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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Helen Buller is home from Toronto for a week's holidays.

Miss Ramsay spent the weekend in Toronto.

Rev. Jno. McKenzie preached in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Owing to the stormy day there were not many out.

Mrs. Hastie attended the Sub-Executive meeting of the Saugeen Presbyterian at the home of Mrs. Honeyman in Durham on Friday the 20th.

The Ladies' Aid will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at the home of Mrs. T. J. Reid.

Visitors with Mrs. J. W. Brown last Thursday were her uncle, aunt and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, daughters Betty and Helen of Hariston.

Mrs. R. Treleven visited friends in Palmerston last Thursday.

Jean McGuire spent the weekend with her cousin Eileen Teeter in Durham.

The social in the United Church on Friday evening was a great success. The South end put on the program and the North end put on the lunch. Mr. Geo. Hunt was chairman and the following program was given. Solo by Blanche Cowan. Musical Travelogue by Mrs. W. Orchard which was thoroughly enjoyed. Instrumental duet by Mr. Copeland and son Clifford. Solo by Gordon Cowan. Wallace Adams read the news items. Mr. Orrie Hunt and Mrs. Murray Dowling gave an instrumental duet. Community singing while the actors in the play were getting ready. Title of play, "May and June." Lunch was served and a social evening was spent.

The weather man is surely stirring up a real old fashioned winter. Luck for those who went south this year.

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society met in the hall on Saturday January 21st with a good attendance. The committee appointed by the Women's Institute met with them and made a proposal that if they (the members of the Agricultural Society) would help, the Institute would put a new curtain in the hall. This was received unanimously by those present.

Manion and King Clash in House

MISS MACPHAIL'S WEEKLY LETTER

This week-end, Ottawa is being treated to the much-talked-of musical revue, "Pins and Needles," put on by the garment workers of New York City. In the beginning, it was staged for the entertainment of themselves and their friends, but it was so excellent that it hit Broadway and ran continuously for a year. Last night, I saw it played by the original cast.

Ottawa City is neither industrially nor radically minded, so the house was small, but the select audience did include at least two cabinet ministers, their wives and friends, so I was safe enough.

In a series of skits, they portrayed the life of the garment worker, at work and play; made fun of the upper strata of society, the weaknesses of national politics in the United States, satirized Mussolini's population campaign and, best of all, brought down the house with "Four Little Angels of Peace"—Chamberlain, Hitler, Mussolini, and a Japanese general. The last was so subtly done that the script writer's ideas on the crisis and the future as a result of it were made clear to the audience, by pantomime. The only words were in a daring song, beginning:

"Four little angels of peace are we Reeking with odor of sanctity Though we slaughter the meek We confer every week And we talk it over peacefully..."

Parliament, in the first week, has been a revue—a national revue of all phases of Canadian life and comments on the international scene. The debate in reply to the speech from the throne is wide open; any member can discuss anything, so long as the language is parliamentary.

Dr. Manion's speech was eagerly awaited. The House was anxious to see how the new leader would measure up. Everybody realizes that it is very difficult to follow the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who had the rare combination of a fine mind and a great gift of speech. This made for sympathy for the new leader. The general doctor (as he is sure to be called) made a long speech, in which he tellingly criticized government policy, what he could find of it. His chief attack was made on the inactivity of the government. He quoted at great length from the promises made by the Prime Minister during the last election, undoubtedly in retaliation for the hours of quoting by Mr. King from the pre-election promises of R. B., and made effective fun of the "King or Chaca" slogan. Doctor Manion pinned on the government the increased unemployment. "If they take credit when conditions are good they must also shoulder the blame when conditions worsen."

I thought the speech, to too great an extent, lacked constructive suggestions. But Dr. Manion certainly felt the weight of leadership on his shoulders and his natural effervescent and rapid-fire style was affected. Time will remedy that. And it is possibly much better to have a leader who doesn't say everything in the most perfect fashion. His followers are not then afraid to speak, but are rather encouraged to, as I heard in the lobby: "We'll see how a human being will shape up as a leader; we have had two paragons. There's something in that."

Mr. King followed, in a brief speech which he started in a quietly narrative manner, telling of the visit of the King and Queen, the trade treaties but rose to great heights of oratory (the best I've heard him in years) when he defended himself against Dr. Manion's barbed reference to his lack of experience with poverty and lack of knowledge of Canadian conditions.

He said: "I do not forget tonight, nor have I forgotten at any time in my public life, that my own mother was born when her father was in exile, at a time when her parents had not the wherewithal to buy food sufficient to feed their own family." On the passage quoted, he almost choked with emotion or rage; it was hard to tell which. It was dramatic.

