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ROYAL BANK MANAGER GAVE GOOD ADDRESS ON BANKING

Mr. J. A. Rowland Principal Speaker at Monthly Meeting of Womens' Institute Last Friday.

The October meeting of the Women's Institute was held a the home of Mrs. C. Ramage on Friday afternoon. Mr. J. A. Rowland of the Royal Bank gave an interesting and instructive address on "Banking," tacing the development from its earliest beginning to the present branch system, and showing the advantages of that system over those preceding it. He also showed the many ways in which banks are of service to the public and discussed the proper use of the various bank papers.

In Miss Annie Smith's paper on "The Use of Flowers and Herbs On the Farm," she combined the aesthetic and the practical, showing how large a part flowers play in home decoration, and how the herbs of our grandmothers' gardens might well hold a more important place in the gardens of today.

The temperance queston, which is, or should be, engaging the attention of the Ontario voter at the present time, was ably handled by Miss Winnie Blyth in a solo, and Miss M. McGirr in an address. Some of Miss McGirr's points were:

1. The O.T.A., although far from perfect, has lessened both drunkenness and the chance for the young learning to drink.

2. Government Control in operation in the various provinces, particular British Columbia. (a) Since liquor cannot be drunk in Government stores it brings saloon conditions and saloon influences into the home, thus the home is demoralized, divorces increase, and places of immorality flourish as never before. (b) More women and children buy liquor under government control than under any previous system. (c) There are eight to ten times as many bootleggers under government control as under prohibition. (d) Business men who voted for government control now declare that it has simply "killed" business. (e) Government control instead of lessening taxes has raised them for the increased revenues from liquor does not nearly meet the increased expenditure for police, administration of justice, and upkeep of jails and hospitals, which the sale of liquor makes necessary.

3. Ontario is the key which opens or bars the door to temperance progress on this continent. The liquor party knows this, is bending its best efforts to win, and counts on the indifferent temperance voter to help him out.

After this address, a motion for the support of the O.T.A. by the Women's Institute was unanimously carried, as was also another motion to donate $10.00 to the local temperance campaign fund.

A the close of the meeting Mrs. Ramage served a dainty lunch.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE MET IN HANOVER

Hamilton Conference Association Well Attended At Seventeenth Biennial Convention.

Rev. J. E. Peters was in Hanover on Wednesday attending the seventeenth biennial convention of the Young People's League of the Hamilton Conference and reports a most successful gathering. Delegates were present from Palmerston, Mt. Forest, Walkerton and Wiarton Districts.

The convention took up two full days during which several good addresses were listened to and much other work gone into. On the afternoon session of the first day, Rev. C. Hackett of Tara, and Rev. J. Semple of Palmerston were the principal speakers. A pageant, "Christian Youth on the March," was presented by the Chesley Young People's League, assisted by the Hanover choir.

The morning session of Wednesday, there were addresses by Revs. Manson Doyle of Toronto, Rev. F. G. Farrill of Port Elgin and Rev. B. P. Green of Arkwright.

The afternoon session was taken up with addresses by Rev. Dr. Prudham, Drayton, Rev. J.E. Peters, Durham, and Rev. Doyle, Toronto.

Besides the addresses, good music, the various reports, and much other business was heard.

ANNUAL CANVASS FOR FUNDS WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK

The Durham branch of the Children's Aid Society will hold their annual canvass for funds next week the 13th, 14th and 15th of October, when collectors will call on the people of the town to receive contributions. It is to be hoped that as in the past they may meet with a liberal response to this worthy cause.

BAPTIST W. M. S. HELD ANNUAL THANKOFFERING

Successful Meeting Held by Baptist Ladies Last Week.

The Women's Mission Circle of the Baptist church held their annual thankoffering meeting in the school room of the church on Thursday afternoon last, the 2nd of October, and a pleasant and profitable time was spent.

The President, Mrs. Charles Brown, welcomed all in the name of the Circle, and also spoke a few words on thanksgiving, one fact that we should give thanks for being that the Circle has not been broken during the year.

