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## OLD-TIME RAISING WELL ATTENDED

Three Hundred People Present at Raising of Framework of Malcolm McKechnie's New Barn Thursday Afternoon.—Was an Innovation for Many.

The old-time barn raising last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKechnie was one of the events of the summer, and a large crowd was there from near and far to witness what was to many their first glimpse of a barn raising. A common sight forty years or more ago, today the raising of a barn is an event, and while there are not so many now who know very much about it, we believe there is just as much interest taken as ever.

Present at the raising on Thursday were over one hundred farmers and neighbors who were there to do the real work of the afternoon. There were, we were told, one hundred and twenty men who sat down to supper. Watching the raising, but not taking any part in the actual labor, were fully one hundred and fifty more. These included women and children from the adjacent territory, and those from town who went out after supper, to take in the sight.

The raising was marred by one accident. Mr. James Crutchley being severely injured when a pike-pole broke, the heavy end coming down and striking him on the head, with the result that he received a scalp wound that required several stitches to close, as well as a broken nose, and some bruises. He was taken to Durham hospital, where his wounds were looked after, and though an inmate for a day or two, is making good progress towards recovery. While painfully injured, Mr. Crutchley was not knocked out, and was able to walk to a car, and has since been able to be up and around.

### An Old-Time Affair

The raising was gone ahead with in real old-time style. The bents were raised with the main strength of those assembled, assisted by pike poles, and it was marvellous the manner in which the crowd worked together, considering that there must have been many of the workmen who were assisting at their first raising. There were in all five bents and these were put up with a methodical regularity that was uncanny. Not only did this bespeak the handiness of those engaged at the raising, but also of the skill of the framer, Mr. Alex. Morton, under whose supervision the huge frame was put in position.

The barn, which replaces the one burned last fall when it caught fire, burned last fall when it caught fire from a threshing engine, is a larger structure than its predecessor, is built a different shape, and contains a larger number of square feet. The new building will be 50x62 with 20-foot posts, and is to be rushed to completion this fall to hold the present year's crop.

The raising was a big success from every standpoint, and following the completion of the work shortly before dark, nothing would do the big crowd but that Mr. and Mrs. McKechnie would open their house, the fiddles were taken from their places and young and old enjoyed a real old-fashioned dance until well on into the morning.

A bank clerk in New York has a shortage of \$496,665. It is hardly large enough, however, to secure for him immunity from punishment.—Chatham News.



Miss Laila Scott, president-elect of the Canadian Federation of University Women's Clubs. Miss Scott, who is on the staff of the University of Toronto, being a specialist in French and German, was elected at the fourth triennial conference in Vancouver.

## THE FUN'S ALL OVER; SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY

Annual Two Months' Holiday Comes to An End when School Bell Peals Forth Its Unwelcome Sound.—Many New Entrants.

It is nearly night now for the scholars of the local school, who, for the past two months, have been enjoying the annual holiday and, generally speaking, will not be enamored of the idea of going back for the educational grind of this fall, winter and next spring.

It's a hard world, and just when the pupils were getting down into the full enjoyment of their annual festival the department of education for Ontario has to take all the joy out of life for the small boy by calling him back to school.

With the opening of school on Tuesday there will be a largely increased attendance, especially in the Public school. Last Easter the usual number of beginners was not allowed to start, as it was felt that their addition would not be for the best interests of the other scholars, and of very little benefit to the beginners as well. The result is that all who intended starting out on their educational career last Easter will be added to the roll next week.

In the High school, the attendance will be considerably larger than last year, it is expected. Principal Robb has been enrolling prospective pupils during the past week and arranging the teaching schedule for the coming year.

Principal Graham of the Public school has requested that all intending sending their children to school this year, and more especially the beginners, see to it that they are on hand Tuesday morning that the proper arrangements can be made for their accommodation.



The late Lord Haldane, Viscount of Cloan, noted English statesman, who died Sunday at the age of 72.

## HIGHER GASOLINE TAX EFFECTIVE NEXT YEAR

Long Distance Drivers to be the Greatest Contributors Under the Proposed Law.

