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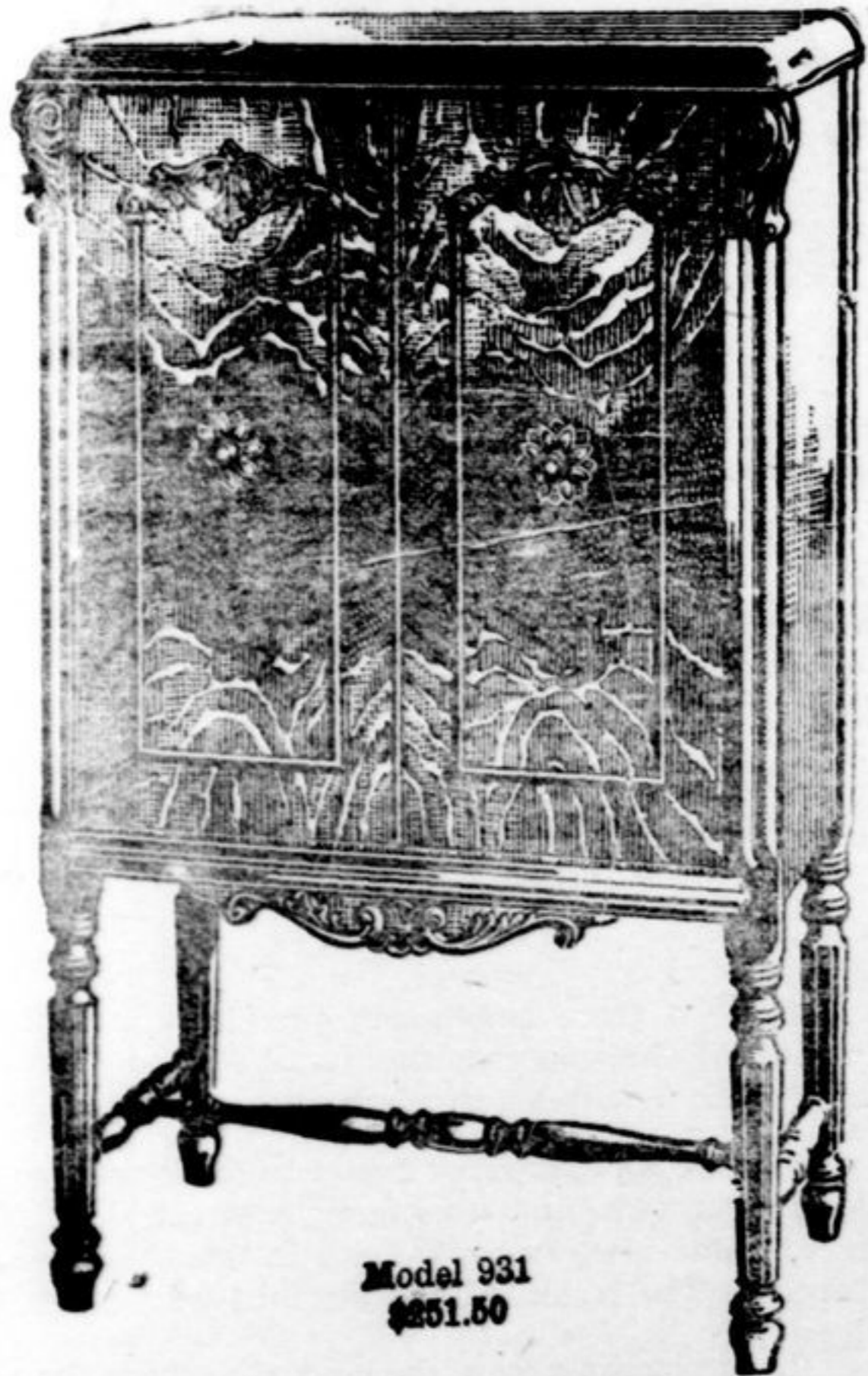
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. Macfarlane left last week to spend the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Miss Marjorie Firth, R. N., Owen Sound, who has been quite ill, came home last week and is recuperating nicely from her recent illness.

Mr. J. H. Hunter left Friday afternoon for Toronto, where he took train that evening for Vancouver en route to Auckland, New Zealand, where, with other bowlers from Canada, he will tour the Antipodes in a series of games with the enthusiasts of that Commonwealth. He expects to return in early April, probably making a circuit of the globe before arriving in Durham.

