

The True Vine



HOLSTEIN LEADER

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mabel Sharpe spent the week end with her aunt Mrs. Jno. Leith. Mrs. Morrison spent a week with her daughter Mrs. Pettit and her little grandson at Brantford. She returned home Saturday. Vincent Ellis is home on sick leave from the Veterinary College, Guelph. Mrs. Hamilton visited last week with her daughter in Listowel and returned home on Saturday. Miss Dyce spent the week end at her home in Proton. Miss Sadie Hamilton and nephew Donald of Listowel visited Miss Libbie Morrison on Saturday. Mr. Alex. Aberdein and family of Flesherton visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Aberdein on Sunday. Messrs Jack Bond and Robert Watt of Guelph were weekend visitors in the McGuire home. Visitors over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and family were Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Menary of Durham, Mrs. Harding and son John, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maner of Toronto. Mrs. Hastie is visiting with Toronto friends for a couple of weeks. The North End Social of the United Church will be held in the basement of the church on Wednesday, April 12th.

WOMEN'S CORNERS

Mr. John Allan had his finger cut by coming in contact with a circular saw and had to have it dressed by Dr. Hergott. Miss Lenore Davis is engaged for a term at the home of Mr. Gordon Leith of North Egremont. Mrs. Alex. Eccles visited at the parental home recently. Messrs. Norman and Clarence Gordon are engaged with farmers in Galt vicinity. Mr. Milford Matthews is engaged among the various farmers buzzing wood. Spring is here again. Everyone seems glad of fine weather after the steady winter. Miss Pearl Gordon who spent the winter in Toronto has returned home again. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carman Hargrave, who have another addition to the family—a girl. Mrs. Queen has gone to Princeton to spend Easter at the home of her son Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Queen. Mr. Alex. Eccles is in this neighborhood cutting wood for the various farmers. Mr. Jas. Ferguson has returned home in time for the spring work from Zion locality.

NORTH EGREMONT

Mr. Jake Hilts is moving on to the George Ostrander farm, Proton Township. Mr. George McKelvie of Toronto, visited a few days last week at his home here. Miss Gertrude Grant of Richmond Hill will be the new teacher at S. S. No. 13 after the Easter holidays. Rev. Horace Kaye will go to Toronto next week, to the O.E.A. convention as a delegate, from S. S. No. 13 school. The Toronto Maple Leafs are going to take the Stanley Cup this year. The Boston Bruins haven't a chance. The April meeting of the Dromore Women's institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Taylor on April 12th. The speaker: Mr. Sam Patterson. The roll call: "A helpful hint" Music: Mrs. Sam Patterson. Five minute talk on "Home Economics" by Mrs. Arthur Renton, and an exchange of flower slips. All ladies welcome.

OPCHARD

Owing to the bad roads and disagreeable weather news has been rather scarce. Mrs. Don. McIlvride visited with her sister Miss Hoeflin on Sunday. Mrs. William Nelson and Shirley spent last Wednesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Vollett, Durham. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rahn visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dickson, Varney. Sorry that Norman is not enjoying the best of health. Mr. Bert Reeves was buzzing wood in this bug at the beginning of the week. Mr. Clarence Damm is engaged for the year with Mr. Bert Dickson. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rahn and Merilyn were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carmount. Miss Verna Carmount is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Geo. Plume.

ANNUAL MEETING, MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

The annual meeting of Maplewood Cemetery was held in Varney, Orange Hall, Friday March 31st. Various reports were given and adopted. R. J. Eden was re-elected trustee. It was decided that all plots not under perpetual care be charged \$1.00 per year to help pay expense of cutting weeds and other expenses of cemetery. All officers were re-elected for 1939. A plan of cemetery giving exact location of every grave is to be made.

SCHOOL REPORT S.S. No. 12, EGREMONT

VIII: Mary Matthews, 69, Robert Matthews, 69. VII: Ross McKenzie, 79, Ruby Matthews, 73, Hazel Morrison, 72, Ross Brown, 67, Ada Brown, 65, Joyce Eccles, 49 Ray Lawrence, 48. VI: Inez Morrison, 75, Anna Lawrence, 73, Myrtle Morton, 66, Clara Young, 59, Alex. Young, 58. V: George Morton, 76; George Eccles, 64, Fred Lee, 42. IV: John Ferguson, 84, Gordon Brown, 80, Luella Hargrave, 80, Sneath Hargrave, 75, Ben Woods, abs. III: Gertrude Morton, 75, Violet Matthews, 75, Doreen Brown, 74, Keith Lawrence, 69, Jessie Ferguson, 68, Clifford Lee, 66, Mary Woods, abs. II: Edith Ferguson and George Matthews, equal. I: Velma Hargrave, David Lawrence, Viola Lee, Ivy Hargrave, Nora Ferguson. * perfect attendance. Irwin Matthews, teacher

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS ARE SET FOR JUNE 14TH

Departmental examinations for middle and upper school students will commence on June 14th and with the exception of commercial subjects will end June 27th, according to an announcement received from Toronto. On June 28th, entrance class candidates will write literature and mathematics and on the following day will take their tests in English Composition and grammar and in English spelling. The decrease of one day in the number of examination days is due to changes in entrance class regulations. Students trying the departmental secondary school examinations must make their applications before May 1. Others pay a fee of \$1 for necessary work involved in making out new reports and in other arrangements.