Motorists of Ontario who drive a great deal, will contribute substantially more next year to the revenues of the province, by way of gasoline tax. Those who cover only moderate mileage, or lay the car up for several months of the year, will not notice the difference so much, because there will be a counterbalancing reduction in the motor license fees.

Some months ago Premier Ferguson intimated that higher gas tax was coming, but he did not say just when. Yesterday he announced that the increase would be imposed next year.

"We want to get as near as possible," he said, "to an equitable basis, so that people who use the service provided by our road system will pay in accordance with the use they get and the damage they do."

The gasoline tax yielded \$4,032,941 in the fiscal year 1927, of which amount it was estimated that tourists paid \$300,000. The provincial treasurer's estimate of receipts from gas tax this year was \$5,130,000. Permits for passenger cars brought in last year \$3,755,222, and commercial permits, \$1,299,532.

### WILL UNVEIL MONUMENT

Plans are almost completed for the unveiling of the Mount Forest soldiers' monument, which will take place either on November 11 or November 12 this year. The monument, which is being erected at a cost of approximately \$3,000, is a handsome shaft of gray granite standing 20 feet in height. It will stand in Riverview Park.



G. W. Stephens of Montreal, who has been mentioned as a possible selection for the post of Canadian Minister to Tokio.

## ELMWOOD TELEPHONE HAS CHANGED OWNERS

Mr. Mark Mervyn of Durham is New Proprietor of Grey and Bruce County Line and Takes Possession Immediately.

Durham will lose another good family with the departure shortly of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mervyn, who with their family will soon take up their residence in Elmwood, where Mr. Mervyn has completed negotiations for the purchase of the Bowman telephone line, serving both Grey and Bruce counties in the Elmwood vicinity. Mr. Mervyn was to have taken over the line on the 1st of September, but as the transfer has to be sanctioned by the Board of Railway Commissioners, and no word has yet been received from this body, it may be a few days before the official notification comes.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn and family have been residents of the town for the past five or six years, moving here from Bentinck, where they owned the old Mervyn farm at Livingston's Corners, three miles west of here.

We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn and family, but wish them success in their new business venture.

### SERIOUSLY INJURED

Misses Hughes, Mrs. Kress and Mrs. Alexander received word Tuesday from Little Falls, Minn., announcing that their brother, Mr. George L. Hughes, a former well-known resident of Durham, had been injured in an automobile accident and was in the hospital in a serious condition. Miss Alma Hughes left yesterday morning to be with her brother, and until word comes from her, the family will be under great anxiety as to his condition.

Nothing further was in the telegram other than Mr. Hughes had been injured in an accident some 30 miles north of Little Falls, was in a serious condition, and the family here will be without any authentic information until the arrival of Miss Hughes, who will reach Little Falls some time this Wednesday.

Henry Hunking, Melancthon township farmer suffered serious injuries when he fell from a high plate, a distance of some 25 feet, at barn-raising on the farm of Roy McLaren. He received severe cuts about the forehead and was rendered unconscious for a time.

## HOSPITAL ADDITION TO BE FINISHED DEC. 1

Alex. Henderson Secured Contract For New Building at Meeting of Board Saturday Night.

Word on the addition to the Durham Hospital is to commence at once, and the contract has been secured by Alex. Henderson of Orangeville, who also had the contract for the High school addition last summer. According to the terms entered into the addition is to be finished by December 1, and the cost will be approximately \$15,000 with the heating plant and certain of the electric wiring extra.

The Board met at the office of Dr. Jamieson last Saturday evening. It was at first intended to hold it at the hospital, but after waiting around for an hour or so for the appearance of some of those interested, an adjournment was made down town.

There were in all five tenders received, two of them from Toronto firms, but after opening them and discussing the situation it was decided to give the contract to Mr. Work on excavating commenced yesterday, R. Campbell, town, having the contract.

## WAS FIRST TO STAKE FAMOUS NORANDA MINE

Dr. E. F. Armstrong of Cobalt Was in Town Tuesday and Gave The Chronicle a Short Call While on His Way to Toronto Exhibition.—Was Former Schoolmate of Editor of This Paper.

