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Religious Education in Public Schools

Religious education is to be taught at least one-half hour weekly in the Public Schools of South Grey, by the clergymen of the district, or when such is not convenient, by the teachers themselves. At a public meeting held Tuesday evening in Knox Church schoolroom, Durham, the resolution was unanimously carried "that this meeting favors the teaching of religious education in public schools, and requests P. S. Boards to give us permission to have half an hour a week during school hours." Insp. Pentland is to bring the matter to the attention of the various Boards, and a syllabus, prepared by the Ontario Religious Educational Council, including representatives of all Protestant churches, will be adopted for giving instruction.

It was unfortunate that the night was stormy, preventing many from attending. However the speakers, Judge Morley, Owen Sound and Insp. Pentland of Hanover were on hand to present the facts, also a representative number of trustees, nine teachers, and all the town clergy—Rev. Father Ryan, Rev. J. T. Priest, Rev. C. S. Jones, Rev. S. W. Hirst, Rev. W. H. Smith. The latter presided, and handled the meeting well.

The main speaker, Judge Morley, made a vigorous presentation of the need for religious instruction in the schools. "It is your local affair," he said. He was appointed by Synod to take charge in this district. The great war is now on—not referring to the war in Europe or Asia, but the spiritual war against communism, fascism, etc. Christianity and democracy are made of the same stuff; each without the other is vitally handicapped. The Bible is banned in Germany because it preaches freedom. Religious and character training go hand in hand. Our educational instruction is too heavy because it gives little or no attention to the religious side.

If a man is a Communist, that is sufficient excuse to intern him, because it is a subversive sect. Communism and fascism aim to destroy freedom and Christianity. "The laymen of the church should not be silent in the face of supreme moral and spiritual issues; that's why I'm here," remarked the speaker. We must have more thorough instruction in the Bible in our schools; such should be part of the curriculum not only in Public Schools but in High Schools. For such we have British and Roman Catholics precedents; religious education in Ontario the past 25 years has been nothing but a farce. Many children who do not attend Sunday schools would receive religious training if periods were allotted in day schools.

Many of our forefathers came to escape religious persecution, but the pendulum is now swinging the other way. It is estimated 15 to 16 million children in United States have no religious background. Religious training would surely lessen crime. In his own experience as a judge he found by questioning criminals that 99% of them had no religious education.

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Appointments 1-5.30 P. M.

How can it be taught? The old regulations permitted ministers to visit schools before 9 a. m. or after 4 p. m. for religious teaching, but this was unsatisfactory, and act is now amended, permitting denominational ministers to give instruction in school hours. The great sticking-point never having a syllabus—is now solved. The new syllabus of Bible study, prepared by a joint body, is now out and may be bought at 10c each. With it, the teachers could relieve the clergy when and where necessary. "This is no ordinary question," said Judge Morley in closing: "It's the King's business, and the King's business requires haste." Inspector G. E. Pentland thought Mr Morley had covered the case thoroughly. In 50% of South Grey schools, the teachers does little in the religious period, as the pupils do the scripture reading and singing. Durham school has the best system in South Grey in religious teaching. All teachers in riding are doing their best, and will give clergymen every encouragement, he thought.

Principal Geo. A. Noble of Durham School, recommended the pupils be not broken into denominational groups. His pupils sang a few favourite hymns in morning, and he made it a point to teach living, not especially religion. The first half hour he counted best of the day. He was much in favour and would lend all support to the clergy to carry out the plan.

Rev. Mr. Jones suggested that teachers with syllabus could capably do all necessary teaching in winter. Rev. Mr. Priest stated the standards Christ stood for should be stressed. We're after religious teaching and ministers should have it in hand. Father Ryan thought we should see if school boards are willing first. The Gov.-General said "The ultimate end of all things is God Himself." Therefore children should be trained towards God. He was ready to cooperate, teaching the R. C. pupils at whatever hour could be arranged. The chairman suggested that before seeing school boards, we should first have a definite proposition to make to them.

Mr Wm. Erwin, Chairman of Durham School Board, said the Board would be happy to co-operate with any scheme arranged by the clergy. A general discussion followed, all the teachers present, and all the trustees who spoke, expressing themselves as willing to promote religious education, whereupon the resolutions named were adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Judge Morley and Insp. Pentland.

