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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, August 19, 1926.

PRICEVILLE EVENT WAS WELL ATTENDED

Second Annual Garden Party of the Priceville Presbyterian Congregation was held Thursday.—An Excellent Program of Music and Addresses Provided.

The second annual garden party of the Priceville Presbyterian congregation was held on the school grounds Thursday evening, August 12. The threatening weather in the afternoon once again gave way to a bright and pleasant evening, and a crowd of well over eight hundred people thronged the grounds until nearly midnight. Never, perhaps, have so many cars been seen in Priceville at any gathering. A suggestion for next year would be to have a director of parking so as to have sufficient room for the crowd around the platform. Practically the whole village turned out en masse, and many were present from Durham, Hanover, Flesherton, Markdale, Swinton Park, Shelburne and Toronto. The usual Priceville spirit of camaraderie was in evidence from the well-loaded supper tables to the stirring call of the bagpipes played by Neil Cameron.

An attempt was made to gather the crowd into the Agricultural Hall on the grounds, but it was soon apparent that not all of those present could hope to get in, so the program was held under the great spreading maples that surround the grounds. The comment was general that never at an outdoor gathering in Priceville had such a well-ordered audience been present. Even when rain threatened, the attention of the big crowd was undivided. This was due in large measure to the splendid and varied program which lasted about two and a half hours.

The address of the evening was given by the Rev. Dr. S. Banks Nelson of Knox Presbyterian church, Hamilton, whose scintillating Irish wit and incisive reasoning roused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Greeted by the question, "What's his politics?" Dr. Nelson based his address on the words of his reply, "Equal rights for all, special privileges for none." The principle, said the speaker, is characteristically Presbyterian, and because it is, the heroic resistance of Presbyterians all over Canada to the injustice of the Church Union Act has resulted in the perpetuation stronger and more virile than ever of the great Presbyterian Church in Canada.

"They say it was the dour, stubborn Scotch who resisted this injustice," he said, and the Union is not working and will not because the dour Scotch wouldn't come in." In striking and graphic language, he proceeded to illustrate what the world and civilization and progress have owed to these dour Scotch. Invention after invention was cited in semi-humorous seriousness, ending finally in the gas engine whose horn whose enthusiasm was using to punctuate the frequent outbursts of admiring applause. Strict and sterling honesty characterizes the Scotch always, said Dr. Nelson. Hence their determined resistance in Priceville and elsewhere throughout Canada to an act of Parliament that declared a tie vote to be a majority. Nowhere else in the world had this ever been done, an iniquity that needed a special law to render it possible. Forecasting prospective legislation in the form of a Remedial Bill, Dr. Nelson said that the clause covering tie votes would be rendered inoperative and the temporary loss of their beloved church and property should terminate. Emphasizing the fact that the Presbyterian church is not and never has been an incorporated body, Dr. Nelson stressed the fact that ownership of property always rested in the local congregation. Citing the Burlington case as an instance, he spoke of the joy of a congregation in the restoration of their church and property after a re-vote had been ordered before the county judge.

A warm tribute was paid to the fine spirit of friendly co-operation shown by the local Roman Catholics whose friendship and goodwill were shown by the presence of large numbers from Scotchtown and Glenelg Centre and in many other ways. "That is as it should be," averred Dr. Nelson.

Mr. John H. Cameron, a Saskatoon businessman, brought greetings from

the Presbyterians there who had been "turned out on the street too," as he said. Now there are three, thriving Presbyterian congregations in that city with five large Sunday schools. St. Andrew's, the congregation of Rev. W. G. Brown, is building a new church to be ready in September.

A Good Program

While the addresses given were of a high order, the musical part of the program was by no means neglected. There were popular selections by a local orchestra, and excellent vocal selections by Shelburne and Hanover talent.

In these special mention must be made of the rendering of "Annie Laurie" and "Mary of Argyle" by two Shelburne ladies, Miss Berwick and Mrs. Gabriel, and "The Boots" by the Hanover quartette composed of Messrs. Hamilton, Glebe, Luesing and Winkler. Gornet solos by Mr. Jobson of Shelburne were also good. Taken all in all, it was one of the best programs of the kind we have heard this year, and the committee in charge of arrangements are to be congratulated.