But it was punctuated a bit, the next day, by J. S. Woodsworth in his speech, stating: "Whether the Prime Minister's grandparents were poor is no great concern of this House, but we are concerned with the condition of the people I have spoken of (50,000 unemployed veterans, 2,000 transients in Winnipeg, farm family on prairie). Nevertheless, Mackenzie King more than held his own with the leader of the Opposition."

DRUMORE

Mr. Walter Renwick and son Clarence of Alberta are down in these parts visiting relatives and old neighbors and see a vast change in the people. The most of them have passed away and a new generation are on the farms. Mr. Renwick has been away for nearly forty years, and visited his brothers Will and Kit in Toronto and Robert in Durham and John at Drumore.

The young people are holding their meeting to-night at the home of Howard Keith.

While Mr. Will Philip was changing the sling chain off, and putting the hay fork on to take off hay they were drawing from the other barn, and being up in the peak of the barn, the ladder upon which he was standing gave way and let him down on the granary where he had some of his ribs cracked. We hope he will soon be back in his usual health.

Miss Muir of Cayton arrived last Wednesday at S. S. No. 13 and is now in full charge of our school. We welcome Miss Muir to our community.

Owing to the storm on Sunday there were no services held at Amos. Every one was glad to be near their own fireside as it was a real storm.

VARNEY

Over thirty relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Blythe gathered at their home last Friday evening as a surprise party and presented them with an electric table lamp. Little Nadine Blythe of Durham presented it, and Mr. Wm. J. Ritchie read the address, to which Mr. and Mrs. Blythe suitably replied. The evening was spent in games and singing, with lunch at the close. Wilbert had house and barn connected up with hydro power the day before—Thursday last.

Mrs. Sam Ritchie of Durham spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. Bogle. The Women's Association of Varney United Church will hold their regular meeting Wednesday next at the home of Mrs. Wilbert Blythe.

The annual congregational meeting of Varney church will be on Thursday evening of this week at home of C. M. Leeson.

Miss Anna Ritchie of Durham and Layman Ritchie of the Rocky spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Blythe.

The funeral of the late Wm. Grant of Mt. Forest took place to Maplewood cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Grant formerly occupied the farm now owned by Mr. G. Darroch.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Wolfe and sister on the death of their father in Tara Wednesday.

The Dominion and Provincial governments have come to an agreement to each pay 40% of relief costs in the province, leaving only 20% for the municipalities. It will cause a welcome drop in the tax rate of some towns and townships, still having heavy relief burdens.

THE ROLL CALL

WILLIAM GRANT

A highly respected resident of Mt. Forest, in the person of William Grant, died in the Louise Marshall Hospital, Mount Forest, on Monday evening last in his 82nd year, after an illness of a few days. A cold developed into pneumonia, and he sank rapidly.

Mr. Grant was born in Normanby Township on September 22, 1856, eldest son of the late William Grant and Margaret Stuart, who came from Strath Don Parish, Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1854, settling on the Owen Sound Highway, south of Durham, where the son lived until his retirement to Mount Forest in 1925.

On Sept. 30th, 1896, he married Robena Watson, who predeceased him in 1925, very shortly after moving to Mount Forest. Surviving children are: Stuart and Evelyn; Detroit; Gordon, of Goderich; Campbell, of Walkerton; Florence (Mrs. Willard Walker) of Windsor; Jessie of Bronxville, New York; and Roy, Elsie, Douglas and Norman of Mount Forest. Two brothers: John, of New Westminster, B. C., and George, of New York and two sisters: Jane, Mrs. Coles, of Brantford, and Margaret, Mrs. Thomas Reid, of Moosomin, Sask., also survive.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from Westminster Church. The Rev. Ian McEown conducted the services. The pall-bearers were the six sons: Stuart, Gordon, Campbell, Roy, Douglas and Norman. Interment was made in Maplewood Cemetery in Normanby Township, near his former home.

Mr. Grant was an intelligent and public spirited man, always interested in the organizations in his municipality, a successful farmer, and did much to foster co-operative clubs in and about Varney. He was secretary of the first farmers' co-operative club and was in a great degree responsible for its success. He was secretary-treasurer of Maplewood Cemetery for many years and took pride in seeing that it was always kept neat and presentable.

Originally Presbyterian, he worshipped at Knox, Normanby, in which he always had a vital interest, and of which he was treasurer for 25 years. Later he joined the United Church on moving to Mount Forest.

In politics he was at all times independent, always voting for the candidate who he thought was best suited to serve the public interests.

He was a true son of Scotland. Nothing delighted him more than the skirl of the bagpipes, as his father had been a proficient piper in his life-time.

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