

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Held Meeting at Mildmay

Delegates from nearly all the United church congregations in this district attended a meeting in the local church on Tuesday evening. Representatives were present from Teeswater, Salem, Walkerton, Belmont, McIntosh and Mildmay. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Millson, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Husband of Chesley and Rev. Mr. Schofield of Walkerton, in the interests of the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. Rev. H. J. Mahoney acted as chairman.—Mildmay Gazette.

Nice Catch of Trout

The best catch of speckled trout reported locally to date was made by Bert Emke of Elmwood and Billy Cousins of town. They fished in the Sauguen between Hanover and Durham last Wednesday and landed 13 beauties, all being from 10 to 12 inches in length. The heaviest trout weighed a pound. This is one fish story we believe for this pair of redoubtable anglers were wise enough to photograph their catch and exhibit the snapshots in support of their yarn.—Chesley Enterprise.

Commence Paving Highway Soon

Operations commence on May 16 to pave the Palmerton to Listowel highway. The Dufferin Construction Company of Toronto have received the contract and they are now preparing to commence operations. The paving of this highway will be a great boon to Listowel and also to Palmerstonites, as this road has been one of the worst in the fall and spring, and when the word was circulated that it would be paved this summer it met with a lot of approval. The road will give the Listowel motorists an outlet to Toronto on paved roads the year around now.—Listowel Standard.

Collingwood Boy Drowned

David Malcolm, Jr., second son of Capt. David Malcolm, the well known tug and fish operator, was accidentally drowned in a canal near Montreal on Saturday, April 30. He was engaged on the steamer Mapleton, which with a number of others was tied up owing to a break in the Lachine Canal, and his absence was not noticed for a couple of days until a nephew named Andrews, who is on the Str. Easton, began to make inquiries. An investigation followed and the belief is that he fell overboard at the berth of the steam-

er. His body, as were two others, was recovered when the water in the canal was lowered by being drawn off.—Collingwood Bulletin.

Young A.T.C.M. Graduate

One of the youngest A.T.C.M. graduates in the province, Miss Madeline Penley, daughter of S. D. and Mrs. Penley, 49 Patrick street, recently received her graduation diploma. Miss Penley graduated two years ago at the age of fourteen years.

With three other pupils of Miss Gertrude Lambert, Miss Penley was formally presented with the diploma at the annual recital at St. Paul's United church school auditorium. Three other A.T.C.M. graduates who received diplomas were: Miss Margaret Robinson of Coldwater, last year's prize pupil; Mrs. Anne Cliphsham-Walton and Mr. Percy Horne, who is now studying at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.—Orillia News-Letter.

Listowel Teachers Take Salary Cut

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday evening particularly to deal with the teachers' salaries.

A letter, signed by the public school staff, was read, in which they voluntarily offered to accept a reduction of five per cent. in their salaries. This, the Board felt, was a generous offer, as the teachers are not being overpaid by any means. The offer was accepted.

At the regular meeting the previous week the high school staff had voluntarily offered a five per cent. reduction but the Board did not feel that the cut was enough, many thinking that it should be ten per cent. After much discussion it was decided to make the cut seven and one-half per cent. With the exception of one or two extreme cases, this is as large a reduction as in other places.

The two reductions will mean a saving to the Board of approximately \$1700.

The finance committee of the town council was present to urge the Board to practice economy when at all possible, and appreciated the action of the Board in the reduction of salaries.—Listowel Banner.

His wife: "It's about time to think about where we shall spend the summer."

Closeman: "I wish you'd say 'pass' the summer, Helen, 'spend' is so confoundedly suggestive."

Tires to match color combinations of motor cars are the latest innovation in the tire industry.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Busy Readers

At Nelson, B.C., fifty-two Doukhobor women last Saturday pleaded guilty to appearing in the nude at Thrums the previous Sunday and were sentenced to three years in penitentiary each.

Capsizing of a light power boat sent William Simpson, 22, and Sam Sloat, 20, of Toronto, to their death in the icy waters of Sturgeon Lake last Sunday. The double drowning occurred close by Greenhurst.

