

### News of Nearby Towns

#### Chesley

The death occurred in Kitchener on November 16 of Mrs. Fred McKellar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Durt of Chesley.

When Mrs. S. K. McKellar threw some gunpowder, which she mistook for fine seed, into the stove, the resultant explosion blew the lids off the stove, and Mrs. McKellar was burned about her face and left arm.

Mr. Hugh Kidd, brother of Town Clerk R. T. Kidd, passed away on Sunday of last week in Brampton. The funeral took place in Chesley on the following Tuesday.

Harold Bruce, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Steadman, passed away on November 25.

#### Hanover

The Board of Trade held the first of a series of luncheons on Tuesday evening of last week. It was decided to bring an engineer to town to survey the street lighting system. The Board endorsed the Beck Memorial Fund campaign and joined the Ontario Tourist Association.

A former well-known Hanover lady in the person of Mrs. James Riley passed away in Cooksville on Wednesday, November 18, at the age of 70 years.

#### Markdale

At the Conservative convention on Friday, November 20, at Rocklyn, Mayor E. N. Cooper of Meaford was chosen candidate in the coming by-election in Centre Grey.

The marriage took place in Toronto on Wednesday, November 18, of Miss Lena Vietta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hill of Markdale, and Mr. Samuel S. Mercer of Toronto.

The death of Mrs. James Stuart of Kimberley occurred on Thursday morning, November 19.

On Monday evening, November 16, a miscellaneous shower was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fawcett of Wodehouse.

#### Walkerton

Mrs. Margaret Gibson tripped over a piece of carpet in her home recently and suffered a broken shoulder.

On Saturday afternoon, November 21, when Mrs. Langstaffe was being wheeled along the street in an invalid's chair, one of the wheels struck a piece of coal, upsetting the chair and throwing Mrs. Langstaffe out on to the sidewalk. The unfortunate lady's arm was fractured above the elbow.

Mr. J. M. C. Wilson of Moose Jaw, Sask., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Lorne Eddy, succumbed suddenly to heart trouble on Monday, November 23.

George J. Wissler passed away on Saturday, November 21, at the age of 59 years.

The Walkerton Catholic Women's League held a very successful event on Tuesday, November 24, taking the form of a bazaar, fowl supper and dance.

Mr. Patrick Ritchie of town suffered a fractured thigh bone while chopping wood in his cellar recently.

The marriage took place in Chepstow on Tuesday morning of last week of Miss Annabelle Bester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Bester, and Mr. J. Diebold, both of Chepstow.

#### Flesherton

Mrs. George Johnson of Rock Mills passed away on Tuesday, November 17, at the age of 38 years.

The fire extinguishers, which have been purchased by the local council, have been placed in the business places that took advantage of the council's offer to pay half the cost if the business men paid the other half.

The marriage took place in Toronto on November 13 of Miss Lottie Coyle of Toronto and Mr. James Ferris of Flesherton.

#### GARGILL SAW MILL'S LUMBER PILES BURNED

The saw mill owned by Daun & Planter, Gargill, narrowly escaped destruction by fire which broke out in the mill yard shortly before noon Friday. Ten thousand feet of first class pine lumber and a quantity of hardwood lumber were destroyed with a loss estimated at one thousand dollars. The mill was saved through the efforts of a volunteer fire brigade. The cause of the fire is unknown.

#### NEWSPAPER LAW

1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning the paper does not answer the laws) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office and state the reason for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publisher for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made and collect the whole amount whether the paper is taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until payment is made.

3. Any person who takes a paper from the Post Office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for pay.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper stopped at a certain time and the publisher continues to send it, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the Post Office. This follows the sound principle that a man must pay for what he uses.

Some of these open minds are just a vacancy.

### NEW VARIETY OF WHEAT WILL RIPEN IN 100 DAYS

Wheat production on the Prairies promises to receive a new impetus. It will, perhaps, be given such a new stimulus as was received when Marquis wheat first was developed and made available to the farmers.

Marquis wheat made it possible for the Prairies to become one of the greatest granaries of the world; but now a new kind of wheat is about to occupy the stage. This is Garnet wheat, which, unless the final tests, which are to be made in the course of the next few months, show weaknesses not hitherto discovered, is to be made available for seed purposes next spring.

