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Ontario Women Met in Convention

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, Glencol, Presented Her Delegate's Report of Toronto Convention, Held November 27-29, at Monthly Meeting of the Durham Branch of South Grey Institute Last Thursday.

After the opening exercises Mayor McBride welcomed us to the city, told us what a prosperous city it was and mentioned various places of interest for us to visit. He thought women were more sincere in their activities than men and attributed his election to the women of Toronto. Mrs. Abbott of Erin very ably made reply.

Mrs. Stone referred very touchingly to the late Mrs. Banks and all stood in silence two minutes in recognition of her interest in Institute work. A letter of sympathy was sent her family.

Mrs. Hunter, Ravenna, told of how a community kitchen, with accommodation for pleasure seekers had been erected in their park, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Buchanan. She spoke of how many Institutes in their Community activities had beautified their cemeteries, giving gifts to their town at Christmas time and of a fowl supper put on by one Institute while their husbands supplied the program.

Mrs. Graves, Conventor of relief, told how Institutes had sent eggs and honey to Children's shelters, paid hospital bills, and bedside care in maternity cases, provided layettes; another had sent a handkerchief shower to a shelter, several had helped the needy of Northern Ontario. During the conventions several appeals came from the North country, where continuous rains had destroyed their crops and the need was acute. Teachers were even dividing their lunches with the children. One letter said while immediate help of food and clothing was necessary, if the Government would supply funds to fix their roads which were needing repair, the men could be given work, as they would be glad to get it. The Tobernory doctor was also mentioned in her report, and also here may I say Mrs. McIlraith drafted a question as to whether we were supposed to keep sending the \$5.00. There is some \$3,000 for this purpose now, which was an experiment to let the governments see that such could be done. One Institute in the Walkerton district, I think it was, gives a bank book with a deposit of \$20 to each new baby born to one of their members.

Dr. Baker, speaking on Social Hygiene thought his subject was an important as any community could deal with. He urged vaccination and claimed two or three injections of toxin would prevent diphtheria. Tuesday evening was the banquet and we were entertained by the Robert Simpson Co., at a banquet staged in the palm room. In the absence of D. H. Gibson of the mail order department, Frank Hay welcomed the guests on behalf of the management, and expressed his appreciation of the work being done by the Women's Institute to raise the standard of living in rural districts. Greetings were read from the prime minister of Ontario, cabinet ministers and C. L. Burton, general manager of the company, who were unable to attend.

Miss M. L. Marks of St. Joseph's Island, North Ontario, told of the activities of pioneer women in her district in having telephone service, community halls and school equipment obtained. She paid tribute to the government for its interest in these settlers. Other speakers were R. S. Duncan of the department of agriculture and George Putnam, superintendent of the Institutes in Ontario. A group of songs by Miss Doris Bromley won enthusiastic applause. Miss Althea Smith accompanied at the piano. Following the banquet the delegates left in a body to visit the Royal Winter Fair.

Wednesday Morning
Mrs. Ross, convener of Home Economics, said her department stood for food, clothing and shelter. A balanced ration, well cooked food, exercise in the open air, comfortable clothing and sufficient rest produces the Canadian at his best. Speaking of diet, she said food would be the medicine of the future. She urged us to take advantage of the many bulletins offered us, and of the service of the Loan Library, Guelph. Her aids reported demonstrations on rug-making with the new hook, study of textiles, keeping of a diary, and value of account keeping and table setting. This appealed to me and I wondered if it would not be a splendid demonstration to have on one of our programs, if some one would remember it. You would have a hostess meet her guests, and at her right would sit Mrs. At Ease, Mrs. Properly Dressed and Mrs. Good Manners, and at her left Mrs. Ill at Ease, Mrs. Unsuitably Dressed and Mrs. Bad Manners. An instructor would explain, as each took her part, what was correct and where mistakes were made. This I think would be both amusing and instructing.