Apparently unskilled in handling their light sea-flea, the pair of Toronto youths were skimming across the surface of the lake when their craft suddenly turned and capsized.

Rev. Father Nicholas Roche, parish priest of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Owen Sound, died suddenly shortly after 5 o'clock on Sunday morning at St. Mary's Rectory. There will be widespread sorrow and regret at the passing of this most beloved of priests throughout the entire parish, and the utmost sadness prevails at the Rectory.

Thirty were dead and approximately 600 injured by noon Monday as a result of rioting between Maslems and Hindus which has been in progress for three days.

Police fired into the mobs in several parts of the city and the situation was considered so serious that Sir Frederick Sykes, Governor of the Bombay presidency, who left Saturday for Mahabalesh-Awar, returned post-haste by aeroplane.

Premier Tsuyashi Inukai, Japan's 77-year-old "Old Grey Fox," is dead, the second Japanese premier to die by an assassin's hand in less than a year.

Premier Inukai was shot down in his home on Sunday a band of young army and naval cadets who apparently had hatched an abortive plot to destroy the government and seize the capital.

Following the death of the Premier, which occurred at 11.25 p.m., six hours after he was shot, the Cabinet decided to resign and acting Premier Korekiyo Takahashi, aged Finance Minister, called upon Emperor Hirohito to hand in the resignations.

Two dynamite bombs, exploding with crashing reverberations which awakened the city of Guelph in the early hours of Monday morning, wrought destruction to the home of Tom Veroni, Alice street, one of the city's prominent Italian residents. By a miracle, no person was injured. Mr. and Mrs. Veroni and their two children, aged two and a half and eight years, were sleeping in the upper part of the house when the explosions occurred, and although windows in the bedrooms were shattered all four escaped without injury. The bombs "planted" at the rear of the house beneath a sun porch exploded downward into a disused well beneath the porch.

Captain Robert Dollar, 88-year-old veteran of the shipping and lumber industries, died at his home at San Rafael, Calif., at 1.10 a.m. on Monday after an illness of two weeks.

The "grand old man of the Pacific," whose name is carried to the far corners of the earth by his fleets of merchant ships, drifted quietly away on his last long voyage as sorrowing members of his family watched at the bedside.

Albert Hutchison, ice dealer, of Collingwood, last Thursday morning drove his delivery wagon to his storehouse as usual and two hours later was found dead, hanging in the building. Mr. Hutchison was born in Collingwood Township about fifty-two years ago, and had lived in Collingwood thirty years. He had not been in good health of late and is believed to have been worried.

CHANGED HER MIND

A frantic two hours' search, in which county police aided a West Middlesex farmer to scan the farm and river banks by lantern light, ended at dawn one day last week. The farmer's wife, who had left home saying she would end it all, returned at daylight with the explanation that she had changed her mind and gone to a dance.

Why Not More Luxuries and Luxurious Living?

Contributed by J. F. Whelan, Native Durhamite, to the Fourth Column of Toronto Mail and Empire.

Two experiments are in the offing which promise relief. Messrs. Bennett, MacDonald, Baldwin, et al., are about to consolidate the Empire and make it more self-contained. And there is a probability of international agreements to regulate the production of some essential food products. But while these world wide movements are getting under way some attention has to be given to the industrial and social problems of the moment. The unemployed are asking for no eviction, no foreclosures, and fewer machines; the banker asks for less instalment selling and less luxurious living, and the employer calls for lower wages and restricted output. And all of these panaceas smell to heaven of the machine smashing age. All of them will hinder rather than stimulate the production of wealth. No evictions and no foreclosures would mean no building, and then a bread line for masons, carpenters, plasterers, plumbers and painters. And if we restrict instalment selling, or credit on automobiles, furniture, radios, and so on down to imitation beads and men's spats, the number of men thrown out of employment will be simply appalling. And surely restricted output and lower wages will mean fewer wage earners and less purchasing power.