HYMENEAL

MacDONALD—MacCUAIG

The marriage was solemnized by Miss Elizabeth MacCuaig, Priceville, Ont., to Mr. Alex. MacDonald, Stranraer, Sask., in Knox Presbyterian manse, Moosejaw, on Saturday, November 28, 1929. After spending a couple of weeks at Pense, Regina and Loreburn, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald will reside on the groom's farm, Stranraer, Sask.

DURHAM BRANCH OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEET

The Durham Branch of the Women's Institute met on Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Allan Bell, with a large attendance of members and friends. Mr. A. E. Trout from the Children's Shelter, Owen Sound, gave an address on the work of caring for the neglected children taken from the incapable mother and unthrifty father. He expressed appreciation for the aid given the Shelter by the Durham Institute.

Mrs. Glass gave an interesting talk on "Should Children Be Taught to Believe in Santa Claus". Mrs. J. F. Giles, local delegate to the Provincial convention in Toronto, gave a splendid account of various reports and addresses, also a showing of her Paisley Shawl which she wore and won fourth prize in the shawl parade at the Convention. Miss M. J. McGirr, president and federal delegate also gave a summary of Dr. Margaret Patterson's and Mrs. Lang's addresses. Misses Thelma and Audrey Bell gave an instrumental duet and Miss Elizabeth Harding sang a solo with Miss Leah McComb accompanying on piano. The members brought donations for Christmas gifts for the Shelter and also for a sale of articles to aid in the piano fund from which twelve dollars was realized. This was followed by the National Anthem and a dainty luncheon by the hostess.

KNOX MISSION CIRCLE

The Knox Mission Circle held their annual and monthly study meeting in the schoolroom of the church on Tuesday evening, December 10. The vice-president, Miss Marjory Noble was in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing hymn 758, followed by a prayer by Miss Jean Renwick. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and the roll call answered. The



HOSPITAL ROMANCE ENDS IN MARRIAGE
Society has just received word of the latest case in the epidemic of rich men marrying poor girls. Wealthy Van Duzer Burton, ex-son-in-law of Sir Ashley Sparks, managing director of the Cunard fleet, has secretly married his nurse, Miss Charlotte R. Rhodes. The romance began when Burton was a patient in Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, under the care of the young nurse.

Secretary's report was read followed by the Treasurer's report. Miss Anna Ritchie read the Scripture lesson. The business was the planning of the study meetings which are to be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock. Hymn 545 was sung followed by the study book by Miss Isobel Henderson.

The election of officers took place with Mrs. Alder presiding. The following are the officers for the coming year: Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Alder and Mrs. Duffield; President, Miss Anna Ritchie; 1st Vice-President, Miss Evelyn Baird; 2nd Vice-President, Isobel Henderson; Secretary, Jean Renwick; Birthday Box Treasurer, Marjory Noble; Pianist, Elsie Kearney; Social Committee, Alma Wilson, Eola Littlejohns, Reta Willis, Marjory Noble.

The collection was taken and amounted to \$3.65. The attendance was 10. The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer and the class text in unison.

IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAIN THE IDEAL SOLDIER

What is the idea of drilling soldiers? What effect does discipline have? Why are well drilled troops the best troops? How is the soldier of the future to be trained? What was the fatal defect of training as it revealed itself in the world war? These are some of the extremely interesting and important questions discussed by Arlington B. Conway, Canadian army officer, in The American Mercury. He says that drill is primarily intended to make it possible to move large bodies of men rapidly and with precision from one place to another and to get them into formations suitable for the use of their weapons. Drill also has an important psychological effect upon the soldier. He becomes accustomed to move as a unit in a mass and knows that when certain commands are given every other unit in the mass will move in a definite way. On the parade ground soldiers become accustomed to this happening and therefore they will cooperate to a common end on the battlefield. That is why well drilled infantry are always superior in cohesion to others not so well drilled, irrespective of the quality of the men. In explaining the difference between the regulars and the militia at the first battle of Bull Run an officer wisely observed, "The trained soldier feels himself safe in the ranks and unsafe out of them."

