

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS WON

Debate at Rednersville Community Club Stirs Village to Action

BAND STILL PLAYING Neighborhood Well Represented in Trenton Boys' Conference—Personal Items

REDNERSVILLE, Feb. 2.—It's last meeting will be long remembered by the 125 people who attended the Community Club here. Mr. D. F. Faden, Manager of the Merchants Bank, Belleville, gave a well-planned address proving the importance of the Community Movements among the Rural population and showing the very prominent place in the nation's economy which must be taken by the farmers. He reassured his listeners that Canadians had least to fear of any of the peoples of the world to-day in this great hour of financial and general reconstruction. The key words of his message were co-operation and confidence.

The question of the wisdom of instituting the Consolidated School System in the province was settled in favour of the advanced project of the leading education of to-day, Mrs. W. J. Orvis, as leader of the affirmative referred to the antiquated and primeval conditions of the one-room-system established in 1844 and very carefully pictured the disadvantages of that method amidst our present-day improvements. Miss Arkles the P. S. Teacher, of Victoria, showed her skill and experience as a debater by a vigorous discounting of the points advanced by her contemporary and produced several practical illustrations to show where the exceptions to the rule are numerous and difficult to deal with. Mrs. Raymond Roblin gave such an enumeration of briefing facts in favour of the new method of consolidation which her leader had advanced that a short-hand writer might find busy engagement for five minutes at recording. She was followed by Miss Cooke the teacher of Centre School who showed many of the good arguments that are being brought forth in behalf of the good old system of the good old days. Mrs. Orvis in her three minutes of rebuttal displayed her tact and power under rapid firing demands for she refuted and reduced the value of many of the points of the negatives. While the Judges, Messrs. D. McPhadyen and W. Deacon of Belleville, and W. W. Anderson were carefully going over the arguments, etc., a contest for the school reciters was taken up in which Geraldine Weese, Vivan Fox, Helen Roblin, Arthur Dempsey, Norah Roblin, Ruth Orvis and Theodore Roblin competed. The prizes were awarded by the judges, H. G. Stafford, Mrs. P. Townsend and Mrs. W. C. Dempsey to Geraldine Weese and Norah Roblin. The village Brass Band gave several very suitable selections and received genuine applause for their generous assistance in this movement. The reading of the Weekly Club paper was in charge of Mrs. J. B. Phillips in the absence of the editor and the progress of three weeks in this line was very evident. The editorial was splendid and each department goes on apace. The result of the debate was announced by Mr. W. W. Anderson in favour of the affirmative. The chairman, Rev. L. Sharpe said special compliment to the negatives for the very creditable battle they had waged when press, public opinion and legislation is so generally arrayed against their side. The secretary Mr. D. K. Redner, announced the collection for the evening as being over seven dollars. The refreshment contest resulted in the prize for tart being given to Mrs. Ralph Stafford, and for cookies going to Mrs. S. Wellbanks. Needless to say the refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Next meeting of the club is to be held at Centre Church. Community singing led by Bandmaster Stafford, and accompaniment and music by Mr. C. Bentley, and others. Wood selections by leading local entertainers, addresses and reports from delegates to Boys' Conference, and contest for best original Short Story, are main features. Something new each week is the motto. Tarts and sandwiches with tea for refreshments, next meeting.

Sunday School last Sabbath was unusually well attended. The Rednersville Band was in attendance

PICTON WORKS FOR TEMPERANCE

Organization There Prepares for Referendum to Be Decided in April

ELECT LOCAL LEADERS Dr. Grant Gives Address on Importance of Preparatory Work

PICTON, Feb. 2.—The Temperance forces in Prince Edward County are now preparing for the Referendum that is to come off an April 18th, 1921. The first meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church, Picton on Thursday Jan. 27th, to elect Officers, and to hear Dr. Grant, chief executive officer of the Ontario Referendum Committee speak on the subject. Mr. A. A. Morden, of Wellington, was appointed chairman of the meeting, and C. Mallory acting secretary. In the election of Officers, A. A. Morden was elected President of the County Committee, and the selection of a permanent secretary was left to the President. James Wild of Wellington, being the one selected, he was accordingly appointed secretary. R. W. Ireland was elected Treasurer.

