time ago it was apparent that it would not long be a resident of the park at Wilder's Lake. The park at present contains the two western bison, "Billy," the mate of the doe that died, the two elk secured from Sir Henry Pellat and the young elk born this spring.

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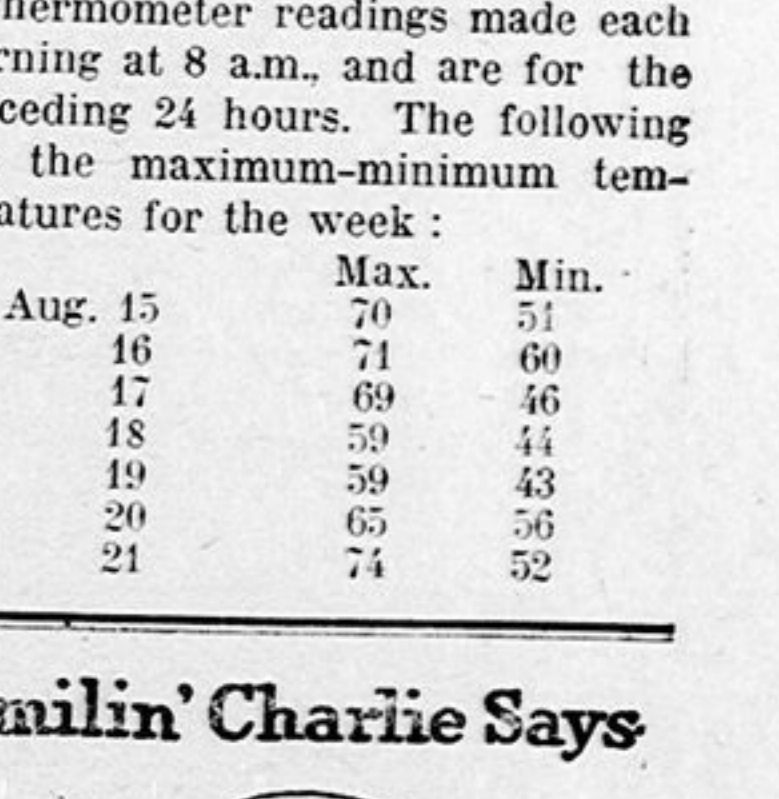
TEMPERATURES FOR LAST WEEK

Thermometer readings made each morning at 8 a.m., and are for the preceding 24 hours. The following are the maximum-minimum temperatures for the week:

	Max.	Min.
Aug. 15	70	51
16	71	60
17	69	46
18	59	44
19	59	43
20	65	56
21	74	52

Smilin' Charlie Says

"Th' words o' th' wise are often taken too seriously 'n' of the fool—not serious enough—"



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