Dr. Margaret Patterson urged the value of having a community nurse in every district. She outlined improvements in heating and ventilation in schools, which some Institutes were doing. One Institute supplied glasses to children who required them but whose parents were not able to supply them. Dr. Emily Guest read Miss Kate McIntosh's report on Education. Mrs. Hunter of Brampton, convener of the Institute, urged that we frown on the idea of children at school fairs which is not their own work. She

FORMER RESIDENTS DIED THIS WEEK

Messrs. E. W. Hunt and Eric Reid Passed Away at Their Homes in Toronto and Chicago Respectively.—Former Was Reeve of Glencol and Served on Council.

EDWIN W. HUNT
A news dispatch to The Chronicle from Toronto Tuesday morning reported the death on Monday in that city of Mr. Edwin Hunt, a former well-known resident of Glencol township. The dispatch said:

Edwin W. Hunt, of Fiske, Sask., died Monday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John E. Montgomery, 50 Augusta street, Toronto. He lived at Traverston until 1915 when he moved West. He was Reeve of Glencol Township and retired from active business life two years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Montgomery and Florence, in Toronto, Mrs. A. Walker in the West, and four sons, Percy, Wesley, Wilfrid and Dr. Harold, all of the West. Mrs. Montgomery, Florence and Percy were at his bedside when he died.

The late Mr. Hunt was one of Glencol's best known citizens, and moved to that township from Nassagaweya Township. He was a successful farmer and after serving several years on the Council was Reeve for several years. He was about 70 years of age, and 40 years ago was married to Miss Emma Reid, who died six years ago. He was for some time auditor of the township. We have no information at time of writing as to when the funeral is to be held or where interment will be made, but with numerous friends of the family extend sympathy to those who remain.

EARL REID
Word was received here yesterday of the death on Sunday at his home in Chicago of Mr. Earl Reid at the age of 31 years. The late Mr. Reid was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Reid and was born in Durham. When he was quite a young lad the family moved to Owen Sound and after several years' residence there moved to the States and have been living for some years in Chicago. He was unmarried and leaves besides his parents, two brothers, Messrs. Douglas Reid at Regina and Fred Reid at Weyburn, Sask. Mrs. Peter Reid of this town is an aunt of the deceased. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Regina.

Amusement Co. Held Annual Meeting

Officers Elected and Last Year's Business Discussed.—Rink Made No Money and Did Well to Hold Its Own.

Though the attendance last Thursday evening at the annual meeting of the Durham Amusement Co. in the rink was better than usual, there were then many absentees who should have been there and taken part in the discussion. The company last year just about broke even on the business and as a result there will have to be something new introduced if any money is to be made this year. With no semi-final or final hockey games, the receipts from this source fell off quite a lot, and on top of this the rink was closed for two weeks on account of illness in the community at a time when their best business should have been coming in. Following the closing many of the skating patrons who were regular attendants did not appear very often. The new board is as follows: President, John McGowan; Vice-President, Frank Irwin; Secretary, W. S. Hunter; Treasurer, Peter Ramage; Directors, W. J. McFadden, J. A. McLachlan, F. McIlraith, J. N. Murdoch, J. Schutz and R. Whitmore. As Mr. Schutz has since been engaged to look after the ice this automatically puts him off the board and a new director will have to be appointed.

HOCKEY TEAM OFFICIALS

There was quite a good meeting of the intermediate and junior hockey clubs held in the Star Theatre on Thursday evening, when plans for the season's activities were talked over and the officers elected. Following is the slate which will guide the destinies of the teams this year:
Hon. President, H. A. Hunter; President, S. Pender; Vice-President, J. N. Murdoch; Secy.-Treas., F. McIlraith; Committee, R. L. Saunders, D. C. Town, W. C. McLachlan.
The juniors afterwards named R. L. Saunders as secretary for their organization, but otherwise the one slate of officers and committee will have charge of both teams. J. A. McLachlan was named manager of the juniors.

