

## RURAL TRUSTEES MET AT CHATSWORTH

Interesting Debate on Proposed Township School Board System.—Rev. W. M. Morris of Toronto Spoke on "The Aims of Education".

The village hall, Chatsworth, was filled with interested and enthusiastic listeners on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m., when the Rural Trustees Association of Grey County held their annual meeting. Representatives were present from practically all points in the county, as well as prominent educationists from other centres. Besides the gentlemen present, many of whom identify themselves with school affairs as members of the Rural Boards of Trustees, there were a large number of ladies and young people in attendance, demonstrating how keen an interest is taken by rural residents in the education of the youth of their communities and the welfare of the rural educational system. The annual meeting was doubly interesting this year, as it occasioned a carefully prepared programme for the purpose of setting forth the pros and cons of the proposed act to provide for Township Boards of Public School Trustees, to replace the present system. A debate on this subject was the feature of the convention, participated in by four very able and well informed debaters. The main address of the convention was delivered by Rev. W. M. Morris, of Toronto, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian School Trustees' Association.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises by Rev. W. A. MacWilliam of Chatsworth, and an address of welcome to Chatsworth delivered by Reeve Stephen H. Breese, who expressed his pleasure in the first meeting of this educational body in Chatsworth and its stimulus to higher things. A brief address was given by the chairman, Mr. Robert Crane, President of the Grey Rural Trustees' Association. A treasurer's statement was presented, showing a balance on hand of \$86.19. The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, Past President Mr. Carson, occupying the chair. The executive were unanimously returned to office as follows: President, Mr. R. Crane; Vice-President, Mr. Corbett; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. Jolley; Auditors, Messrs. McGillivray and Bishop. The delegates to the O. E. A. Convention in the Spring of 1929 (Continued on page 7)

## GREY COUNTY CROPS IN FINE CONDITION

Barring Setbacks Crops of All Kinds Will Be Very Abundant.—Fall Wheat Never Looked Better Than at the Present Time.

Inquiries made of the Department of Agriculture at Markdale regarding the condition of the crops throughout Grey county elicit the information that they are in excellent shape for so early in the season. Mr. T. Stewart Cooper, and his assistant, Mr. Smith, have been covering the country pretty thoroughly during the past week or two in assisting the farmers and in giving them advice on many subjects and both are of the opinion that, barring any setbacks, and with the advent of good weather for a few weeks, the crops will be abundant.

The cold, frosty nights have had a slightly deterrent effect on the hay growth, but there is no reason for pessimism and the warmer weather, with an occasional rain, will have the desired effect. Everything points to this being an exceptionally good year for fruit in this section, especially fruit such as cherries and plums, which were more or less scarce last year, but it is a little early to make any predictions regarding the apple crop. Fall wheat never looked better than at the present time, and the farmers are just waiting for the crops to benefit by the weather conditions.



Hon. John D. MacLean of British Columbia, who will lead the Liberal party in a test of strength in July, when a general election will be held. Premier MacLean, who is a native of Prince Edward Island, succeeded to the chieftainship of the provincial Liberal party on the death of the Hon. John Oliver last year.



## MOTHER, TWO SONS DROWNED IN MANITOBA

Mrs. Charles Harbottle Was Wife of Former Resident of Durham.—Bodies Have All Been Recovered.

Mr. Albert Noble received a telegram Tuesday morning from Pine Falls, Manitoba, informing him that Mrs. Charles Harbottle and two sons, 8 and 6 years of age, had been drowned Sunday in the Winnipeg river at that place, and that the funeral was being held Thursday at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

According to a dispatch from Winnipeg, Mrs. Harbottle and party were boating on the river on Sunday morning, when, owing to the swamping of their boat, the party were thrown into the water with the result that Mrs. Harbottle, her two sons, and Jack Lippert, 11, son of William Lippert, manager of the branch of the Royal Bank, were all drowned. The body of Mrs. Harbottle was recovered the same day, but the three children were not discovered until Monday.