The clergy in South Grey will meet later to divide up the territory for visitation. The Durham clergy will have the town school and several adjacent rural schools, and will arrange a definite period each week when one of their number will attend to give instruction.

New Dornoch Pastor Inducted

Rev. Robert Duncanson, formerly of Alderton, near London, was inducted on Thursday afternoon into the pastorate of the Chatsworth Presbyterian charge, which also includes Williamsford and Dornoch. The service was well attended, was presided over by the Moderator of the Bruce Presbytery, Rev. James Fleming of Chesley. Rev. William Sutherland, of Warton related that steps leading up to the call of Rev. Mr. Duncanson.

Rev. Dr. Mark, of the Hanover Presbyterian Church, delivered an appropriate sermon. The charge to the minister was given by Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Paisley, and the charge to the congregation was delivered by Rev. Angus Melver of Tiverton. The service throughout was a very impressive one. Other visiting ministers were Rev. A. Rintoul, of the Chatsworth United Church, and Rev. Mr. Hirstle of the Durham Presbyterian Church.

At the conclusion of the service the ladies of the congregation served supper in the basement of the church and a delightful social time was spent. Rev. Mr. Duncanson will enter upon his new pastorate at once.

Acclamations General; 3 Elections in Grey

Next Monday, Dec. 2nd will see only three elections in Grey County municipalities, out of twelve which nominated candidates on Friday last week. The three are Euphrasia and St. Vincent townships, where all-round elections are on, and Meaford town, where Reeve Wm. Riley is opposed by W. H. Lilliecrap, all the rest of Council being returned by acclamation.

Acclamations were given in Hanover, Bentinck, Glenelg, Egremont, Flesherton, Proton, Sullivan, Collingwood, Keppel.

GLENELG TOWNSHIP
Reeve John McGirr is back with-out a contest, two other nominees, Joseph Crutchley and Herb Timmins withdrawing.

For Councillors: Geo. Whitmore re-tired and Joe McCaslin is the new man in his place, the others being: Herb Timmins, Chas. Robson, John J. O'Neil.

For Councillors: Chas. Weppler, Chris. Schildroth also nominated, did not qualify.

BENTINCK TOWNSHIP
Same Council as 1940 in 1941—42: Reeve—D. J. MacDonald; Deputy-reeve—Alex. Hopk'ns.

Councillors—Irwin Brown, Herbert Livingstone, Wm. Campbell.

EGREMONT TOWNSHIP
Same Council. See page 8.

PROTON TOWNSHIP
Reeve—Wm. Jack.

Councillors—Neil Clark, Daniel Pickett, George Scott, Stanley Acheson.

ST. VINCENT TOWNSHIP
John Kingston is being opposed for the first time in eight years for the Reeveship, by Alfred Lowe, a present councillor. Kingston is the father of Walter Kingston of Durham.

Sergt. 'Joe' Noble Arrives in England

His father Albert Noble, received a cable Tuesday morning from Sergt. Carman D. Noble, better known as 'Joe', announcing his safe arrival in England Monday. Joe is an observer with the Canadian Air Force, and won his wings a few weeks ago. A good photo of him in groups appeared in Wednesday's Globe & Mail, also in Star. On the troop program radioed from England Monday night, Joe gave his name quite distinctly, as they passed the microphone.

Thirty-nine of the Grey-Simcoe Foresters, members of Lieut. Korman's platoon, went through in army trucks to Hanover on Tuesday afternoon, to attend a banquet tendered by Lieut. Korman. Pte. Floyd Kearns of town drove one of the trucks.

The Rocky unit of the Red Cross Society were hostesses to a large number of friends in the town hall on Friday evening for a social evening. There were players for 34 tables of euchre and the prizes went to Mrs. A. Middleton and Gordon Krauter. The ladies served an abundant lunch. Dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by Adiam Orchestra.

CHRISTMAS VACATION LONGER THAN USUAL

The longest Christmas vacation possible under regulations of the department of education will be given school children this season. School will close on December 20th and open January 6th. The official date for the Christmas holiday period in the schools of Ontario is from December 22nd to January 3rd. But if January 3rd is on a Friday opening is postponed until the following Monday. This year December 22nd is Sunday. The shortest vacation possible is five days less than this holiday period.

BURTWHISTLE—ADAM

In a late autumn wedding at the Disciples of Christ Church parsonage in O. Sound Thursday evening, Lydia May, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Adam of Durham, became the bride of Mr. Freeman Burtwhistle, son of Mr and Mrs John Burtwhistle of this city. Rev. O. W. McCully officiated.