Mrs. S. McComb read the scripture lesson from Psalm 86, after which Mrs. Z. Clark led in prayer. A splendid reading was given by Mrs. G.A. Thompson, entitled, "Mrs. Pickett's Mission Box.

Mrs. (Rev.) Boone of St. Louis, Mo. was present and gave a very interesting and encouraging talk, which was very much enjoyed by all present.

The pastor spoke on "Our Debtorship to the Whole World," or what does this call come to us for. The Apostle Paul, the first missionary, said, "I am a debtor both to the Greek and the Barbarian, both to the wise and the unwise," and the same gospel has been committed to us also who have received it. So long as there are any who have not heard John 3:16, we are in debt to them. "Ye are my witnesses," the Master said, "to send my gospel to the whole world."

All joined in singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again. Mr. Taylor closed the meeting with prayer, after which lunch was served.

REV. PECK DELIVERED STRONG ADDRESS

Says It Is Moral Suicide For Ontario To Go Back on O.T.A.—Explained Working of Government Control in British Columbia and West.

There was no mistaking the message delivered by Rev. W. W. Peck of Vancouver, in the town hall here last Thursday evening. He spoke in favor of the retention of the O.T.A. in Ontario and in detail, by facts and figures, argued that so-called government control is a myth. In British Columbia, where he has gone through all the campaigns, government control is the sorriest measure yet put on the statutes for the conrol of the liquor traffic, and, according to the speaker, a good many who voted for the measure in 1920 are but awaiting the chance to reverse their decision at the next election. Mr. Peck said that numerous ardent supporters of government control four years ago now see their mistake and have offered their services to the prohibition committee when needed

Instead of promoting sobriety government control has increased drunkenness, necessitating the increasing of the police force, moral laws are being openly broken, and taxes are higher than they were under prohibition.

The speaker gave the evidence of men prominent in the political life of British Columbia who have stated openly that government control is the worst thing that ever struck the Pacific province. He accused the moderation league as being the puppets of the brewers and distillers and gave instances to show that while many reputable men of the province were won over to the moderation league side, when they found out what it stood for they were not long in deserting their new friends and returning to the prohibition fold. He said that every hotelkeeper in Ontario should get out and work for the O.T.A., citing instances in his own province where hotelmen were accused of breaking the law when they were entirely innocent. Government control gave men the privilege of carrying a bottle and oftentimes hotel bedrooms were used for the holding of debauches, for which the proprietor was blamed but who in reality could not be held responsible.

Mr. Peck's address was one that hit straight from the shoulder and we are sorry that circumstances, explained on our editorial page, will not permit us going more fully into his address.

FORMER DURHAM RESIDENT PASSED AWAY AT OWEN SOUND

Late Cuthbert Firth Lived Here Ten or Twelve Years Ago.

Friends in Durham will regret to learn of the death in Owen Sound on Thursday of last week of Mr. Cuthbert Firth, a resident here about twelve years ago. He was 53 years of age and died at his residence, 262 6th Street, West, Owen Sound.

Interment was made Saturday at 2 o'clock.

CHEMICAL ENGINE, WAS GIVEN TRYOUT

New Fire Equipment Made Satisfactory Run On Tuesday Morning.

The new chemical fire truck arrived in town Monday afternoon and on Tuesday morning was given its first tryout, when it did good work in extinguishing a fire set with boxes and oil placed on the commons at the rear of The Chronicle office.

The fire was started and the first alarm sounded at 10.38. The engine arrived at 10.40, and the blaze was out at 10.46.

The new outfit is a handsome affair, mounted on a Ford truck chassis, and is capable of combatting a fire with a continuous stream of chemical for an unlimited period. On the truck are mounted two 35-gallon tanks, either of which, or both, may be used. When one tank is discharged, the other can be turned on and this will furnish a good stream for about eight minutes, during which period the discharged tank can be recharged and be ready for operation by the time the other is empty.

The outfit is painted the regulation red, and besides the chemical engine, there is a carrier capable of carrying about six hundred feet of the regulation fire engine hose. We feel that the Council made no mistake in purchasing the outfit, and, with a proper alarm system installed the town has comparatively good protection from fire.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARY DATE SET FOR OCTOBER 19

Rev. Dr. Joseph Stewart, Son of Former Pastor, Will Preach Morning and Evening.—Good Program On Monday Evening Following.