Eight persons were in the large rowboat, which was fitted with an outboard motor. The others in the boat, who were saved, were Charles Harbottle, Mr. and Mrs. William Leppert, parents of Jack Lippert and Spencer Leppert, also a son of William Leppert.

The eight members of the party had left Pine Falls, where all reside on Sunday morning to enjoy a picnic along the shores of the river. On the return journey, when about four miles from home, the boat encountered a heavy squall in a river bend and was swamped, the occupants being precipitated into the water. Four managed to catch the upturned boat and were later rescued by Indians in canoes.

Mrs. Harbottle was a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and after her marriage she and her husband resided there until about two years ago when they moved to Pine Falls, where Mr. Harbottle was employed by a big paper company. Though not well known here, Mrs. Harbottle, with her husband and family, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Noble here and with friends in the vicinity of Faversham two years ago.

Mr. Harbottle is an old Durham boy, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Harbottle, and moved with his parents to the Canadian Soo some years ago. He was born in Durham and has still many school-day acquaintances here. With the citizens The Chronicle joins in extending sympathy to himself and one remaining daughter, Miss Beulah.

## BENTINCK RESIDENT DIED SUDDENLY

Late John Bartman Passed Away Early Monday Morning.—Had Been Resident on Durham Road, Bentinck, for Fifteen Years.

The sudden passing of Mr. John Bartman, a respected farmer living about four miles west of town on the Durham Road, early last Monday morning was not only a shock to his family, but to the whole neighborhood. Mr. Bartman had a slight fall last Thursday, and while rumor had it that this had something to do with his death, we learn that this was not the case, the deceased having passed away about 3 o'clock in the morning apparently from apoplexy or some like trouble. Mrs. Bartman not noticing any trouble until a short time before he passed away. Though the family physician was summoned, death occurred only a few minutes after his arrival.

Mr. Bartman was born in Bentinck in 1877, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bartman. He lived at the parental home south of Allan Park until 24 years ago, when he was married to Miss Elizabeth Edmonds. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bartman moved to Normandy, living on the town line between that township and Bentinck. Fifteen years ago they came to the farm on the Durham Road, where they have remained ever since.

Besides his widow, Mr. Bartman leaves a family of six daughters and four sons: Laura, Emily, Myrtle, Pearl, Edith and Ruth, and Reuben, Milton, Russell and Wesley, all living at home. A son, Aylmer died two years ago last March. The late Mr. Bartman was a man much esteemed wherever known, was a kind husband and father, and his death at the early age of 51 years is to be regretted. The funeral was held from the family residence yesterday afternoon at 1.30, to the Memorial church at Hanover, with interment in Crispin's cemetery. The Rev. Bro. Homuth conducted the services.

## AIR TANK BLEW UP; NOBODY WAS INJURED

Free Air Service at Smith Bros' Garage Put Out of Commission When Big Tank Exploded Last Monday Morning.

With a bang that could be heard all over the lower part of town, and which rocked the building containing the Smith Bros. garage, the big air tank in the workshop blew up about 11 o'clock Monday morning, and as a result the free air service will be out of commission for a day or two until a new tank has been delivered and installed. The tank was a big fellow and was being pumped up when the accident occurred. W. Benson having turned on the motor that ran the air pump. Mr. Benson heard the tank commencing to leak and was walking across the end of the shop to shut off the power when the explosion occurred. No record was kept of the time Bill made in getting out the back door, but when seen making his exit he was "going some" and singing what sounded suspiciously like Frank Crummit's "Kingdom Comin'".

As a result of the explosion the inside of the plant was somewhat badly wrecked. Part of a partition was torn out, every window and sash in the place was blown out, miscellaneous tools and light machinery scattered about, while for a few minutes it was impossible to see anything for the dust and dirt that had been let loose.

It was only a few moments before quite a large crowd had collected, and while the matter was taken more or less as a joke, the result of the explosion might easily have been much more serious. The pressure in the tank at the time of the explosion was in the neighborhood of 150 pounds, and all that remains of the air container is a mass of twisted iron.