A spontaneous evidence of affection for the pastor, Rev. Angus Sutherland, was shown by the vigorous and long-sustained outburst of applause that followed the chairman's earnest tribute to the fine qualities of devotion and sincerity found in the minister. Rev. B. D. Armstrong of Durham added his word of admiration for Mr. Sutherland, whose health has been somewhat uncertain recently.

One of the most popular numbers possibly was the short address of Mr. J. A. McDonald of Glenelg, a former resident of Priceville vicinity, and "the oldest Presbyterian" on the grounds, in fact the oldest member of the Priceville congregation. Mr. McDonald told of the early days of the church and the hardships endured by the pioneers in attending worship. They had no motor cars in those early days, and in many cases no horses, but they were regular attendants at worship. The speaker told of the early singing under the direction of a precursor, a position he himself held, and during his occupancy of the platform, sang in Gaelic one of the old Psalms so well known to the early Scottish Presbyterians.

The garden party was a success in every way, over \$300 being taken in at the gate and at the bazaar. The chairman of the evening was Mr. J. L. McKinnon of Saskatoon, who performed the duties in his usual capable manner and delivered a fine address as well. Considerable of the success of the program, too, was due to the fine work of Misses Mowatt of Shelburne and Muter of Hanover, who acted as accompanists for the musical numbers.

400 DELEGATES AT INSTITUTE CONVENTION

Met at Kimberley Thursday Last Week in Annual Session.—Next Year's Convention to Be Held in Durham.

Several car loads of Women's Institute members from town were at Kimberley on Thursday last in attendance at the county convention. Despite threatening rain, there were about 400 delegates present from North, South and Centre Grey.

The convention was opened by the president, Mrs. J. E. Holliday of Mount Forest and the address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. H. H. Thompson of Mill Creek. The reply was made by Mrs. Louis Dandard of Kemble. The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. B. J. Long, gave a good report showing that of the receipts and expenditures there was a balance of \$37.45 on hand.

At the annual election of officers, the chair was taken by Mrs. H. Down of Flesherton, the election resulting in last year's executive being returned to office. The 1927 convention is to be held in Durham.

On the program was Mrs. Thomas Frizzell of Bognor, for North Grey. Mrs. E. E. Hockridge of Hopeville and Miss Burritt of Kimberley contributed solos during the morning session.

Afternoon Session

The reports of the districts was the first order of business, and the activities of the various branches were touched on. During the afternoon several addresses were delivered, among the speakers being Mrs. William Rogers of Holstein, Miss Agnes C. Macphail, ex-M.P., Mrs. Sidney Banks of Shelburne and Mrs. H. M. Aitken of Beeton, the government lecturer. The latter gave some interesting information concerning conditions in rural districts, where deplorable instances of neglect of mothers and children, resulting in death, are frequently revealed. The death rate among mothers is greater in mothers is greater in Simcoe and other Ontario counties than in the slums of London or any other country in the world except the United States. She asked the Institutes to help in creating a public sentiment in favor of rural health inspection and other good things, which the government is willing to provide.

BRIDGE CONTRACT WAS LET MONDAY

Work to Commence at Once on Bridge Damaged Last Spring by Annual Saugeen River Flood.

At the last meeting of the Town Council, the matter of the repairing of the Garafra street bridge was left in the hands of the Board of Works, of which Mayor Murdoch is chairman. On Monday of this week, that body let the contract to the Vivian T. Bartman Company of Toronto, at present engaged in the construction of the Noble bridge in Bentinck, near Hutton Hill.

The tender from this company was before the Council at its last meeting, the sum of \$1,490 being asked. This included the work of straightening out the sidewalk on the east side, the Council to procure the necessary steel and other material. On Monday the company agreed to do the work for \$1,490 and supply everything.