MRS. S. F. McCOMB ILL

We regret the illness of Mrs. S. F. McComb at her home on Queen street, but are pleased to know she is recovering her strength gradually. Mrs. McComb was seized with a paralytic stroke during last Friday and for a time it was thought her condition was quite serious. Her daughter, Mrs. L. Miller of Brantford, was sent for and is in attendance at her mother's bedside. Her son, Alex., also of Brantford, was home over Sunday visiting with his parents. We trust that Mrs. McComb may continue to improve.

Workman Injured in Fall From Roof

George Smith of Smith Bros. Has Been Laid Up For Past Week As Result of Fall Last Friday.—Was Working on New Building When the Accident Happened.

George Smith of the firm of Smith Bros. escaped rather luckily with slight injury when, last Friday afternoon, he fell off the roof of their new garage on Gararaxa street and picked up nothing more than a badly sprained ankle, several bruises and a general shaking up. Mr. Smith was up on the roof helping the roofers who are engaged in putting on the new covering and was standing on a piece of roofing when it slipped and precipitated him to the ground some fifteen feet below. There are higher falls than this where persons have been known to come off safely, but as George does not fall like a feather, he was rather badly shaken up. He narrowly missed coming down on top of a pile of tile and had he done this he would most certainly have been badly used up.

It was rumored at one time that he had had his leg broken and was in a most serious condition but this rumor happily proved greatly exaggerated and he is convalescing at his home.

Work Going Ahead
Despite the unfavorable weather the work on the new garage building is being pushed right along. With any kind of favorable weather the roofers expect to finish this week, and as the steam boiler to be used as a heating plant is already installed and the piping going up the work of putting in the concrete floor and fitting up the interior of the building can go ahead under summer conditions.

CHRISTMAS ADS. MAKE GOOD READING

Local Merchants Solicit Your Patronage at This Yuletide Season With Feast of Gifts at Most Reasonable Prices.

We would this week draw the attention of our readers to our advertising columns where the business men of the town place before them their wares and an invitation to drop in and look over their stock before selecting their Christmas purchases. As we have said many times before, and repeat now, there is more satisfaction in doing business with a business man who advertises his wares and extends you a warm invitation to call and look them over than with one who apparently is not sufficiently interested in his business or you to make a bid for your trade.

This week the columns of The Chronicle are full of overflowing with the advertisements of business men who are making every effort to secure your consideration. The old saying "Shop where you are invited to shop" holds good at this Christmas season as in any other period. This is the time of the year when news is scarce. It seems to be linked with the Christmas spirit and until after the Great Day is past no person seems interested in anything else than Christmas and "what am I to give?" A perusal of The Chronicle advertising columns may not decide, but it will help you greatly and give you ideas. Read the advertisements and profit by them.

ALBERTA COAL RATE TEST TIME LONGER

Will Be Cried at \$6.75 a Ton for Six Months in 1929.

Subject to the exigencies of the movement, the experimental shipments of Alberta coal to Ontario under the \$6.75 per ton rate will be extended in 1929 for a period of six months. The test next year will begin on January 15 and continue until July 15. The announcement was made public by officials to the Board of Railway Commissioners, who however, stated that the transportation companies would not give the coal shipments precedence over grain. The early months of the year constituted a period when the grain transportation business was particularly heavy. The extension of time brings Alberta into line with the Maritime provinces, for the latter section of the country in their experimental movement of coal brought by water to Montreal enjoys the benefit of a special railway rate when transported towards the west from the eastern Metropolis, while in winter a special experimental rate has been fixed for an all-rail haul from the Maritime pit-holes to Montreal. The tests run for a period of three months each autumn.

No provision has yet been made for granting a six months' test period to Alberta for 1930. The Railway Companies have not yet turned in to the Board of Railway Commissioners a statement of the costs involved in the experiment for 1928.

Joshua's Dictation

A small boy, when asked by his Sunday School teacher what he knew about Joshua, answered: "Joshua was a man who told his son to stand still and he did." The only comment on this, says the Christian Advocate, is that Joshua was much more successful than the modern father.