## DURHAM W. I. HEARD DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Met at Home of Mrs. John McGirr Last Thursday, When Good Addresses Were Delivered.

Mrs. W. H. Rogers, District President, was one of the principal speakers at the monthly meeting of the Durham branch of the South Grey Women's Institute, held on Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. John McGirr, Glenelg. There were 38 ladies present and the meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. W. Glass. Considerable business was disposed of, among which were plans for the district annual meeting, to be held in Durham on June 28.

Mrs. Rogers of Holstein, who was a visitor, gave an excellent address on "Influence", what a wonderful thing it is, and how our actions influence others. Influence is a thing which cannot be measured, and in living one's daily life, the influence of daily contact with those of your acquaintance is an unknown quantity. The speaker appealed to all present to keep well informed on the temperance question and to work always for the overcoming of intemperance. Mrs. Rogers also spoke briefly on the work the Institute is doing in South Grey.

Following an excellent paper by Mrs. S. Patterson of Glenelg on "Our Canadian Women", a picnic lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants, when some splendid games were also indulged in.

PRESENTED WITH CASE

Miss Jean Harding, of town, is the possessor of a beautiful moccoc writing case, the gift of the Board of the Y. W. A. at Owen Sound, where she is attending school. During the past term Miss Harding has done all the playing for the Y. W. Gym classes and the management thought such service deserved recognition, hence the gift, which she cherishes very much.

PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL

Among patients admitted to Durham Hospital during the past week were Mrs. J. A. Lever and Mrs. F. McMullen, both of Flesherston, both of whom underwent operations. Mrs. Roy Vickers of Warton is also a patient who has been recently admitted.

Mr. George Burnett of town was a patient for two or three days last week suffering from gall-stones and Mr. Arthur Lane of Swinton Park, kicked in the stomach by a horse, is an inmate and will likely be under the care of the staff for a few days longer.

## DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL HAS HIGH GRADING

Local Institution Graded As High As Is Possible in Schools of This Size.—Teaching Staff Are Complimented.

Following the visit of A. J. Husband, High School Inspector, to Durham school on May 28, we stated that the Durham school was to receive a much higher grading than formerly, the reason being the additional equipment and accommodation owing to the recent addition which is now occupied by the staff and scholars. Mr. Husband's report gives the school an even higher grading than we anticipated, the grading being No. 1 in everything but waiting rooms, ventilation and accommodation.

The fact of the waiting rooms being located in the basement has been responsible for the lower grading in this class, but even here, the school has received a No. 2 grade instead of the No. 3 formerly given. In ventilation the school is graded No. 2, but as the requirements for a No. 1 grade are very strict this is not to be wondered at. There is nothing in the matter with the ventilation of the local school, and the only way in which a No. 1 grade in this class could be obtained would be by the installation of a motor and suction fan.

Inspector Husband's report is quite laudatory. He commends the local Board for the work it has done, suggests certain changes in the matter of equipment and pays a compliment to the teaching staff for the apparent deep interest they take in the work. Referring to Inspector Husband's remarks, we can not do better than quote him partially:

"The members of the High School Board and the people of Durham are to be congratulated on having solved, in a very satisfactory way, the problem of enlarging the High School building. It now provides ample accommodation for the present school population, and, unless the town grows very considerably, there will be sufficient work to carry on the work quite well for years. It would have been regrettable had this result not been attained, as this school has served the community well for a long time. Too much credit for its present condition cannot be given to the late Principal, Mr. Thomas Allan, under whose inspiration and guidance it was founded as a Continuation school and later raised to the rank of High school. The present Principal, Mr. Robb, is bringing up to the responsibility that has been entrusted to him and the work of the school seems from day to day. The members of the staff, too, are working well together, and a fine spirit of endeavor seems to prevail in each class."

As this is the official report of Inspector Husband, it can be taken most seriously by our readers, and the excellent classing that the school has received this year fully justifies the stand taken by the High School Board, the local press and the majority of our ratepayers who advocated the building of the addition to the old building and the purchasing of more and finer equipment.

