

Small Deficit Faces Chautauqua Guarantors

Closed Monday Evening.—Had Good Crowds but Committee Decided Not to Sign for Another Year.

Chautauqua is over in Durham again—for at least two years. While there seemed to be splendid audiences, there was a slight deficit, which amounts to about \$4 for each of the guarantors. Secretary Calder informed the Chronicle that there were 168 adult tickets and 46 student tickets sold. But from other standpoints the series of programs were a decided success. The committee, however, in view of the existing conditions, decided not to sign up for Chautauqua for one year at least.

The committee appreciate the splendid support of the citizens and are also most grateful to Miss Clara Vearden, the local director, for her loyal co-operation and her efforts in putting on the special Sunday evening program.

The programs were as follows.

Bought and Paid For

The Peerless Players presented their four-act play on the opening night, to a large crowd. The story is the old, old one of a successful business man marrying a working girl, who decides after frequent home-comings of an intoxicated husband and brutal reminders of her marrying him for his money, therefore being "bought and paid for," to go back to work; leave the luxury to which she has become accustomed. But a scheming brother-in-law, thinking it best for his own interests, decides to reunite the unhappy couple and puts one of his brilliant "ideas" into action and as a result the lovers are brought together and the "in-law" gets his promises fulfilled. The humor injected into the play by the extremely self-satisfied young brother-in-law and his loyal, devoted wife, relieved a rather dull drama, and made an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Vierra's Talk

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Albert Vierra gave a most interesting talk on her native land, Hawaii. She is a pleasant speaker and keeps her hearers attentive always with her clear and detailed descriptions. She told of their customs, the sports they indulge in and displayed some of their costumes. What proved especially interesting, and was also educative, was her explanation of the growth of the fruits peculiar to those tropic islands. The Hawaiians brought to the audience a generous number of musical selections in their own inimitable way and the afternoon was a most pleasant and instructive one.

"An Evening in Hawaii"

This program was all that the name implies. With a beautiful setting and exquisite lighting effects the Hawaiians displayed unusual musical talent. They held their audience spell-bound while they played and sang their dreamy native music. But their repertoire is not limited, it seems, for they delved into every country for their variety. There was classical music, semi-classical, old songs and new songs, all done the greatest of justice to. They are musicians of no mean merit; their voices harmonized in a sweetness and distinctness that would be difficult to improve upon. Mrs. Vierra's interpretation of the Hula dance exploded many an exaggerated opinion of this really graceful dance and the audience could not but catch the spirit of the Hawaiian's worship of beauty, after her explanation of its inspiration. All in all it was a well-balanced program, and it was a thoroughly satisfied crowd who thronged from the hall after this second evening of Chautauqua.

Mr. Brandt's Piano Recital

The third of the series of programs was presented by Mr. Hugo Brandt, Polish pianist and composer, and Dr. Elwood T. Bailey, lecturer. Mr. Brandt opened his portion with a short explanation of the highlights of the world of classics. He stated that Bach and Beethoven were called the twin peaks of music; and mentioned Handel, Mozart and Haydn. He implored his audience to forget the reality and come with him on a musical tour. He opened his recital with the 1st movement of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. He then touched on Hummel, Schumann and Chopin. Asking his audience for some of their favorites he blended together Lucia d'Ammermoor, Paderewski's Minuet, the Barcarolle from Tales of Hoffman, Magic Fire Scene and Faust. His own composition, "Slavic Dance," was splendid and showed his own good taste. The children were greatly pleased when he played a few of the songs they are acquainted with, including "The Maple Leaf," "Annie Laurie," "The Campbells Are Coming," etc. Mr. Brandt is a beautiful player, each note being distinct and clear. He has a del-

icate touch, perfect technique and a unique interpretation of the masterpieces. His recital was a treat to lovers of good music.

"All Aboard"

When Dr. Bailey was introduced and entered the platform and stood for a few seconds to "look over" his audience they did not know what to expect. He is a frank, forceful speaker, and never fails to "put across" what he has to say. He opened with the assertion that people generally do not appreciate life; that they measure happiness by material possessions. He likened a person to a railroad and said his talk was on building a roadbed for better values. The five stones which go to make up this roadbed, speaker said, were: Purpose, Energy, Hobby, Perseverance and Honesty. The rails he said were Confidence and Loyalty, and the ties were Human Love. He flung out a challenge to his hearers to mount their engine and get a purpose in life and live, not exist. Speaker quoted someone as saying that a great many people use all their steam to blow the whistle and have none left to run the engine. He told a very touching story of a crippled newspaper boy, who lived in a piano box in a back alley. Hearing of a little girl being burned, the boy rushed to the hospital and begged of the surgeons to amputate his leg and graft the skin to save the little girl. His request was granted and the girl was saved but the "newsy" died and his last words held a world of meaning; that he hadn't lived "for nothing." Speaker closed with the words of the inscription on the monument which was erected on the spot where the boy's newsstand was: "He lived not in vain."