Reminiscences of thirty-odd years ago was the principal topic under discussion in The Chronicle office last Tuesday morning for a half hour or so, when Dr. E. F. Armstrong, a former Flesherston boy and school chum of the writer dropped into our sanctum on his way home from visiting his relatives in that village for the past few days. With him were his wife and four sons, and after a visit with friends at Buffalo, and a trip to the Toronto Exhibition, the party expects to reach their home at Cobalt a week from next Sunday.

To be exact, it is just about 32 years since we two met before, and it was quite natural that our conversation should drift back to the days when we cut our names in the school furniture, played hockey and made rafts on the Flesherston mill-pond, and did many other useless, but to us, necessary things, in the exuberance of our boyhood spirits.

"Ern" (short for Ernest) was the name our friend got sometimes, but to those of us who knew him best he went by the title "Dutch", though where it originated we do not know. The writer's father, the late editor of The Chronicle, was teacher in the Flesherston school at that time.

Personally, we have always entertained the notion that "Dutch" Armstrong and ourselves were the two most valuable pupils in the old Flesherston school. If anything went wrong while the teacher's back was turned, it was always quite safe for the teacher to whale the stuffing out of either one of us. There might be a slight mistake in the one selected, but it was always certain that one or the other was either responsible for the devilment, or an accessory before or after the fact. Anyway, one of us was usually in the "present" class when the long strap was taken from the little drawer on the teacher's platform. Right or wrong both could take his "trimming", and we don't believe either ever "peached" no matter how severe the punishment. The schoolmaster of the day looked mighty, and big, and cross, as he wielded that strap but we have a sneaking idea that he secretly admired us for the fact that no matter how hard the going, each took his medicine without a squawk.

But these old days are gone forever. After reviewing the good old days when a kid was a kid and shoes were taboo, we spent a few minutes in comparing notes as to what had happened in the interim. The writer went to the south, spent some years in the South Seas in sailing, with the army, in fact we tried a little of everything but the ministerial profession. Mr. Armstrong went to dental college and after graduating went into the North country and was one of the pioneers of the Cobalt district. He it was who named Pearl Lake; first staked the ground on which the Noranda and Hollinger mines are now located besides having various other mining claims which he sold some years ago. As a result of his prospecting, though this part was mentioned by Dr. Armstrong, he is now on Easy street financially, has been Mayor of Cobalt, and is one of the prominent residents of Ontario's newer section. In the Great War Dr. Armstrong went overseas as O.C. of one of the Northern Ontario regiments, and has since returned to Cobalt, where he expects, we infer, to spend the balance of his days in the enjoyment of sufficient competence that he will have no financial worries as to the future.

In our conversation we also spoke of the present-day idea of holding an Old Home Week for the boys and girls who have left Flesherston. This part of the conversation got under way after we had looked over some old school pictures, taken at the Flesherston school over 35 years ago. We were of one opinion. Flesherston should have an Old Home Week. Every town should have one. These celebrations mean little or nothing to those who have grown up and remained in their native town, but to those who have moved away and seldom return to the old scenes, well, there are few who would not welcome the chance to return and fraternize once more with those of their school pals who have passed out of their knowledge years ago, and are now only remembered as they appeared while attending the old school.



Prof. Lester B. Pearson of the University of Toronto, who has been appointed a first secretary of the department of external affairs at Ottawa. Mr. Pearson is a professor of modern history. He coached one of the university football squads for several years and was graduate coach of the hockey team last season. He is a graduate of Varsity and attended Oxford for a year.

## FELL TWENTY FEET NOT BADLY INJURED

Mr. David Hopkins Fell at Plant of Sand and Gravel Company Yesterday Afternoon and Had Narrow and Lucky Escape From More Serious Injury.

Falling from the trestle of the Sand and Gravel Company's plant here yesterday shortly after noon, and landing on the gravel some twenty feet below, Mr. David Hopkins, millwright and carpenter with the company, suffered a fractured rib, received some cuts about the head, and was considerably bruised. While shaken up considerably, inquiry by The Chronicle revealed that he was not seriously injured, but would be off work for a few days.

Mr. Hopkins might easily have been much more seriously injured, and while he is bad enough in any case, his escape even at that may be regarded as very lucky.