Many Old Christmas Customs Still With Us

Even Nickname "Santa Claus" for Father Christmas Probably Taken From God of Teutonic Winter Solstice.

In this matter-of-fact age, superstitions which troubled our forefathers no longer exist. Nevertheless many of the ancient rites and ceremonies connected with Christmas are still faithfully carried out. For instance, how many remember when they burn the Yule log in the open fireplace on Christmas night that the ashes should be collected and preserved so that the house and its inmates may be secure from evil spirits throughout the coming year?

The burning of the ashen faggot on Christmas Day is an old West of England custom that has pretty well died out now, though it held the field for many centuries. There are two explanations of this old custom. One, still believed in by gypsies, related to the tradition that when Christ was hiding Himself in the Garden of Gethsemane all trees remained silent with the exception of the ash, which told where he was hiding.

For this reason it was burnt at Christmas. The second suggestion is that the origin of the practice lies in the fact that it was by an ash wood fire that Christ was first washed and dressed at Bethlehem.

Our Santa Claus is possibly by another name for the giant God that was worshipped at the Teutonic winter festival of the solstice. He got his name from the old German "Zunte Klass", meaning the "big Diety" though by tradition he is St. Nicholas.

In some places the belief is still firmly held that all cattle go down upon their knees at midnight and in Cornwall it has been held until quite recently that at the same moment all the water in the well was temporarily turned into wine, but that anyone tasting it would be instantly killed. Another old superstition in the cider districts of the West of England was in the efficacy of "wassailing the apple tree". On Christmas Eve, after a goodly feast of cakes and cider, all the lads and lassies went into the orchard and a cake was placed upon the first fork of the most productive apple tree and a pitcher of cider poured over it. Singing an old refrain, they would then dance around the tree. This simple rite was believed to insure a large crop the following year.

In Ireland it is still believed by many people that on Christmas Eve Judas Iscariot was allowed to revisit the earth and anyone looking into a mirror on that night would see either Judas or the devil peering over his shoulder.

Magistrate Creasor Died at Owen Sound

Well-Known Grey County Official Passed Away Friday After Short Illness.—Funeral Took Place on Monday.

Alfred D. Creasor, police magistrate for the city of Owen Sound and the County of Grey, died at his home in Owen Sound Friday afternoon after a short illness. He was taken ill on Monday. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

Mr. Creasor was the son of the late Judge John Creasor, and was born in Owen Sound 66 years ago. He was educated in the public schools and collegiate institute at Owen Sound and later attended the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall. He practiced his profession in his home city, and for the past 25 years had acted as police magistrate, having jurisdiction over the whole County of Grey, as well as over the city. He was also judge of the juvenile court.

For years he had been a member of the Board of Education, serving as chairman of that body, and at the time of his death was chairman of the public school education committee. He was also a member of the Board of Management of the General and Marine hospital.

Magistrate Creasor was an ardent member of the Owen Sound Golf and Country Club and of the Owen Sound Curling Club. He was married in 1890 to Miss Margaret Bishop, of Owen Sound, who survives him with one daughter, Mrs. Cameron Langford, Toronto, and one son, John A. Creasor of Ottawa. There are three sisters, Miss Jennie Creasor and Mrs. W. T. Robertson, Owen Sound, and Mrs. John McPherson, Collingwood, and one brother John, North Cobalt.

Magistrate Creasor was well-known and highly respected in Durham and his death is greatly regretted here. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and was attended amongst others by Magistrate Laidlaw, Mayor Murdoch and Reeve Bell.

SOLD RESIDENCE

Mr. W. J. McFadden sold his residence on Countess street, erected this summer, to Mr. W. Slack of the C. P. R. staff. Mr. and Mrs. Slack took possession a month ago.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Edgar Morice, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morice of Varney, has been seriously ill and under the doctor's care from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. For the past few days he has shown improvement and it is to be hoped that he will so continue and soon be about again.