Dr. Bailey left an impression on his hearers which is not soon to be forgotten; a challenge to see the better things in life, to overlook the other fellow's shortcomings and to strive to bring some measure of happiness and comfort to those less fortunate. His philosophy is an inspiration and it is safe to say that not one individual left the hall with the same attitude he had before the lecture.

Special Program

On Sunday evening there was a special program by Mr. Brandt and Dr. Bailey to help defray the expenses of the Chautauqua committee. The program opened with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Mr. Brandt opened his recital with an improvisation on the hymn, "Abide With Me," explaining that he frequently sat down and let his hands wander over the keys at will. He continued with Schubert's "Impromptu" and Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso." His program was again a delight to his music-appreciative audience.

Dr. Bailey continued his talk from the previous night, giving attention to the engineer on the railroad he built at that time. His subject was "Life's Supreme Challenge," which he took from the 1st Chapter of John: "And when Jesus beheld him He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; but thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation a stone." Speaker said it was a challenge to Simon, and stressed the point that it is not what we are but what we have the ability to be that we must account for. Dr. Bailey brought an enlightening message to his hearers.

Sue Hastings' Marionettes

On Monday afternoon the children, both young and old, were given a real treat. These little puppets were a marvel to the young audience and most interesting to the adults. They represented characters from the fairy tale world, so dear to the hearts of the youngsters, and when they walked, and talked they brought screams of delight. The effect was attained through a myriad of wires controlled by an expert operator. They were most obedient little creatures. They played the piano, read stories, and altogether were the jolliest little performers. They were an enthusiastic crowd of children who witnessed this presentation and there will be much heard about the Marionettes for some time to come in local homes.

"Old Crusty Takes the Air"

This play was a fitting end to Chautauqua, leaving a rather pleasant impression on the patrons. It was a comedy, although there were a few touching scenes, which were quickly covered up by Old Crusty who would like you to think him a cruel, hard-hearted old fellow. The office manager, Dickens, provoked much laughter with his awkward gestures and sleepy countenance, and the aunt, Old Crusty's sister, was a lovable old person, who was very easily overwrought. The modern young daughter and her aviator sweetheart were splendid. The story is one of a seemingly grouchy old man, who is at the head of a transportation system, and who is prejudiced to flying. The daughter, after securing a long-promis-

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Mixed Train On C.P.R. After First of Month

Nothing Definite Yet Known, But Rumor of One Mixed Train a Day Each Way Is Probably Correct.—Schedules Not Yet Announced.

There is to be a mixed train on the C. P. R. Saugeen Junction to Walkerton branch commencing May 1. There is no confirmation to this rumor, but the Chronicle has received information from a most reliable source that the new service is to commence on the first of May. While we have no information as to the schedule to be adopted, it will be much the same as has been in force on the Teeswater line for some months. A "mixed" will leave Orangeville in the morning and work its way to Saugeen Junction, where it will lie over until the arrival of the north-bound passenger. It will arrive in Durham some time around 1 o'clock. This "mixed" will leave Walkerton in the afternoon and make connections with the southbound Toronto train. The Chronicle is not in possession of information as to whether the one train crew can handle the round trip in one day, or that one crew will lie over in Walkerton and the other in Orangeville, but we are of the opinion two crews will be used. There will be no night train into Durham, and, consequently, no night mail.

Until some official announcement is made by the C. P. R. authorities the above information is only "rumor," but we think it is in the main correct.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Adlam was the scene of a pretty event Friday evening, April 8, when a number of school chums and relatives gathered, the occasion being that of a shower, which was presented in honor of their only daughter, Elizabeth Jane, and her groom-to-be, Loel Johnston, who are being married later in April.