For the ceremony the bride wore a street-length dress of heavenly blue crepe and orange blossoms in her hair.

Mr and Mrs Burtwhistle will take up residence in Owen Sound.

THE ROLL CALL

MRS. ROBERT BARBOUR

A well-known resident of con. 2, Egremont, Mrs Robert Barbour, passed to her reward last Friday morning in her 71st year in Durham Red Cross Hospital, after an illness there of over nine months. For several years she had been in failing health, but last February 15th suffered a stroke, since when she has been bed-fast.

The deceased was formerly Lucretia Johnson, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Edwin Johnson and was born Sept. 6th, 1870 on lot 9 con. 2, Egremont, now occupied by Robt. Wilson. In 1897 she was wedded to Robert Barbour, and they made their home on lot 9, con. 2, across the road from her native home. Here they farmed for forty years, until retiring to Durham two or three years ago, leaving the home farm to son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Elmer Fee. Owing to her poor health, they did not reside long in Durham, but were with the two daughters, Mrs Fee and Mrs O. Peart, Zion, Ont. Barbour has lived at the latter's home during his wife's illness in hospital.

To them were born one son Wilfred, hardware merchant in Durham; and two daughters: Mrs Elmer Fee (Eene) Egremont, and Mrs Oren Peart (Reta) of Zion, who with the bereaved husband and four grandchildren, survive to mourn her passing. Of her family circle two brothers and two sisters survive: James Johnson of Egremont; Thos. of Listowel; Mrs Jos. Lennox (Elizabeth) of Egremont and Mrs W. J. Freeman (Minnie) of Teeswater. One brother William died 32 years ago.

The late Mrs Barbour was quiet and retiring in her nature, held in the highest regard as a neighbor and counsellor, and was devoted to her home and family. She was a member of Varney Methodist Church, and later attended St. Paul's Anglican Church close by. On coming to Durham they attended Queen Street Church.

Her pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith was in charge of the funeral service Sunday afternoon, which was very largely attended. He read the 22nd Psalm, and gave a comforting message to the bereaved, speaking on the life of Jacob and Rachel. Two of the deceased's favourite hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer my God to Thee" were sung and Mrs. C. McGirr and Mrs Stonehouse sweetly rendered "In that beautiful land." Mrs. John Queen was the organist.

The remains were laid to rest in Maplewood cemetery, eight neighbors acting as pallbearers: Wm. Al. Jan, Thos. Tucker, Stanley Mead, Wm. Atchison, James Marshall, Ed. Lindsay, Ray Brown, Robt. Wilson, Jr.

Beautiful floral tokens were: pillow from Family, wreath from Mr. and Mrs Jas. Lennox, Mr. and Mrs Jas. Johnson; sprays from the grandchildren, Mr and Mrs W. W. J. Freeman and son Bert; Mr. and Mrs Thos. Johnson and family Zion Institute. These were carried by six nephews: Cecil Johnson and Samuel Donegan, Listowel; Bert Freeman, Teeswater, Huber Alles, Rez. Ramage, Carman Hargrave of Egremont.

Dr. Arthur A. Backus, who has practised in Durham and Hanover the last few years, and previously in Wilkie, Sask., left last week to take over a good dental practice in Chatham. Mrs. Backus and daughter will remain in Durham until Spring.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs Fortune of Ayton is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Schenk.

Rev. W. H. Smith and Mrs Smith spent two days last week with their son at St. Catharines.

Rev. R. S. Jones was in Walkerton Sunday morning occupying the Anglican pulpit.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Ready and little son Allan and Mrs Thelma Endall of London visited their parents, Mr and Mrs Allan Bell.

Mrs. Ian Carruthers, Swift Current, Sask., Mrs. Alexander and Mrs Gibson of Kimberley were recent guests of Mrs Myles.

Mr and Mrs G. R. Padfield were weekend visitors with the former's aunt, whose son, Charles Harold Morgan, a leading Aircraftman, was killed when the plane crashed near Ottawa.

Mrs Thos. Young, who attended a funeral service of her late husband's sister in Owen Sound spent Sunday night with Mrs R. Milne, and returned to her home in Waterloo on Monday, accompanied by her daughter Helen, who was a weekend visitor with Miss Reta Willis.