Ottawa to Vancouver in 14 Hours by Plane

MISS MACPHAIL'S WEEKLY LETTER

This week we suffer from an embarrassment of riches. The trans-Canada flight, the Eastern Canada agricultural conference at Montreal, an outstanding debate on foreign policy, the completion of the trade agreements, and the forecasting of new legislation. It is impossible to deal with it all. But we start with the flight. Quite apart from the novelty of flying to Vancouver and back in an incredibly short space of time, the importance of it to Canada justifies putting it first. Once more space has been eliminated and the evolution of transportation has taken a great stride forward. Some people still living will remember the whole transition: from foot travel to carts, stage coach, railway trains, automobile to airplane. (Mail service, trans Canada, has been in effect for some time, but the carrying of passengers started only on April 1st. In the week or two previous to that date, a number of goodwill flights were arranged by the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, to whom great credit is due in the initiation and administration of the service. People from the West Coast were brought to Ottawa and representatives of the Eastern provinces, the Parliament of Canada and the Press Gallery (no senators went) were flown to the Pacific, with civic receptions, broadcasts, interviews and photographs at both ends. Only having been in the air (in an airplane) once before, I was anticipating with a great deal of pleasure and excitement the take-off at ten p.m., March 24th. But so many unforeseen incidents intervened—a busy day, a late birthday dinner, a wrong turning (the roads have not yet been marked), doubtful driving between snowbanks at least ten feet high, an almost impossible turning of the car, a flat tire, a long run on foot to the main road again, the hail of a car and final arrival—that I sank into the comfortable seat of the plane with my only sensation that of relief. The take-off, when it came, brought joy to be above the snow, past all the bother of starting. Each time the plane takes to the air, one gets a sense of power, a lift to the spirit, comparable to driving a powerful car but much more so. While the ship taxis down the long runway before it turns into the wind, to be off there is a decidedly uncomfortable sensation of leaning too far backward, but as we leave the ground, the tail comes up and we feel on even keel again. Ottawa lay beneath us like a jewel. Gerry McGeer, Les Mutch and I, the three M.P.'s on board, looked for the Parliament Buildings, and there they were, a little cluster of lights in the black oasis of their lawns. Tommy Wrayling and Evelyn Tufts, representing the Press Gallery, with us exclaimed over the beauty of the lighted Champlain Bridge and the Driveways. But, in a moment, the swift silver ship had swept us beyond the Capital City and, straight as the crow flies, we were on our way to Vancouver, a distance of 2301 air miles. Locking around the plane, I found that it was built very much like a bus, only narrower, one passenger to each seat, with a narrow aisle down the centre, with small racks above not sufficiently large to hold luggage or coats, but each passenger had a pocket on the wall, just like a door pocket in a car. The stewardesses came around offering to wrap us up in lovely soft blankets. Our coats had all been put away on hangers in the stern or tail. She was a very attractive girl, with a French accent so slight that Mr. Mutch said to me, "It may be accent or it may be charm;" and then to her: "How sick does one have to be to get attention?" Quite soberly she asked: "Are you sick?" She then gave us gum to chew. We were instructed to chew it when arising or coming down, to help the eardrums to adjust to the changing air pressure. Then, before I am accustomed to it, we are at North Bay, where, unfortunately, we lose Commander Edwards, who is on his way to Toronto and pick up Mayor Day of Toronto, Ontario's representative, who proved to be a popular and interesting addition to the party. Everybody liked