January Cold Says Weather Sage

J. B. Bowes, Predicts Latter Part of Next Month Colder than Usual.—Cool Summer Generally May Be Expected.—Predicts for Two Hemispheres.

Mr. J. B. Bowes, the well known weather forecaster, formerly a resident of Chatsworth, but who now lives in Owen Sound, is to the fore again with his predictions for the coming year. Mr. Bowes is a close student of the scientific methods adopted in determining the weather forecastings, and he claims that he is at least 90 per cent correct in his calculations, and his annual announcement is looked forward to with much interest by people all over the country.

During the past year Mr. Bowes has been exceptionally accurate in his forecastings, in fact he has been but very little out all through the year. He admits that it is impossible to strike it exactly right all the time, but thinks that if he is correct for ninety per cent of the time he is doing remarkably well. Following is his annual December announcement:

January—Very cold, especially the latter portion of month.

February—About 10 days of stormy weather. Middle of month quite warm, latter part cold.

March—Cool and likely wet. Last week windy and wet.

April—First half of month cool and calm. About 10 days of very strong winds, then turning warmer and calm.

May—About 10 days quite cool. About the 14th very persistent and strong winds, then turning quite cool.

June—About the 9th, strong winds and cool, then turning quite warm. About the 18th very strong winds, quite cool, turns quite mild almost to end of month, then cooler.

July—Quite cool, calm and dry, last week, strong winds.

August—Quite cool, windy about the 24th, balance of month milder.

September—A very cool month and likely quite wet.

October—Strong, cool winds for the first week, turns warmer for a few days. Last two-thirds of month is real cool.

November—Fore part very cool and strong winds in the last week.

December—A good chance to be a record breaker for very strong, persistent winds. Very cold at first, then turning very warm.

1929—January and February—Both very cold months, but comparatively calm.

The following forecasts are for "any part of the northern hemisphere located in the same relative position between the equator and the pole as North America. The forecasts are not to be applied to countries or areas which receive their heat from the torrid or ocean currents, such as Great Britain, or the British Columbia Coast."

1928—December—About ten days quite dry, warm and calm. Then about fifteen days of very strong, persistent winds, rain and snowstorms. Decidedly cold. Last few days milder.

1929—January—Decidedly milder and quite calm.

February—About the seventh, strong winds, with rain and snow, quite cold. Centre portion of month quite mild; about the nineteenth, cold winds, with rain and snow, and quite cold.

March—Will be noted for its frosty nights and thawing days. Last few days will be quite cold.

April—About the first half of the month will be dryer and milder than usual. Then about ten of very heavy winds, with rain, snow and very cold. Balance very mild.

May—About twelve days will be very mild. About the fourteenth, very strong, cold winds, heavy rains and snow falls. Last third of month very mild, calm and dry.

June—First few days mild, strong winds, heavy rains, and a very probable frost about the ninth. Then a few days quite mild. About the eighteenth very strong, cool winds heavy rains and probably frost. Last portion of month very warm.

July—Very warm and sultry, calm and dry. However, conditions are good for thunder storms. Last few days, strong winds; with rain.

August—A very calm and dry month with probable rains about the twenty-fourth.

September—Very calm and very dry till about the twenty-first, then strong winds and unsettled.

October—About ten days of strong, cool winds, with rains and quite heavy frosts. Balance of month calm and dry.

November—A very dry and calm month until the last week, then strong winds, heavy rains and frost.

December—Stands a good chance of being a record breaker for wind, rain, snow and very decidedly cold.

1930—January—Most of month a record breaker for mildness, calm and dry.

February—Quite mild. The strongest winds over the whole earth will be about February 7, March 28, May 14, very persistent. June 9 and 18, July 31, October 5, November 27, December 3 to 25.

PRESENTED WITH LAMP

Several members of the Anglican congregation met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hutton last night and presented this newly-married couple with an electric floor lamp. The remainder of the evening was spent socially.

Some women are best able to lead a husband by the nose and some by the don't knows.