## ROY PEARCE DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Was Well Known in Durham, and Stratford, His Home Town, Paid Him Remarkable Tribute at Funeral Held Saturday.

After an illness of over a year's duration, Mr. G. Roy Pearce of Stratford, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin of this town, passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. Baker, 119 Allert Street, Stratford, last Thursday afternoon.

For the past year or more Mr. Pearce had suffered from a tumor on the brain, and in hope of saving his life, had submitted to three operations in Toronto General Hospital, the last one only a short time ago. Following the first operation some months ago he apparently recovered for a time, but was again taken ill, and from a short time after his second illness, very little hope was held for his ultimate recovery, though everything humanly possible was done in the way of medical attention and competent nursing to ensure his recovery.

Mr. Pearce was a familiar figure on Durham streets, especially during the past couple of years, and while living here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Limin recuperating from the effects of his first operation, made many friends. Of a likable disposition, and genial nature, his friendships were easily gained and always retained, and there are many in town who feel deeply for his young widow and daughter, Ottillie, in their loss.

The late Mr. Pearce was born in Mitchell on March 22, 1890, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Pearce, 65 Front street, Stratford. When he was quite young the family moved to Stratford, where he resided for some years before removing to Listowel for a short time. In October, 1918, he was married to Miss Edna Marjorie Limin of this town, and shortly afterward they took up residence

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Prof. William Lash Miller of the University of Toronto, under whose direction Bios No. 1, a component part of living matter, has been synthetically produced in the laboratory. The discovery is hailed as one of the first magnitudes. One of the possibilities is that the divine spark of life might be created from inert chemicals. Prof. Miller is internationally known in bio-chemical circles. Many years ago he began his experiments with yeast.

## WILL TAKE VOTE ON HOSPITAL BYLAW

Town Asked to Guarantee Debentures for Erection of Addition to Local Hospital, and Vote Will Be Taken Soon.—Council had a Lengthy Session Monday Night.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the town fathers rose from their deliberations last Monday night, though it cannot be said it was the amount of business transacted. To commence, the Court of Revision was supposed to occupy the stage from 7 to 8 o'clock, but when this was at least half an hour getting under way, and then another half hour longer than was anticipated was spent in getting the business through, it was nearing 9 o'clock when the Council got started.

The Court of Revision was a sort of "whoa, back up" affair. At the session Monday night of last week, one of our citizens had his income tax assessment raised 500 per cent, another was assessed \$100 business tax on his business, while the gasoline pumps in town that were set in the street were also assessed on what was claimed to be an unfair basis. This work was partly or wholly "undone" at the meeting this week.

Councillor Henderson put a motion through that the income assessment on the citizen referred to (whose name, by the way, we are not mentioning) remain the same as last year. Since the last meeting he had been thinking the matter over, and decided that any citizen had no right to be raised in this manner when it was common talk about the board that there were other citizens in town liable for an income tax who were getting off scott free. He therefore had his motion carried, the intention being that the Council get more data on the subject, round up the whole bunch of alleged tax evaders, send them the necessary papers on which they could make their income returns and make them swear to the truth of their allegations. This seemed to please the Court and the motion carried without a dissenting voice.

C. C. Elvidge appeared before the Council to protest against being assessed \$100 for business tax. The Council had been led to believe by members of the local Hydro Commission that any business that had been transacted by Mr. Elvidge as secretary of the Commission was done absolutely on his own hook. The Hydro Commission in Durham was not in the electrical fixture or bulb business in any shape or form. This being the case the Court of Revision regarded Mr. Elvidge as a business man purely and simply, at least in opposition to those who were paying business tax to deal in the same commodities, and assessed him the minimum amount \$100.

Mr. Elvidge denied these allegations, said that anything that was sold by him was done through the local Hydro Commission and the articles disposed of at cost with an overhead charge of 10 per cent. Mr. Elvidge's statement was taken and the assessment struck off.