More Machinery and Luxuries

Wouldn't a more discriminating distribution and utilization of the wealth produced meet the needs of the moment in a great measure? For after all what we need and desire, is simply more security and more stability. We are getting along fine, but we would like to cut out some of the painful adjustments—the growing pains of industry—if possible. If Mr. Caveman had been handed a gun and cartridges, the times spent in seeking steaks for food and skins for clothing would have been cut to a mere nothing. But would Mrs. Caveman have allowed an idle man to hang around the house? Idle moments can be used in hunting beads and shells, for woman's adornment or in playing caveman's golf, or what the more illiterate called shinny. Today, thanks to science and invention, we have released millions of men from industries that supply us with food, clothing and shelter, and have found new sources of employment for them in producing the comforts and luxuries that make this age a paradise for even the poorest families, when compared with a hundred years ago. If that means anything it means more labor-saving machinery, to provide more luxuries, and more time for luxurious living, for the wage earner as well as the employer. For, if I read history aright, the quality of civilization has not been lowered, but elevated by raising the standard of living, and by providing the machinery and opportunities for a general human advancement, in culture and well being.

More Time for Luxurious Living

Wage earners have already secured a standard of remuneration and hours which a few generations ago would have appeared Utopian, and prosperity has not been blighted, but increased thereby. Shorter hours for wage earners, at one time, was supposed to mean longer hours in the saloons and gambling dens. What they really brought was more sobriety, more football and baseball, and, for even wage earners, more golf. And shorter hours and longer payrolls have given us bigger and more rugged boys and girls, and fewer slums and slum conditions, and far more taxpayers, and following that better sanitation, education and general progress all along the line. And even industry is beginning to see that part time for all is better than no time for some and full time for the supposedly competent or key men. And paradoxically we have seen that a wider dissemination of work and wages among the many actually increases the wealth of the few.

Will Santa Claus Help?

Teachers, doctors, merchants, farmers, and other wage earners cannot cut their hours to meet fast changing conditions quite as easily as the industrialist, but given industrial stability, their problems largely settle themselves. And most of us look on the Government as a sort of Santa Claus who always has gifts in store when we require them. We get just what we deserve. Our legislators might, but never do, learn the lesson of the business cycle any more than does our average man. But governments should and must initiate social reforms, and they can encourage and accelerate reforms in industry. They can stabilize industry by industrial insurance as well as by wise tax laws designed to foster the accumulation of reserves. Then they can prevent the dissipation of these reserves in ex-

cessive capital returns and stock jobbing. They can set minimum wage scales and maximum hour scales, while industry itself is powerless to act in such matters, on account of competition. They can prevent competition by foreign labor on long hours and low pay.

Is Equality Possible?

They can leave non-essential work until times of depression and pile up reserves during times of prosperity. Of course, being human, they won't do this. For how would legislators secure the new post office for their constituents if they did? And possibly by judicious inheritance laws they could find an excellent source of income, and, at the same time, level us up a bit without unduly prejudicing the real interests of the direct heirs. Even the very ignorant know that no redistribution of wealth would bring general affluence, and that equalization of incomes would not make everyone rich. It may as well be fairly disputed whether it is practical, or not, to achieve even a reasonably large measure of equality. Human nature does not change much. The diversity of opinion in even the most capable, the misfortunes of the physically unfit, and the incompetence of the moron will ever continue to make the organization of an ideal state beyond the power of man to achieve. But it is no longer necessary to be afraid to seek it on the ground that it will injure any class or system. The diffusion of wealth and culture does not breed discontent, it brings happiness. It is only the extremes both of riches and poverty that are degradingly antisocial. Our idea is more luxuries and more luxurious living.

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SECTION FOREMEN CHANGE

Floyd Evans of Port Dover is the new section foreman on the C. N. R. at Chesley, replacing Menno Eckstein who has gone to Southampton.

These latest moves of the section foremen have been occasioned by the "bumping" system under which someone exercises his seniority and ousts someone else from his position. The outburst of "bumping" in this district sees Mr. Evans now located here and Mr. Eckstein moving to Southampton. The Southampton man is said to have his eye on the Paisley job along with another foreman and just which one will "bump" the Paisley man is merely a question of whichever is senior in the service.—Chesley Enterprise.

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