At the proper time the bride and groom elect took their places under a prettily decorated hoop and bell, while Mr. Arthur Adlam and Miss Lolita Mighton carried in a basket beautifully decorated with white tissue paper, which was laden with gifts. Mr. Clarence Adlam chimed the bell to which a string had been attached from the hoop, after which Mr. Eric Rogers unwrapped the gifts and Miss Eva Adlam read the mirth-provoking verses, the gifts being conveyed to the gift table by Mr. Arthur Adlam and Miss Lolita Mighton.

The groom suitably responded on behalf of his bride-to-be and himself and the bride-elect also thanked them for the beautiful gifts. The crowd then joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

BELL-MATHER

A pretty Spring wedding was solemnized on Saturday, April 9, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mather, Garafra street, when their daughter, Mary Helen, was united in marriage to Mr. George Allen Bell, son of Mrs. John Bell and the late John Bell of Glenelg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of Knox United church.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and looked beautiful in a gown of white georgette with lace trimming. Her only ornament was a white gold pendant, the gift of the groom, and she carried a bouquet of roses and fern. Miss Mary S. Bell, sister of the groom, played the wedding march. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The room in which the ceremony took place was prettily decorated with sweet peas, this same idea being followed in the dining-room to which the company repaired after the ceremony, where a dainty wedding dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell left during the afternoon for a short honeymoon trip to Toronto and other places, the bride travelling in a blue crepe dress with blue coat and hat. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm in Glenelg. The Chronicle joins in extending felicitations.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	38	53	28	—
Friday	43	48	42	—
Saturday	39	56	33	—
Sunday	48	56	38	.35
Monday	44	49	42	.60
Tuesday	30	32	30	*2
Wednesday	28	34	22	*4

* Indicates snow.

YOUTHFUL HIKERS CAUSED SENSATION

Seven-Year-Olds Went for Hike Sunday and Parents Were Worried.—Discovered Later Having Time of Lives on Highway.

Sunday last was a day of excitement for Mr. and Mrs. John Dorney and Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKechnie. Their children, around seven years of age, had gone out to play, had not returned, and were not to be found. When a rather intensive search failed to find them, Chief Harry Scott was got in touch with and he, too, joined in the chase.

The section of the town in proximity to the river was scoured without result and preparations were being made to make a wider search when Mr. Dorney found the future premiers and parliamentarians proceeding southward along the highway south of town, wholly innocent of the trouble they had caused.

The boys had merely gone for a walk—and who wouldn't enjoy a walk these fine mornings? They were returned home none the worse for their escapade, but, possibly with a much wider experience of what the world at large looks like than had they remained in the vicinity of their own balliwicks. Youth must have its fling.

HOLSTEIN VETERANS HOSTS TO COMRADES

About seventy-five returned veterans of the district braved the elements and the bad roads last Thursday night to join with the veterans of Holstein in a Vimy Dinner and the celebration of possibly the greatest Canadian victory in the Great War, the taking of Vimy Ridge. It was a jolly gathering, and while not more than half of those expected were present, those on hand had a most pleasant evening. While the gathering was brought together to celebrate Vimy Day, the invitations included all returned veterans, no matter what war, or in which army they had served. Under these conditions the editor of the Chronicle could qualify, and we were there, and glad to be present.

The Holstein boys served an excellent supper—one of the best. There was vegetable soup, pickles, olives, roast milk-fed chicken with dressing and jelly, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, salads, vegetables, assorted fruits, and dessert, served in the manner in which those Holstein ladies know how to do it.

After the banquet the toast list was disposed of under Toastmaster R. J. Moorhead of Palmerston, and formerly of Durham. The toast to the King was responded to by the National Anthem, that to "Our Fallen Comrades" by one minute's silence. This was proposed by B. C. Sisler of Mount Forest. The toast to the Empire was taken by A. F. Lindsay of Mount Forest, and that to the Canadian Legion by H. Brooks, of the Legion's headquarters staff. Several other comrades of the gathering made short addresses and the evening was closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Those from Durham in attendance were Messrs. J. A. Rowland, D. M. Saunders, A. Saunders, D. Ewen and F. Irwin.

ARRESTED MONDAY ON THEFT WARRANT

Gordon Perkins Taken to Owen Sound by Dundalk Officers for Theft of Horse Near Dundalk.