The date for the Baptist anniversary has been set for Sunday, October 19, and the congregation is making extensive preparations for the most enthusiastic anniversary yet held here. Rev. Dr. Joseph Stewart, of the Theological Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., and a son of the late Rev. Alex. Stewart, a former beloved pastor of pioneer days, has been arranged for and will be the special preacher for the day, both morning and evening.

On Monday evening, the usual entertainment will be given and an excellent musical and literary program given. Among the numbers will be solos by Mr. Ernest Warren of Toronto, who made such a good impression here a few years ago on a former appearance. Other artists will be Mrs. C. C. Middlebro', former soloist of St. George's Church, Owen Sound, and Mrs. George E. Harron.

J. W. EWEN & SON LEASE McKECHNIE MILLS

Will Conduct Flour and Feed and Chopping Business.—New Proprietors To Take Possession At Once.

Mr. J. W. Ewen, for some years with the Rob Roy Mills Limited here has leased the McKechnie Mills from the Rob Roy company and will conduct an up-to-date flour and feed business. Custom chopping will also be one of the important parts of the business. With this end in view, a modern grinding and crimping plant will be installed to take care of the needs of the farmers of the district.

With Mr. Ewen is associated his son, and the business will be carried on under the firm name of J. W. Ewen & Son.

The new business will commence operations next Monday morning.

NO CONSTABLES FOR PLEBISCITE ELECTION

Instructions have been received by the Returning Officer, Mr. J. Werner of Ayton, that there will be no constables appointed for the coming plebiscite election except where a poll has been split. The only two polls in South Grey to have constables will be at Ayton and Dundalk.

DURHAM RESIDENT VISITED BIRTHPLASE IN VAUGHAN

Mr. David Kinnee of this place spent a pleasant holiday in Vaughan Township a couple of weeks ago when he viewed, probably for the first time in his memory, the place of his birth. The farm on which Mr. Kinnee was born is situated near Maple, and though he moved from that locality with his parents when only three years of age, he assures us that it was to him a great pleasure to return and view the place in which he first saw the light of day.

Close to Mr. Kinnee's birthplace is also the birthplace of Lord Beaverbrook, better known in Canada at one time as Sir Max Aitken, and which the British peer recently visited while on a tour of Canada this summer.

MISS EVELYN SHARPE DIED ON WEDNESDAY

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sharp Passed Away Suddenly at Kitchener.—No Particulars to Hand At Time of Writing.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sharpe of Bentinck, near Dornoch, received word yesterday afternoon of the death that afternoon at 2 o'clock in Kitchener Hospital of their daughter, Miss Evelyn Sharpe. There were no particulars, and as Miss Sharpe had visited her home only six weeks ago and it was not known that she was ill, the shock to the grief-stricken parents and family can be better imagined than described. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp and family have the sincere sympathy of the whole community in their sorrow.

Miss Sharpe was born in Durham 24 years ago, and, up to a year ago resided with her parents, the most of her life being spent in Bentinck.

Besides her parents, she leaves two brothers, Joseph S. and William C., and one sister, Sarah L., all living at home.

The funeral is being held Saturday afternoon to Durham cemetery.

Miss Sharpe was also a niece of Mr. Benj. Sharpe of town.

OLD LACROSSE PLAYER VISITED BROTHER HERE

Mr. Art. Pickering of Windsor was a week-end visitor here with his brother, Dr. W. C. Pickering. Art. was one of the stellar defence men of the old Durham lacrosse team of eighteen years ago, and when going at his full gait was a good one. Big in stature, when Art. lay up against some of his opponents in a hard body check, it was usually sufficient to stop him for a few minutes and he seldom passed his plate for a second helping.

The team on which Mr. Pickering played was considered about the best that ever wore the blue and white, and with he and Con. Marron on first and second defence, Pete Matheson at point, and the late Charlie Lavelle between the flags, there wasn't much "individual" stuff allowed around the Durham end of the field. We forget offhand the personnel of the home on the old team, but remember that it contained Billy Lavelle, Tommy Cowan, Tommy Lawlor, and a few other good ones.