Where Is Initiative?
But modern conditions of fighting have made it doubtful of this, the old kind of training, is the best for the soldier. The trained man, according to Mr. Conway, is notoriously helpless in the absence of leaders or orders. Something must be devised to supplement the old system, for while the soldier must still be disciplined he must also have initiative. When leaders have been killed or are too far away to direct him the soldier must have some training that will prompt him to act in a reasonable manner. But so far nobody has discovered just what this training should be. The junior officers take refuge in the belief—or hope—that the regiment that is good at close-order drill and smart in turn-out will be good and smart at other duties. Mr. Conway is inclined to believe that it will prove impossible to train regular soldiers to have initiative and think for themselves.

Not Natural Leaders
He says: "The majority of private soldiers, whether conscripts or such volunteers as appear in peace time in the American and British armies, come from the classes that are unaccustomed to lead or even plan their own acts. How many of these men in civil life need to make independent decisions. The mechanic, laborer or factory hand does as his foreman tells him; the farmer follows a routine sanctified by the practice of his forebears. Hardly any of the lower orders of mankind do their work without an overseer, and in civil life as that overseer is not likely to be suddenly removed by wounds or death it is unnecessary to train them to carry on without him." But supposing the intelligence of the enlisted men could not make the ideal army, both disciplined and able to take care of itself in any emergency? Mr. Conway thinks not because the intelligent man condemned to fight as the infantry today has to fight would soon be driven to mutiny or despair.

Why? Makes Bravo Men

Mr. Conway then proceeds to examine the motives which give soldiers the morale that ensures victory. Patriotism, he says, may cause a man to enlist and may induce him to endure and resist defeatist propaganda, but it will not cause him to rush at his enemy forgetting that by so doing he is risking his life. Esprit de corps will have some effect upon him when he is under fire, but only if he knows that he is observed by his comrades, and that if he distinguishes himself his conduct will be noted. But in modern conditions the soldier is frequently under fire when he does not know where the rest of his unit is. So it is that ambition and the hope of glory are not the spurs they once were, since the soldier is aware that the chance that anyone will note his heroism is no greater than the chance that he will be unobserved. Probably twice as many men won the V. C. in the late war as has witnesses to their heroism who could make a report to headquarters. However, Mr. Conway says that after a man has been decorated he is generally a better soldier, for he acts in the principle that he must set an example.

Infantry's Days Over.

Probably the strongest motive the soldier can have is hatred, which operates best when he can see his enemy trying to kill him, but this rage is prone to evaporate under long range small-arms fire or shelling. As a matter of fact it was extremely difficult to get soldiers in the last war tuned to the pitch of ferocity headquarters thought desirable. The soldiers laughed at propaganda to this end. It might be possible by catching them young and segregating them, dieting them suitably and making them engage in dangerous sports to develop armies which might in the sight of the enemy generate at the sight of a trespassing dog, but such armies would be a grave menace to government itself. In fact, Mr. Conway comes to the conclusion that under modern conditions it is impossible to have the old kind of infantry, which was properly described as the "Queen of the Battle". The day of the infantry is over, and the day of the tank and the machine gun has arrived. He says that in the late war it was found easier to get a better class of recruit for the tanks than for the infantry. Fighting in a tank does not make the almost impossible demands on the courage of the soldier that fighting in the infantry does. As Mr. Conway says: "The tankist is in a machine moving forward; if danger threatens cover is very hard to find and the tendency will be to keep going—as the average driver of a motor car does when he perceives himself in danger."

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MacDonald.—At Chatsworth, December 10, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. MacDonald, a son.

MARRIED

Crickington—McDonald.—In Hanover, on December 5, 1929, by the Rev. Mr. Richards, Miss Flora McDonald, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hector McDonald of Bentinck, to Rev. H. Crickington, pastor of Mulock Baptist church. Rev. and Mrs. Crickington leave shortly for their new field near Montreal.

Too Late to Classify

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of the members of the Durham Fire Brigade, I wish to tender our thanks to Durham Lodge No. 306 A. F. & A. M. for their handsome cheque sent the brigade in recognition of our services at the recent disastrous fire which destroyed the McIntyre Block. I can assure Durham Masons that this donation is most heartily appreciated and we thank them for it collectively and individually.

—Arthur McDonald, Chief.

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