Entertained for Silver Wedding

Nearly a hundred guests were entertained last Thursday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Arthur Ritchie, it being their 25th wedding anniversary, and also the 46th anniversary of the marriage of Mr and Mrs Thomas Ritchie, Glenelg, their uncle and aunt, who were present.

The guests enjoyed a sumptuous supper, the table centred by a three-storey wedding cake, after which the evening was spent in social chat, cards and dancing to music supplied by the Teeter and Sharp orchestras.

Mr and Mrs A. Ritchie received many beautiful gifts and good wishes, while Mr and Mrs Thos. Ritchie were presented with a lovely bouquet of chrysanthemums, with abundant good wishes that they may enjoy health for their golden anniversary and beyond. Little Percin Gardiner, a great grand nephew, made the presentation.

Friends were present from Paisley, Owen Sound, Tara and St. Mary's.

The ladies of the Voluntary Aid to the Red Cross held their weekly meeting and monthly tea in the basement of Queen St. church on Tuesday last. The attendance was 75. The meeting opened with the National Anthem played by Mrs L. Aitchison. Miss Fettes was chosen to draw the ticket for the bed set, Mrs Wes. McCon being the lucky winner. The set which is beautifully worked and trimmed with tating was donated by Mrs. J. Alexander; also a cash donation of \$5 was received from Miss Scarf.

MRS. THOS. DALEY HONORED BY BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Friday evening Mr and Mrs Douglas Dunsmore, Durham, entertained some twenty-five guests, children and grandchildren of Mrs. Thos. Daley, Mt. Forest, in honor of her birthday.

The evening was spent in social chat and progressive euchre. The prizes for the highest score were won by Mr and Mrs David Page of Clifford. Consolation prize to Mr. Ren Andrews of Mt. Forest.

During the evening, Mrs Daley was asked to come forward and was presented with a purse and sum of money. The following address was read by Mrs Wesley Andrews.

Dear Mother:—

"We have gathered here to-night to bring you "Birthday Greetings" once again. And if God wills, we hope He will grant us the privilege to meet with you on many more occasions such as this. We also ask you to accept this small token of love.

Signed, your children, grandchildren and friends.

After the presentation, a bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all.

Jas. Tucker Honored on 90th Birthday

At the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Jas Hargrave, North Egremont, with whom he resides, Mr. James Tucker was the honored guest at a family and neighborhood gathering on his ninetieth birthday on Tuesday.

He was the son of Walter and Mrs Tucker, born in Egremont, but when nine years old, the family moved to Durham, where his father conducted a butchering business for ten years.

He was married 63 years ago to Fanny Bridges, and their home farm east of Varney is now occupied by their son Thomas. There are two daughters, Mrs Hargrave and Mrs J. Brown of Bentinck. Mrs. Tucker died several years ago. He has yet two sisters living: Mrs David McCrie of Victoria, now wintering in Sask., and Mrs J. W. McKechnie, Durham, with whom he was a birthday guest at a birthday dinner last Saturday at the home of his nephew Harold and Mrs McKechnie, Durham.

Mr Tucker is yet in good health enjoys reading, and the company of his friends. Many of them wish him continued good health in the evening of life.

BLOCKED TRAFFIC ON HILL

Coming down Durham hill on Tuesday afternoon, with the hill slippery during the snowstorm, a large truck with two trailer attachments skidded and swung across the hill blocking traffic till next morning, in front of Utilities Office. It was owned by the Boyce Cartage Co. of Toronto, and with some breakage, it was not removed till late next day, though on Wednesday morning part was got away to allow traffic past. We learn they may face a fine for overload.

Trinity Church Anniversary

The Trinity Anglican anniversary services last Sunday were well attended and the morning service was conducted by Rev. F. B. McRitchie of Walkerton, who spoke on the history of the church and the worthiness of the people. This is the ninetieth year that services have been held in Durham, Archdeacon Mulholland having conducted the first services in November of 1850. The first resident rector came in 1860, who was Rev. D. C. Haines and he was sent as a missionary to Durham and adjacent parts. The first church was built in 1862, the land having been given by the Edge Estate.

Mrs Shippam, as organist, led the choir in an anthem at each service, the local rector Rev. R. S. Jones, taking the evening service. Flowers were placed in the church by Mrs E. D. McClocklin in memory of her husband.

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