In order that no false hopes should be created, this item, after it was written, was submitted to the scientists in charge of the work and was approved by them.

Marquis wheat reduced the period of time between sowing and reaping from 120 to 110 days and brought millions of acres in Western Canada within the wheat belt. Garnet wheat reduced this period to 100 days.

When interviewed in his study at the Ottawa Experimental Farm recently, L. H. Newman, Dominion cerealist, declined to make extravagant claims for the new wheat which he has nursed all these years. "I think that Garnet wheat will be a most useful wheat for certain parts of Western Canada," was all he would say. He added that his greatest difficulty was in restraining the optimism of those who have followed the record of Garnet wheat. Mr. Newman looks at it from a cold and scientific point of view. "Garnet wheat revolutionizes the wheat production of Western Canada, as he admits it is very likely to do, so much the better. Until the revolution is an accomplished fact, however, Mr. Newman is not going to say a word about it.

For some years, the experiments with Garnet wheat have been assuming an ever-increasing importance in the eyes of Mr. Newman. For several seasons, he brought on this new variety in the little experimental soil patches at the Ottawa farm. Then as he noticed its rapid ripening qualities, he decided to push it faster. Seeds were sent out to the various experimental farms and subjected to different climatic conditions. Garnet wheat stood up under all these tests.

In 1925 Garnet wheat was grown on about 100 selected farms in Western Canada, and its record is one which augurs well for the future of the Prairies.

In Southern Alberta, Garnet wheat ripened and was threshed long before the snow and rain storms came. Marquis and other varieties of wheat grown in the same field is unthreshed. At Morden, Man., Garnet was grown alongside Marquis wheat. At the time the Garnet wheat was ready for the binder, the Marquis had still ten days or more to go, and bore considerable rust, which might easily do it tremendous injury.

#### APPRECIATIVE OF THE LOCAL PAPER

The village of Norwood, in the County of Peterboro, is one where business people and citizens generally recognize the value of the weekly newspaper and appreciate its worth to the community which was demonstrated when The Register, published by Messrs. J. F. Keefe & Son, suffered the loss of their plant by fire. The fire occurred at an early hour on a Sunday morning. The Library Board met the same day and offered Messrs. Keefe the free use of the basement of the Library building. The Town Council met on Monday morning and volunteered the basement of the town hall. On Monday afternoon, a committee of business men waited on the publishers and offered their services in any way within their power. The Farmers' Club had a meeting, and they sent similar offers of assistance. These and other public recognitions, to say nothing of the many individual indications of deep feeling and warm friendship, must have helped wonderfully to give the proprietors fresh courage to carry on—Collingwood Bulletin.

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### To Water House Plants

(Henry J. Moore)

The plants which we grow in our homes are of a very diversified nature, some naturally grow wild in tropical or sub-tropical countries, others in sub-temperate regions. Some delight in the full blaze of the desert sun, as for instance, the Cacti, others in the shade of the forest, the ferns and some of the palms, require a light, porous soil for their welfare, with lots of vegetable matter therein (humus); others require a heavier soil. Many can endure without much moisture at the root, others must have it more abundantly, or they will not grow successfully. In spite of all these things, wonderful success may be achieved when care is exercised in our homes in the culture of house plants, even when the plants of a nature so diverse have to be grown under practically one condition, that which the living-room affords.

**Conditions Necessary for Success**  
Plants require air, warmth, moisture and food for their welfare, but in this article, we will deal only with the practice of watering, for upon this, all conditions being right, will surely hang the fate of our plants. To know when and how to water the plants is knowledge of prime importance without which success will not be possible.

We should not forget that as the various kinds of plants are potted in soils of different texture, these soils will vary in their power to retain moisture; some will hold it a week, others perhaps only two days. Carrying out the thought further, we also find that some plants though growing in the same sized pot and bulk of soil as others, do not draw upon the soil's moisture to the extent as do the others. This may be due to one or both of two conditions (a) having smaller leaves and other transpiring surfaces or thickened cuticles (skin) they do not give off as much moisture as those with large transpiring surfaces. Examples of the former class, Cactus; of the latter, Coleus and large leaved Begonias. (b) Being newly potted or lacking a good root system, they do not use the soil of moisture as do the plants which are pot-bound—the soil being filled with roots.