Work on the repairs, we understand, is to commence immediately. The Bartman company have nearly completed the first stage of their operations at the Hutton Hill bridge, and before they can go ahead and finish the work, some days will elapse before the concrete work is properly set, and as they would have to move away and come back again, the repairing of the Durham bridge can be done between spells. This is believed the reason for their agreeing to finish the whole work at less than the original estimate. The company supplies all material with the exception of the railing for the outside.

CAME THIRD IN FIDDLERS' CONTEST

Mr. Robert Watt of Town, Competed in Big Event at Owen Sound on Monday Night.

Mr. Robert Watt of town, accompanied by his niece, Miss Jessie Reid, was in Owen Sound Monday night, where he competed in the old fiddlers' contest held in the Classic Theatre. Mr. Watt is 78 years of age, and while he did not capture the first prize in the first night's contest, was successful in securing third place in a field of five.

Commenting on the contest, the Sun-Times of Tuesday said that the contestants used excellent judgment in the selection of their offerings and that the theatre was filled to capacity. Pearson day was the winner of Monday night's contest and qualified to enter the finals last night, the competition occupying the first three nights of this week.

In addition to the fiddling there was also a square dance contest in which Miss Reid was a competitor with Mr. Wilfred McNab as partner. The first place in this competition was won by Mrs. Roe and Mr. Ted Jordan. Other competitors were Mrs. Evans and Mr. Bruce Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith.

FIELD CROP WINNERS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY

Mr. Robinson of St. Marys was in this district Monday and Tuesday judging the annual Field Crop Competition held under the auspices of the South Grey Agricultural Society. Following is his finding, the names of the various farmers being in order of standing:

Thomas Young, John McGirr, Alex. Grierson, Richard Barber, W. J. Ritchie, William Mather, David Robinson.

Married people usually are happy if they agree about which one is the wonder.

KNOX CHURCH W. M. S. MET LAST WEEK

Mrs. (Rev.) Forbes of Weston to Address Thankoffering Meeting in October.

The August meeting of the W. M. S. of Knox United church was held at the home of the President, Mrs. J. Bell, Glenelg, Wednesday, August 11, with a good attendance. The gathering was held on the lawn of the home, and after opening exercises, some business was brought up relative to the Society's work. Two quilts are in preparation to be sent to a new mission hospital of the church in the fall. Also it was arranged that the Society have Mrs. (Rev.) Forbes of Weston, come to address them for their Thanksgiving in October. The scripture reading was taken by Mrs. W. Bourne, while the Bible reading was taken by Miss Dorothy Ritchie for her mother. The story was based on a Dr. Luke who described the gathering and feast of the first United church in China. The paper was taken by Mrs. James Mather, which dwelt on the beginnings of the Presbyterian church in Canada, of the W. M. S., Order of Deaconesses, Ladies' Aid, etc., and when and where they originated. Mrs. Bell at the close gave the story of Rev. Dr. Hugh McKay, who for 40 years was missionary to the Indians at Round Lake Reserve. At the close of the meeting, a generous lunch was served by Mrs. Bell and assistants.

SOFTBALL GIANTS PERFORM TONIGHT

Final Game in Softball Championship Takes Place This Evening at 5 o'Clock.—Big Crowd Sure to Be on Hand to Witness Local Sportsmen Battle for First Honors.

Tonight's the night! Commencing at 5 o'clock, the final game of the series for the Town League championship will be staged on the High school grounds when the Clerks and the team of the Durham Stone & Sand Company meet in their third game. The series was to be decided by the best two games out of three, and both teams have won one each, the Stone Plant annexing the first and the Clerks the second game.

It is quite needless to say that there is great interest being taken in the outcome, and if the game is anything like the advance notices, the smashing of the Hindenburg line in the closing days of the great war will be a mere pigmy affair compared with the stuff that is sure to be uncerked this afternoon and evening.

Both teams, to use a common expression, are there with bells on, and their backers are right out with the coin to say that their favorites can win. Judging by the last meeting when interest ran exceptionally high, this one will be the game of games, and the one softball fans have been waiting long to see.