Gas Pumps Taxed

At the last meeting the Court assessed the gas pumps of the town at an average figure of around \$300. The price of the pumps was taken out of a March, 1928 catalogue of the Imperial Oil Company, according to Mayor Murdoch, but the garagemen of the town claimed that the figures were not correct. The price of the gas pumps was in the neighborhood of \$175, and as the rest of the town was alleged to not be assessed at full value the garagemen, through Mr. A. Noble voiced a strong protest. They did not kick particularly on the assessing of the pumps, though they claimed that outside of Paisley no other town assessed them, but they did expect the Council to play fair with them and give them a reasonable assessment. The final curtain was rung down when the

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## DURHAM POST OFFICE IS NOW OPEN

Doors Thrown Open to Public For First Time This Morning.—First Letter Was Mailed by Mrs. G. A. Thompson, and First Chronicle to Be Dispatched Went to Miss Macphail.

Durham's new post office opened to the public this morning. This was in accordance with instructions received the beginning of the week by Postmaster Smith from Inspector W. J. May of London District. The paraphernalia in connection with the old office, that is, such as was to be used in the new building, was moved in late Wednesday night and the new office opened for business at 8 o'clock this morning.

To Mrs. G. A. Thompson fell the honor of posting the first letter, and to The Chronicle the honor of posting the first newspaper. We do not know to whom Mrs. Thompson's letter was addressed, but the first Chronicle went to Miss A. C. Macphail, M. P. for South-East Grey, to whom it is to be given the credit for the erection of the office this year.

The Chronicle is sent Miss Macphail as the sitting member for Southeast Grey. We make this statement in order that Bob Edwards or Doc Campbell may not assume that we are turning U. F. C., for one reason, and to assure Miss Macphail we appreciate her efforts in the obtaining of the new municipal building for another.

The opening of the new building was pulled off very quietly and its occupancy will be a great convenience to the public and post office staff, though the latter will be a few days before they know the new layout of the boxes and the service for a time will possibly not be up to standard. All these things will rectify themselves in time and the new office finally synchronized with the business life of the town. In the meantime—have patience.

## HAD NAMES MIXED IN ACCIDENT REPORT

Late George Wright Was Son of William Wright of Hamilton, a Brother of John C. Wright.

In our report of the tragic death of Mr. George Wright, at Hamilton last week, who was killed when a car in which he was riding ran off the road into the ditch, we stated that he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright. This was an error, and we do not know why we made it. We knew that he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, but it is quite possible that, knowing John perhaps a little better than his brother, with whom we were also acquainted, the name got running through our head and the typewriter keys unconsciously made us say something which we had not intended.

The facts of the case as stated were correct mainly, the only mistake being in the parental name. We regret the error and make this correction that any reader who formed a wrong impression from our last week's write-up may get the facts correctly.

The late George Wright was born in Kincardine, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, who conducted the brickyard at that place for a number of years.

## HYMENEAL PATTERSON—FLOYD

At St. John's United Parsonage, at high noon Saturday, June 2, the marriage ceremony of Florence Jean, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Floyd, Chesley, and William Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Patterson, Durham, was conducted by Rev. R. M. Geiger. The bride was attractively gowned in a dress of rose-dawn frost crepe, and carried a shower bouquet of Sunburst roses, lily of the valley and fern. After the ceremony the happy couple left on an extended motor trip to the Muskoka Lakes district and Eastern Ontario. The bride's travelling costume was a coat of rose-dawn Ottoman cord, trimming of American broadtail, with transparent mohair hat and other accessories to match. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will reside on the groom's farm, near Durham.

## TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours

	8 am.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	54	70	46
Friday	48	72	40
Saturday	58	70	54
Sunday	41	62	36
Monday	55	75	43
Tuesday	62	80	47
Wednesday	68	82	62

The Weather  
The weather during the past week has been warming up until on Tuesday and Wednesday it was quite warm and the probabilities predicting local thunderstorms. Yesterday noon a few drops of rain fell but not enough to register in the gauge. The barometer during the week has been fairly stationary at 29.