### STONE WENT THROUGH WINDOW

A car parked in front of the Noble garage yesterday afternoon, in starting up snapped a stone that was under the wheel through the plate glass window of McFadden's Drug Store. After splitting the glass and putting quite a fair-sized hole in the window the stone fell on the sidewalk in front of the store. There was some discussion after the accident as to who was responsible in a case of that kind. According to those in the discussion it has been held that the town is responsible in that stones should not be allowed to remain on the street; others said that it has been held in court that such accidents come under the head of acts of Providence, no one is responsible, and the merchant has to take his chances on such things. From this we would deduce that it depends to a great extent on the opinion of the presiding judge as to whom he considers responsible. Anyway, McFadden's window is broken. That is one thing over which there can be no argument.

### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen Branch met at the home of Mrs. Philip McDonald on August 17, with an attendance of 29. The meeting opened by singing the ode. Mrs. J. S. Davey read the 14th Psalm followed by the Lord's prayer. After committee reports were given and business transacted Miss Lottie Fletcher gave a report of the County convention at Meaford. A paper was given by Miss Mary McQuarrie entitled "Success" and Miss Catherine McLean put on a humorous contest. The roll call was then taken which was answered by Proverbs. The National Anthem closed the meeting, after which lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Annie Smith on September 21. All ladies invited to attend.

## MAGISTRATES' ASSN. MEETS IN TORONTO

Expected That Greater Number of Police Magistrates of Ontario Will Gather at New Ford Hotel in Annual Convention on Thursday and Friday of This Week.

Police Magistrate and Mrs. Laidlaw are in Toronto this week, the former in attendance at the annual convention of the Police Magistrates' Association, being held in the new Ford hotel. A copy of the programme before us speaks of a full two days' work.

On Thursday there will be a short address by the president, G. A. Langley of Peterborough, reports of the executive and a round table discussion, followed in the afternoon by addresses on the enforcement of the Liquor Control Act, on the issuing of warrants of various forms and the proper institutions for commitments in certain cases. For luncheon the magistrates and their ladies are to be the guests of Mayor McBride and the Toronto Board of Control, followed in the afternoon by a drive given the ladies around the city.

Friday's business will be full of good things, and much information for the magistrates in the discharge of their duties. There is to be an address by T. E. Phelan, the general counsel of the Ontario Motor League on the Highway Traffic Act, other addresses by prominent magistrates of the province, and the election and installation of officers for the coming year. For luncheon the magistrates are to be the guests of the T. Eason Company.

### NORTHERN LIGHTS COMMON FOR BALANCE OF YEAR

The brilliant display of northern lights seen in this town on Saturday night will be of common occurrence during the remainder of the year. According to Dr. H. R. Kingston, of the University of Western Ontario, northern lights are enhanced by sun spots, which reach their maximum this year. Their number and magnitude form a 11-year cycle, which will begin to decrease the latter part of December, this year.

The influence of sun spots upon the weather is unknown. They influence the magnetic state of the atmosphere and cause disturbances with magnetic measuring instruments.

Northern lights are electrical discharges in the upper layers of the atmosphere. As yet the relation of their formation and the presence of sun spots is not thoroughly understood. The display on Saturday was visible in all parts of the sky. It was particularly brilliant and included colored lights as well as bright, whiter shafts of ever-changing beams.

### A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

Miss Marjorie Ritchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchie of Glenelg, was successful in passing the two Lower school examinations and also the two Middle school examinations in Agriculture. This qualifies her for an Elementary certificate in Agriculture.

For the woman learning to drive a car, the first hundred gears are the hardest.—Chicago Evening News.

### TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	62	78	54
Friday	64	71	63
Saturday	52	70	44
Sunday	58	78	45
Monday	61	82	52
Tuesday	72	81	64
Wednesday	58	74	50

### The Weather

The weather during the past week has been all that could be desired, and a reference to the temperatures above tell practically the whole story. This is the 30th of August and the nights are assuming that late August and early September tang, though no frost has yet been recorded. During last Thursday night and Friday morning the only rain of the week fell, and it was a hard one. A depth of 1.7 inches fell. If there was a hole in the roof the rain found it.



Above are pictures of four members of the new cabinet in British Columbia. They are: 1, education; 4, R. H. Pooley, attorney-general.