Mr. Pickering is now engaged in the drug business in Windsor, and we sometimes wonder if his mind does not occasionally wander back to the good old days when he and his compatriots used to "knock 'em dead" on the local sward when members of the old Durham team.

REV. AND MRS. MOORE PRESENTED WITH PURSE

Popular Georgetown Pastor and Wife Honored Before Departure For New Field.

Before their departure from their recent charge at Georgetown, to a new field of labor at Arkona, Rev. and Mrs. James Moore were made the recipients of an address and presented with a purse of gold. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and social intercourse.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore have been residents of Georgetown for the past four years and a half, and their departure was genuinely regretted by their parishioners at Georgetown. On the occasion of Mr. Moore's farewell sermon, the Methodist congregation, with their pastor, attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Moore is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. McComb of this place.

CORRECTIONS IN PRIZE LIST FOR SOUTH GREY FAIR

The following corrections are noted in the prize list of the South Grey Fall Fair, published last week:

The special prize for bread by the E. W. Gillett Company, Toronto, was won by Mrs. George Ritchie, Glenelg. The bread was to be baked with Royal Yeast Cakes, made by the Gillett Company.

Helen Young, a Sr. II. Class pupil of Durham Public school, won first prize for the best map of Grey County. By mistake, it was neglected to hand her name in on an accompanying sheet.

In the Roadster class, the name of John Birr should have appeared instead of that of John Picken. The same correction holds good in the prize for the best horse on the track.

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.
Oct. 3	64	50
4	71	64
5	57	52
6	77	41
7	62	40
8	51	39
9	47	33

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BACKUS FORTY-EIGHT YEARS MARRIED

Spending Day Quietly At Their Home in Town.—Both Hale and Hearty.

Today, Thursday, October 9, Mr. and Mrs. John Backus of Countess Street enter upon the forty-ninth year of married life. Both are hale and hearty, and The Chronicle joins their numerous friends here in wishing them many more years of happiness.

Forty-eight years ago Mr Backus married Miss Mary Adlam, in Bentinck, and they have been continuous residents of this vicinity ever since.

Mrs. Backus is a sister of Mr. Robert Adlam, Toronto, Mr. William and Mr. John Adlam of Bentinck, and of Mrs. William Brown and Mrs. Harry Reay of Bentinck and Mrs. M. M. Marshall of Durham.

On being questioned if he and his good wife were having any wedding celebration, Mr. Backus said they were not, preferring to wait until the golden wedding date, when they would make the proper arrangements to fittingly honor the occasion. He stated further that they intended to celebrate their diamond anniversary as well when the proper time arrived and he saw no reason why the seventy-fifth anniversary could not be observed when the date arrived.

METHODIST ANNIVERSARY WAS HELD SUNDAY

Large Congregations Greeted Special Preacher at Both Services.

The anniversary services of the Methodist congregation, held last Sunday, were very largely attended, both services drawing record congregations, when good sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Dean, the Secretary of Finance of the Methodist church, Toronto. The objective asked for, $400.00, was oversubscribed, and the meetings were most enthusiastic from every viewpoint.

EGREMONT PLOUGHING MATCH OCTOBER 29

The first annual poughing match of the Egremont Ploughmen's Association will be held on Wednesday, October 29, commencing at 9 a.m. sharp. Classes have been provided for boys 16 years and under, and 17 to 19 years, inclusive, and also a men's class. This will be for the competition in ploughing in stubble. In the competition in sod, there are two classes, one for boys 18 years and under, and another for men. The prizes in all three events are $6.00, $4.00 and $2.00.

There is also a sweepstakes in both classes, the one for stubble be both classes, the prize for stubble being a gold lined silver tea set valued at $10.00, and for the ploughing in sod, a Fleury plough valued at $25.00. The winner of the sweepstakes in the latter event will forfeit any prize money won in the preliminary events in that class.