Revenge! A busy housewife came into the sitting-room, a determined look in her eyes: "I shall have to punish those children," she began. "What have the little beggars been doing now?" asked father, looking up from his newspaper. "Why, they've made a mess of my sewing room," exclaimed his wife. "Needles, spools of cotton, scissors—everything has been hidden away in the most unexpected places. It's exasperating."

Her husband laid down his paper and smiled. "I did that," he said calmly. "You tidied up my desk so beautifully the other day that I thought it only fair to return the compliment. So I tidied up your sewing room."

HAD TONSILS REMOVED

Miss Maud Kelsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kelsey, had her tonsils removed at the local hospital yesterday. A son of Captain McLachlan of Ceylon also underwent a similar operation, both of which were performed by Dr. D. B. Jamieson.

Willing to Do Something "Halp! Halp! Izzezy, I'm drownin'!" "I can't swim, Ikey. Throw me your vatch, and I'll pray for you."

Sense in the head puts dollars in the bank.

LOCAL RESIDENCES CHANGED HANDS

Two Houses Purchased During Past Week, One by Bentinck Farmer and Other by Local Resident.

Mr. John Lloyd of Albert street concluded a deal on Saturday last whereby he disposed of his residence to Mr. Arch. McDougall of Bentinck. Mr. McDougall, we understand, gets possession almost immediately.

Mr. Lloyd and family purpose moving to Toronto for the present, but intend subsequently to locate at Oshawa. Mr. Lloyd has been a life-long resident here, and it is no doubt with considerable regret that he leaves the old town, and we can assure him that the citizens also regret the departure of himself and family from the place. At the same time, we extend a welcome to Mr. McDougall and family, who have for years been respected residents of Bentinck Township.

Another deal was concluded Monday of this week whereby Mr. Doyle Braithwaite purchased the residence on Queen street for the past couple of years owned by Mr. Art. McDonald. This is the former George Meikle property and is at present occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker, who, owing to the change of ownership, will be forced to seek another residence.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SOON OVER

High School Opens September 7, With Public School September 1.

It will be only two short weeks now until the ding-dong of the school bell will be again heard over the town and the small boys and girls who have for the past couple of months been foot-loose so far as school is concerned will commence another year of work in preparation for the time they will go out into the world to earn their own livelihood.

The Public school this year commences on Wednesday, September 1, and the High school on Tuesday, September 7.

Adversity will develop what you have got in you, but it can't give manhood to a born whiner.

HAMPDEN CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

Held Tuesday Night on Grounds of Wilfred Anderson, and Was Well Attended.

The congregation of the Hampden United church held their annual garden party on the grounds of Mr. Wilfred Anderson, and this popular annual affair was greeted with a good crowd, something over \$50 being taken in at the gate.

The grounds were well lighted by gas lanterns, and those who attended report an excellent time in social intercourse and in listening to an excellent program.

The chairman of the evening was Mr. Alex. Cooper of Parkhill, and following a softball match between Ebenezer and Knox teams, in which the score at full time stood 6-6, he lost no time in getting the program in motion. The Hanover Hawaiian orchestra was present and rendered several good musical selections, while a quartette of Hampden young people consisting of Messrs. Wilfred Anderson, Andrew Marshall, Elizabeth Hughes and Pearl Helwig, gave an excellent vocal number. There was also a duet by the Helwig sisters that was much enjoyed.

Readings by Miss McAlister and Miss Lulu Dierlan were popular numbers, as was also a trio by the Henderson children.

Short addresses by R. T. Edwards, Conservative candidate, and Miss Myrtle McKessick of Massie, were features of the program. Luncheon was served at the close, and during the evening, the booth, run under the auspices of the W.M.S., did a good business.

A zealous but untrained reformer had secured permission to speak at the county gaol.

"Don't kid yourself," came a gloomy voice. "I've got eighteen years here yet."

Ah, well, when people were more easily shocked, they were also more easily fooled.

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DURHAM MARKET

Corrected August 19, 1926.