THE ROLL CALL

WILLIAM MERCHANT

Funeral services were held Monday, March 29th from First Presbyterian Church of Cass City for William Merchant who passed away at his home Friday, March 24th, following an illness of six weeks. Mr. Merchant was born near Mt. Forest, August 11th, 1870, a member of a family of ten children, seven brothers and two sisters all of whom survive, the youngest now being over fifty years of age. From Canada he came to Michigan about forty years ago and settled on a farm eight and one half miles east of Cass City, where he resided until 1919 when he and his family moved to their present home, two and one half miles north-west of Cass City. In 1901 Mr. Merchant was united in marriage with Gertrude Lundy of Detroit. To this union seven children were born. One daughter survived away in 1912. Those who survive are his wife, Gertrude, three daughters, Mrs. Clifford Martin (Hazel), and Mrs. Clinton Law (Margaret) both of Cass City, Mrs. Thos. Mitchell (Florence) of Detroit; three sons, Frank, Charlie and Clarence all of Cass City, and six grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Jessie Merchant and Mrs. William Reid of Holstein. Seven brothers, John, Joseph and James of Sask.; David and Frank of Alberta; Allan and Alexander of Ontario. Chas. and Campbell Watson of Egremont are nephews of the deceased. Mr. Merchant was a member of Tyler Masonic Lodge of Cass City and the Royal Arch Lodge of Caro, also a member of the Cass City Grange. Those who attended the funeral from a distance were Miss Jessie Merchant and Mr. Alexander Merchant of Holstein, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mitchell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Warren and son Donald and daughter Bessie, and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Warren all of Detroit. Mr. Merchant was a member of the Department of Game and Fisheries at Toronto to the effect that there will be an open season for the trapping of muskrats in the counties of Grey and Bruce from April 5th to 25th, inclusive. Trappers have been waiting for an announcement of this kind for several weeks as the dates change each year. Mr. Rolston states that the muskrats are none too plentiful this year. A true idea of success is coming. High pay and shoddy work will no longer be good enough. The ground crews and the air crews will be judged on their perfect performance, their absolute integrity, and nothing less will be success. Canadian unity will be served by this rapid transportation. The great distances which made one part of Canada seem foreign to another are wiped out. The amazement and delight which the French-Canadian Montreal alderman on our ship expressed repeatedly over the grandeur of British Columbia and Vancouver indicates the effect of Canadians seeing Canada. No space left for other subjects. Axnes C. Macphail Ottawa, Saturday, April 1, 1939.

OPEN MUSKRAT SEASON

APRIL 5 TO 25

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AUCTION SALE

Of Farm Lands, Stock and Implements and Household Effects, to be held on Lot 18, Concession 14, Egremont, on Thursday, April 13th, 1939, at One o'clock sharp. The farm, consisting of 200 acres, will be offered subject to a reserved bid. Estate of Neil Calder, Proprietors Alex. Calder, Manager of Sale George E. Duncan, Auctioneer

ROXY MOUNT FOREST

Now Playing THURS., FRI., SAT., APRIL 6, 7, 8 The Queen of the Silvery Skates dashes across the Silver Screen to controls in the air and, if we can see completely trust the highly trained and very young in this element, we cannot use their initiative, idealism, and courage in the reconstruction of our social order. Youth wants to serve. A truer idea of success is coming. High pay and shoddy work will no longer be good enough. The ground crews and the air crews will be judged on their perfect performance, their absolute integrity, and nothing less will be success. Canadian unity will be served by this rapid transportation. The great distances which made one part of Canada seem foreign to another are wiped out. The amazement and delight which the French-Canadian Montreal alderman on our ship expressed repeatedly over the grandeur of British Columbia and Vancouver indicates the effect of Canadians seeing Canada. No space left for other subjects. Axnes C. Macphail Ottawa, Saturday, April 1, 1939.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd at McArthur's Barn, DURHAM. 2 p. m. sharp. What have you? For another Big Community Auction Sale. Kindly list Goods, if possible, by the previous day. GEO. E. DUNCAN, Auctioneer

JIO DIRECTS CANADA'S FASTEST PLANE



The fastest airplane in Canada became the property of the Dominion Government this month as officials of the Civil Aviation Branch of the Department of Transportation accepted the swift silver Lockheed 12-A from Fairchild Limited. This ship is shown at St. Hubert Airport, Montreal, where it will undergo exhaustive tests before flying to its home base at Ottawa to become the first of the Trans-Canada passenger service. Propelled by twin 420 horsepower constant speed motors, the adjustable pitch propellers drive this silver streak at a top speed of 245 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 212 miles an hour at 11,000 feet. Every modern improvement for comfort and safety, including the latest Northern Electric Radio Beacon and two-way communication equipment have been built into this ultra-modern aerial arcony which will be recognizable by its letters "CF-CCT", and is similar to that which guided and kept Dick Merrill in touch with land during his latest triumphant dash across the Atlantic with historic news films. In the lower photo, left to right, are officials present at the handing over ceremonies. They are: Squadron Leader A. Ferrier, of the Department of Transport; H. Pasmore, president of Fairchild Aircraft; Major Tudhope and Alec Snyder who flew the machine here, and S. Chiswell, of the Airways Branch of the Department of Transport.