COUNTY JUDGES ARE REGROUPED

Local District Includes Dufferin, Bruce, Grey, Halton and Peel.

A complete readjustment of County Court Districts in Ontario, in order to make more judges available for court work in each area, has been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon recommendation of Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General of Ontario, and will become effective from January 1 next. The 21 districts established in June are reduced to 12. A realignment of counties is in some degree an outcome of an understanding between the Ontario and Dominion Governments to appoint no more junior judges. Formerly, virtually every county had its senior and junior judge.

As a result of the development, it became necessary to provide for judges holding court in more than one county, so that there should be no delay in case of illness of the resident judge. Counties were grouped in twos and threes, and the principal has been extended. Following are the districts: (1) Lincoln: Welland, Haldimand, Norfolk, Grant, Wentworth. (2) Essex, Kent, Elgin, Middlesex, Lambton, Oxford. (3) Perth, Huron, Waterloo, Wellington. (4) Dufferin, Bruce, Grey, Halton, Peel. (5) Simcoe, Muskoka, Parry Sound. (6) York, (7) Ontario, Victoria and Haliburton, Northumberland and Durham, Peterboro. (8) Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox-Addington, Frontenac. (9) Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville. (10) Prescott and Russell, Carleton, Renfrew, Lanark. (11) Thunder Bay, Kenora, Rainy River. (12) Algoma, Sudbury, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Temiskaming and Cochrane.

WHITBY—LAWRENCE

The marriage of Rita Mae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lawrence, to Mr. Harrie Osborne Whitby of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Whitby of Paris, Ontario, was solemnized in Trinity church, at Durham, at high noon, December 8, 1928. Rev. Ernest Hayes officiated. The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of cut flowers and palms. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in white bridal satin trimmed with French lace. Her tulle veil was caught with orange blossoms and lily-of-the-valley and she carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. Mrs. James B. Duffield, matron of honor and the bride's only attendant, wore rose georgette fashioned with uneven hemline and trimmed with velvet in a deeper shade of rose. She carried an arm bouquet of mauve baby mums. Mr. James B. Duffield acted as the groomsmen and the ushers were Mr. G. R. Padfield and Mr. C. H. Darling. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Miss S. Vollett, church organist, and during the signing of the register Miss Margaret Lawrence, cousin of the bride, sang "Until" very sweetly.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on Bruce street. Mrs. Lawrence received her guests gowned in black French lace over satin, black velvet hat and carried mauve sweet peas. Receiving with her was the groom's mother, Mrs. O. R. Whitby, who wore a French gown of black velvet and metallic, with black velvet hat and corsage bouquet of roses.

About twenty-five invited guests sat down to the wedding dinner, the room being beautifully decorated in pink and white. The assistants were Miss Eula Burnett of London, and Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. R. J. Moorhead and Mrs. G. R. Padfield of Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitby left by motor later in the afternoon on a short honeymoon trip, the bride travelling in a brown georgette dress, brown vella bloom coat with fox trimming, beaded French hat and hose and shoes to match. They will take up residence in Toronto and be at home to their friends after the first of the New Year at 14 Roxton Road.

Out of town guests present at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Whitby of Paris, parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitby of Woodstock, and Miss Eula Burnett of London.

AIRPLANE HERE TUESDAY

An airplane, quite common when the war was on, is quite a curiosity in these days and when one came floating over the town on Tuesday there was quite a lot of rubbernecking watching it sail through the blue. The plane circled the town several times and after apparently getting its bearings headed off in the direction of Camp Borden.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	24	29	22
Friday	25	32	22
Saturday	14	23	14
Sunday	17	28	6
Monday	30	35	26
Tuesday	32	38	30
Wednesday	27	43	24

The Weather

There has been little to report on this popular subject the past week except that we have had a very mild seven days and the indications are that the mild weather is to continue for a few days more. The snow is nearly all gone, and for the past two or three days it has been trying to rain but never quite succeeded. For the season, the weather is milder than usual, which is appreciated by many, though the farmers miss the snow for getting into the bush.

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