Live Hogs	\$12.25
Wheat	1.20 @ 1.25
Oats40 @ .45
Barley	.....	.35 @ .40
Buckwheat	.....	.50 @ .55
Peas	.....	1.10 @ 1.15
Mixed Grain, per cwt.	.....	1.15 @ 1.25
Hay	.....	16.00
Eggs	.....	.49 @ .55
Butter	.....	.25 @ .30
Potatoes, per bag	.....	2.25

Specials This Week

Men's Good Solid Work Boots, suitable for farm wear. A bargain @.....\$3.45

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sharp, Guelph spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Backus. Miss Mabel returned with them after spending her vacation with her grandparents and friends in the vicinity.

Mr. Emerson Thompson has taken a position in Durham.—Flesherton Advance.

Mrs. Clarence Furlong and her daughter, Helen, of Toronto, visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glass for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Stanley Youngs, after a few weeks' visit with her mother, Sparring, and sister, Mrs. Glass, left on Monday for a visit with friends in Stratford, before returning to her home in Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newton, of Stratford, Ont., but now residing in Hollywood, Florida, visited at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glass for a few days, having motored an entire distance of 1,800 miles.

Mrs. A. J. Grosswell of Toronto and her brother, Mr. Thomas J. Ronald, in Bentinck, and with other friends in the vicinity.

Dr. and Mrs. McMillan and family of Toronto spent a week or so with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Law.

Mr. George Willoughby of Mira, N.Y., a former resident here, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gentry on Friday last. Mr. Willoughby was at Chesley visiting his mother, who is 84 years of age, renewed old acquaintances here, before returning. He reports Mr. Willoughby as well and still very interested in Durham, and left Saturday morning for Toronto on a return journey. Mr. Willoughby, foreman in the Willys-Overland plant at Elmira, where transmissions are manufactured exclusively for the cars sold in the States.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Drysdale, son, Don, Hamilton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. Gagnon, Mrs. Drydale and son have been here some days, but Mr. Drysdale left Saturday, returning on Monday afternoon.

Messrs. E. McQueen and Lloyd Clocklin motored up from Toronto and spent Sunday at their parents' homes here.

Mr. Sidney Standen of Stratford, a former resident here, has returned to the Robert Matthews house in Toronto and will move here in a date in the near future.

Misses Myrtle and Margaret were home from Toronto since a few days under the parental wing.

Mrs. M. Murdoch and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Murdoch, of Oshawa where the latter is teaching, are spending part of the vacation here with Messrs. Frank and H. Murdoch and family.

Mr. William Pettit, son of Mr. Mrs. Thomas Petty here, arrived town Monday and is relieving local C. P. R. depot agent, Mr. A. Hay, who is holidaying on shores of Lake Scugog.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wigg family have been visiting with brother, Mr. Alex. Fletcher and today in Bentinck. Mr. Wigg returns to his home at Seaford, Mrs. Wigg is remaining for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Banks left today morning for their home Kamsack, Sask., after a few weeks' visit with Mr. Banks' mother, Glenora.

Mrs. Hempstock of Hamilton visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. Murdoch.

Mr. Murray Smith left Monday for Brighton after two weeks' holiday at the parents' home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Buchanan of Priceville are visiting with Mr. C. Howell, in town, and with Mrs. Thomas Ritchie, in Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brown, two children of Port Stanley, spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gowan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Runciman Toronto are visiting with Mr. Mrs. Arch. Ferguson, near Priceville. We were pleased to have short call from them Tuesday, were pleased to receive an invitation from Mr. Runciman to be and attend the next annual picnic of old residents of Egrement at Park, Toronto, next year.

Mr. Ed. Allan of Toronto visited town Monday and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. The Allan. Mr. Allan returned Tuesday, being accompanied by two youngest children, who visited the past week with their parents.

Mrs. Adam Robertson is on an extended visit with her daughter, Smith of Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pearce Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Whitefish are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Linn.

Mr. James Milligan and Miss Misses Effie and Helen, returned Tuesday from a motor trip to Venhurst, Muskoka and Huntsville where they enjoyed a luncheon boat trip to Natural Park.

Miss Vina Kress of Buffalo, visiting her father and sister town.

Miss Mary McIlraith, deaconess Toronto, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McIlraith.