Gordon Perkins was taken into custody Monday by Chief Scott of Durham on a charge of alleged horse stealing, the arrest being made at the home of Mr. Ben Harrison, south of town. Perkins is alleged to have stolen a horse, buggy and harness from his former employer, Dan McInnis of the 12th of Proton. He is said to have come through Durham and proceeded to the home of John Bailey, near Dorchester, where he formerly worked, and where he stayed over night. He traded horses with Mr. Bailey and later went to the home of Elsmere Rawn, of Egremont, south of Barber's Corners, where another deal was put through. He was coming north on No. 6 highway when Chief Scott got wind of it, and he went to the home of Mr. Harrison and got his man, who was then attempting to sell the third horse to Mr. Harrison.

Chief Murcar and County Constable Middaugh, of Dundalk, were in town looking for the man when the arrest was made and the Durham chief turned him over to the Dundalk police who took him to Owen Sound, where he is now in jail awaiting trial.

OBITUARY

MRS. THOMAS E. HUTTON

Mrs. I. Hutton has just received the sad news of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas E. Hutton. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton formerly lived on a farm about a mile west of Durham. They, with their oldest daughter, Hattie, went west about twenty years ago to live near their sons and brothers, at Limerick, Sask. Mr. Hutton died some years ago, also two daughters, Hattie and Margaret, both married. Two sons, Wellington and Isaac, sleep in Hutton Hill cemetery near Durham.

The late Mrs. Hutton died at Lethbridge, Alberta, while on a visit at the home of her son Lytle. She was 83 years of age on the 27th of last February.

The remains were brought to Limerick and laid beside her husband, the funeral being at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 31. She leaves to mourn her loss her youngest daughter, Laura (Mrs. Frank Longridge) of Moose Jaw, Sask., and four sons, Dr. Thomas James of Powers, Mich.; Robert and George at Limerick, Sask., and Lytle at Lethbridge, Alberta, also a number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Hutton was for many years a member of Queen Street United church, Durham, and was loved and remembered by a large number of friends and relatives, who sympathize with the bereaved family in their sorrow.

D. J. MacLEAN

Mrs. Dan MacLean, of Bentinck, received word recently that her brother, Mr. D. J. MacLean, had passed away at Dunkirk, N.Y., at the age of 70 years. The late Mr. MacLean was born in Bentinck, and when a young lad moved with his parents to Bruce county, where he grew to manhood. Later, he went to Duluth, Minn., where he was married to a Miss Thompson, and remained for a number of years, moving afterwards to Dunkirk, N.Y., where he owned and conducted a fruit farm. He is survived by his widow, four sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Dan MacLean, Bentinck; Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Stevenson, all in Saskatchewan; Hugh MacLean, in Alberta, and Archie S., in Bentinck. Interment was in Dunkirk cemetery.

HUGH MacLEAN

Mr. Hugh MacLean, one of the best known and most highly respected residents of the township of Bentinck, passed away at his home on the third concession, north of Aberdeen, on Tuesday, after a stroke of paralysis, which seized him eleven days before his death, and from which he never recovered. For a time hope was entertained that he might rally from the attack but this was given up last Friday, since when he gradually sank and passed away on Tuesday. He was in his 73rd year.

The late Mr. MacLean was born in Bentinck on the farm adjoining that on which he died, and now occupied by his brother, Mr. Dan MacLean. When a young man he went West to Basswood, Manitoba, where he lived for 17 years. A year after going West he returned to Bentinck and was married to Miss Hulda O'Neill of that township, Mr. and Mrs. MacLean returning to Manitoba after the ceremony. Twenty-three years ago they returned to their native township, where they have since resided. Surviving are Mrs. MacLean, and an only son, Provincial Constable J. F. MacLean, of Dunnville, who came home a week ago on learning of his father's illness, returned when his condition became serious, and was at his bedside when the end came. The late Mr. MacLean is also survived by one sister, Miss Margaret, and two brothers, Messrs. Dan and Hugh D. MacLean, all in Bentinck, and a granddaughter, Dorothy, daughter of Provincial Constable and Mrs. MacLean, of Dunnville.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon from his late residence to Rocky Saugeen cemetery, the services being taken by Rev. J. Galloway of Mulock Baptist church, of which the deceased has long been a member.

ELMA MAY WHITTAKER

On Friday morning, April 8, after an illness of many months, there passed to rest, Elma May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Whittaker, at the age of fourteen years and four months.

From infancy Elma had been a live wire, and took up her school work with a zest that greatly pleased her teachers. In the fall of 1931 she entered Humber College and prospects were bright for a very prosperous career, for she had set her heart on being a teacher.