This program has been receiving the attention of the Association for some time, and the revised program will no doubt meet with the approval of the contestants and insure a big entry in the various classes. The competition is open to residents of the township.

PICTURE OF LOVE AND WAR

"The Light That Failed" Has All the Elements of Appeal.

One of the finest screen dramas of the current picture season is said to be George Melfort's Paramount production of "The Light That Failed" based on Rudyard Kipling's celebrated story. Jacqueline Logan, Percy Marmont, Sigrid Holmquist and David Torrence are featured.

The story deals with Dick Heldar and Maisie Wells, two children in England who love each other. When they reach their majority, Heldar is a failure as an artist in Port Said and Maisie lives in a land of dreams in England. Although he loves Maisie Wells, played by Sigrid Holmquist, Dick, played by Percy Marmont, will not return to England. An uprising among the tribesmen in the Soudan gives Dick an opportunity to send home a series of sketches which made him famous.

Returning to England after the campaign, Dick discovers he is a great figure in art circles. He finds the girl he loves and is on the eve of doing something worth while in art when his eyesight fails as the result of wounds received in Egypt. The effect of Dick's blindness ramifies through the lives of several persons. The story shows how each meets the situation which has developed. The action of the picture includes battle scenes in the Egyptian desert, night life in Port Said and many interesting events in London.

Men guess at a thing and if it happens to come their way they boast of their good judgement.

COUNCIL NOW BUSY REPAIRING STREETS

Front Street Will Be In Much Better Condition As Result.—Work Not Yet Completed.

During the past week, W. J. McFadden, chairman of the board of works, has been engaged in having Garafraxa street put in better shape than it has been in for some years.

The scarifier from the provincial highways department has been used and made a good job of its part of the work. Following this, the town grader has done considerable grading and a fresh coat of screened gravel and the drag will put the road in first-class condition.

While the improvements are very satisfactory, and the business men no doubt appreciate the changed conditions, it is pretty generally felt that it is false economy to spend too much money on the front street in its present condition. The economical way, it is felt, is to put in storm sewers first. In this way the streets will be quickly drained after heavy rains, and, with the water taken away, the streets will not be nearly so hard to keep up and will remain in good repair for a much longer time.

DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL WON FIELD DAY SHIELD

Outclassed Chesley and Walkerton in Field Day Sports on Wednesday

"There ain't no flies on us!" This was Durham High school pupils' favorite hymn last night and today, and when one inquires for the reason he must admit that it is so.

The cause for so much jubilation in some of the incoming cars last night was traceable entirely to the fact that the Durham High school pupils had come out an easy first at the Field Day sports at Walkerton, obtaining 63 points, while Chesley, their nearest competitor, were second with a score of 45½. Walkerton was third with 41½ points.

The sports yesterday were the finish of the series commenced Saturday, but postponed on account of rain.

The local scholars speak highly of the sportsmanship of the Walkerton pupils, but regret that they could not say the same of the Chesley bunch, who put up a wail every time they lost an event and did more kicking than both the Walkerton and Durham teams put together. In fact, they did so much "beefing" that it has been suggested they should be entered in the baby beef contest at the Royal Winter Fair at Guelph next month.

However, that's an old game with Chesley, and it's no wonder, if they train them in the game at school.

It's well we remember back as far as eighteen or twenty years ago when Durham and Chesley both had fairly good intermediate hockey teams. From the first of the season till the ice was melted in the spring, this northern country resounded with the wails of the Chesley management every time they lost a game, and nearly every available referee in Western Ontario was used in trying to satisfy the Chesley management. Durham High school students don't want to get discouraged on account of a little kicking. Evidenty the Chesey kids are merely "following in father's footsteps."

MISS HARCOURT WILL ADDRESS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HERE

Miss E. Harcourt of Toronto, has been authorized by Mr. Putnam, superintendent of Women's Institutes, to meet with the Durham branch on Wednesday, October 15. The meeting will be held in the Public Library at 2.30 p.m. A good attendance of members is requested.

Smilin' Charlie Says-

"Th' bird who falls in love with himself ain't gonna have no 'alienated affection' cases on his hands - - -"