The lighter the soil used and the less firmly the plant is potted, that is the more open and porous the soil, the less will be its power to retain water. The heavier the soil and more firmly potted, greater will be the power to retain water. A plant potted under the latter condition will as a rule not require so many applications of water during a given period as under the former. Soil conditions and other things being equal.

Usually we pot Ferns and Begonias in a light soil containing a lot of decaying leaf soil, Geraniums, Coleus, Aspidistra and similar plants in a soil in which loam preponderates, and perhaps we pot the latter a little more firmly. The plants of the Cactus family, including the Christmas and the night flowering Cactus, and also succulents such as the hen and chicken (Cotyledon), are potted in a similar way to the Ferns and Begonias, except that a little more coarse sand or perhaps broken lime rubble is added to the soil, thus making it all the more porous and non-retentive of water.

Ferns, Begonias, Geraniums, Coleus and Aspidistra, though potted in soils of somewhat different nature, will all wilt and suffer more quickly through lack of water at the root than will the Cacti, because the latter plants having storage cells for moisture, thick cuticles and few pores through which the moisture can escape, do not require so much. The proof of this being that by nature they are adapted to hot dry desert sands. A way to kill Cacti quickly in our homes is to water them as freely and as often as we do our Geraniums. A way to have them grow to perfection is to water them only when the soil in which they grow is almost at the dry stage and only then.

The proper time to apply water to our plants with the exception of Cacti or succulents is just before the soil becomes so dry as to cause the foliage of the plants to wilt, or when the soil is merely moist, the next stage being dryness, and then to water so adequately as to thoroughly saturate the ball of

earth, the water coming in absolute contact with each particle of soil and each tiny rootlet. The best way which, though not infallible, to tell when the plant requires water is to tap the pot with a hard object such as a knife handle, or the knuckle of the finger. If the pot rings, the soil is fairly or entirely dry. If the sound is dull, usually there will be plenty of moisture in the soil.

#### Time for Thought

If the pot rings, there will be air spaces in the soil from which the moisture has been withdrawn. If it does not ring, these air spaces are filled with moisture. Where then would be the sense of applying water to a soil which is still nearly saturated? To do this would be but to court failure with our plants because surely a sodden condition of the soil and perhaps also an acid condition would result through the injudicious application. In the case of Cacti, even when the pot rings somewhat when tapped, it is not always wise to apply water, the enormous quantity in their cells being sufficient to tide them over for a few days even when the soil has become dry.

During summer, growing plants will require more water than during winter, and this may be applied practically at any time during the day. In winter however, the plant should properly be watered only on the warmest and brightest days and superfluous water will drain away before nightfall. The water used should be at the temperature of the room. It need not necessarily be said that the pots should not at this or any other time be allowed to stand in the water which has drained from the soil. Harmful at all times, in winter it is doubly so to allow the water to remain in the saucers or jardinières.

#### Apply Fertilizers Carefully

Whether newly potted or not, the forementioned is a great way to ascertain the moisture content of the soil. When, however, it is contemplated to apply fertilizers to the soil, this should only be done when after potting, the plant is well rooted, its fine feeding roots thoroughly permeating the soil and extending out to the sides of the pot. Without doubt, nitrate of soda, used in the proportion of 1/4 ounce to the gallon of water, is a good stimulant, if used occasionally, perhaps bi-monthly, or any of the plant tablets used according to directions. These latter usually containing phosphoric acid and potash as well as nitrogen in available forms.

When through carelessness or oversight, the soil becomes thoroughly dry and the plant has wilted the best thing to do is to place the pot in a pail of water up to the level of the soil and to allow it to stand until the soil is equally as thoroughly saturated. A wilted plant should never be placed in a very warm or sun-lit position until it has regained its natural appearance, its cells having again become turgid.

#### Must Have Been Hot

A college student had pawned a suit of clothes and redeemed it later on his way home. His mother, while unpacking the trunk, came upon the coat with a tag on it.

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