She was extremely fond of sports, having played softball with "Parkettes" under Teddy Oke. She also excelled in skating, having been on the relay

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HISTORY OF VARNEY

Given at the April Meeting of Varney U.F.W.O. Club by Mrs. Bert Barber (nee Mary M. Turnbull).

The village of Varney was first named Enniskillen by Thomas Sirrs, after Enniskillen on Lough Erne in Northern Ireland, where his wife came from. Mr. Geo. Privat, the first post master, later changed it to Varney, this being his wife's maiden name.

Two of the earliest settlers were Wm. Lucas and Wm. Sirrs. They settled about 1852. The latter took up the farm south of the mill dam afterwards owned by Mr. Henry Leeson. Dr. Mansfield Leeson and now owned by his son, Mr. Mansfield Leeson. Mr. Wm. Sirrs was the grandfather of Mr. John Aldred, Durham. Mr. Wm. Lucas lived on the corner where Mr. Julius Keller now lives about 1862. Mr. Thomas Sirrs survived the land into village lots.

There were two taverns in the beginning, one on the site where Mr. Alf. McCabe now lives and the other where Mrs. John Morice's store is. The latter, a log building conducted by Thomas Sirrs, was the first. Following the first proprietor came Mr. Wm. Crawford, then Mr. David Kinnee ran it for a time, erecting the present building and sold out to Mr. Pollock, who had a hotel in one part and a small store in the other. Mr. Andrew Seim then took it over and remodelled it into a store doing away with the hotel entirely. Each of the following persons kept store then for a short period of about a year: Mr. J. R. Richardson, Mr. Climo and Mr. Piercy; in 1915 Mr. James Blyth purchased it and kept store for 17 years. In February, 1931, Mr. Blyth's health failed him and he was forced to give up business. He sold the store to Mrs. John Morice, the present owner.

The other tavern was operated by Mr. John Tryon. Before the tavern was built Mrs. Michel and her daughter ran it for a time, then Mr. John McCalmont rebuilt on the same site the house where Mr. McCabe now lives.

The first postmaster was George A. Privat. He lived on the same lot where Mr. Robert Eden lives but in a different house. In 1860 Mr. Francis Eden, father of Robert Eden, came from Arthur. He started a store where Mr. Privat lived and teamed his supplies from Guelph. He applied for the post-office and in 1861 he was made postmaster. Then in 1880 the same year as the Grand Trunk was being built, the postoffice and store were burned. It was rebuilt on the same place and Mr. Eden continued to be postmaster until his death in 1891. His son, Robert Eden, then took it and is the present postmaster. In all those years there were only two postmasters, although the office was conducted for a time by Mr. Charles Gadd, where Mr. Long now lives, but it was always in the Eden name since 1861.

About 1882 there was another store built where Wm. Long now lives, by Mr. Thomas Lauder. He carried a good stock, but only continued for five or six years, after which Charles Gadd operated the store till about 1903.

The cheese factory was started by Mr. Davison. Mr. Wherry ran it for a time and sold out to Mr. Wm. McIlvride. In 1881 when the first free excursion was put on by the G.T.R. when opening up the first railway through Varney, Mr. James Blyth came up from Dundas. He worked for Mr. McIlvride in the factory in the summer and in the sawmill in the winter. He was married in 1887 and went back to Dundas to work in the cheese factory there, returning to Varney in 1893 when he purchased the cheese factory and went in business for himself.

The first mill and distillery was built about 1855 by Mr. Privat, father of Mr. George A. Privat, who kept the first postoffice. Mr. James Fields was the first miller and Mr. John Vickers (father of Mr. Vickers who kept store at Vickers' Corners, west of Hutton Hill, and teacher at S.S. No. 3, Bentinck), was the first distiller. About 1858 both mill and distillery were burnt and Mr. Vickers then started weaving in the house now owned by Miss Margaret Leeson. Mr. Privat, son of the builder of the first mill, rebuilt the sawmill and put in a crude, upright saw. Later Mr. Zevus Clark fitted the mill up with an up-to-date circular saw and made lumber, shingles, and did chopping. In 1910, twenty-two years ago, Mr. Norman J. Kerr came to Varney and purchased the saw, shingle and chopping mill. He separated the three for a time, then decided to remodel the mill into a more up-to-date chopping mill, doing away with the saw and shingle mill entirely. In April,

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