Additional Committees from the different municipalities were elected as follows: Picton, M. R. German, (chairman) C. Clap Spencer, (secretary). Bloomfield, Rev. A. E. McCulloch, Miss F. Barkley. Wellington, A. A. Morden, (chairman), James Wild (secretary). Ameliasburg, C. C. Wantnamaker, E. Walt, Jas. E. Glenn. Hillier, E. W. Ireland, Hilton McCortney. Hallowell, C. W. Burr, C. Mallory. Sophiasburg, George Davis, W. Wrightmayer, Delphin Stebbin. N. Marysburgh, Rev. Enoch, Enoch Eaton. S. Marysburgh, Albert Wellbanks, Wm. Walsley. Athol, T. J. Fennell, Miss F. Francis.

In addition to these, all clergymen of the County were appointed members of the Central Committee. The different municipalities were requested to organize their own local committees, and they in turn to organize each Polling sub-division. Dr. Grant gave a most excellent address explaining the necessity of again using our franchise in an endeavour to stamp out the use of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. He emphasized its evil effects upon living matter, showing it destroyed life whether plant life or animal life. This regular individual shortened his years of useful active life. Again it befogged the brain and made the habitual user less acute, hence less efficient. He stated that no man could be 100 per cent efficient who habitually used it. He said it blunted the moral sensibilities. Men would do what otherwise they would abhor. Examples—Abusing wife and children, and practice vices. Then he referred to its evil effects upon the soul; the real personality. He appealed for prohibition because of the children and stated the absurdity of compelling our schools to teach the evil effect of alcohol upon the same government providing and licensing machinery to deal the stuff out to the public. He urged the women for the sake of their children and their homes to exercise their franchise and not only to get out and vote themselves but to induce others to vote. He emphasized the fact that Christianity is good if applied but a failure if it is not so with Prohibition. The failure is not in the prohibition but in its enforcement and we should give such emphasis to our demands in the next vote that the minority will fear to trifle with the rule of the majority.

Kingston—Members of the police department put in three hours in first aid work on Friday afternoon in the police court room. Examinations were conducted by Dr. Ralph Filson, and it is stated that Kingston's "finest" went through all the ordeal with flying colors. It was interesting to see the men at their work. Dr. Filson was the subject for the occasion, and the constables tied him up with all kinds of bandages, and revived him from drowning and suffocation.

FRANKFORD

Mrs. Bateman has returned home after spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Gerald Chapman, in Murray.

Mrs. J. Sine, of the 8th Con., of Murray, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Badgley. A few from town and surrounding country, attended the sale of farm stock and implements on the farm of Mr. Fred Cox, in the 7th Con., of Murray, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Rogers, of the Molson Bank Staff, was in Trenton on Tuesday. Mr. G. E. Sine is unloading a car of coal in town these cold days, also the Canada Paper Co. unloaded a car for their employees. Messrs. W. J. Gallagher and W. W. Pettit, the assessors for our village are around making their calls on the people. Reeve W. E. Windover attended the County Council at Belleville the past week. Mr. G. W. Vandervoort, of Trenton, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Prentice, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Badgley attended wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Gladys Seward, in the 5th Con. of Sidney, on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bush had tea and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnston on Friday. The regular meeting of the W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. C. Herman, on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. C. M. Hendrick, 1st Vice-pres., taking charge of the meeting. A very profitable time was spent. Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, of the 6th Con., of Sidney, also Mr. and Mrs. Peter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Murney on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. Casement and Mrs. Foster, left for their new home near Bloomfield on Friday. We are sorry to lose them from our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Heagle, of Hoads, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Badgley, Friday night and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bush spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell in Campbellford. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnston, and S. Thrasher, had dinner and tea with Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox and baby Glenor, called on Mr. and Mrs. Meyers on Sunday afternoon.

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TRENTON MECCA FOR LIVE BOYS

Big Conference There Proved Great Success From Every Viewpoint

OVER 500 ON HAND Taylor Statten and Other Experts in Boys' Work Lead in Discussions

TRENTON, Jan. 28.—Tonight in King Street Methodist Church there opened a Convention at once unique in character and proportions when nearly 500 boys, between the ages of 15 and 20 years, met in their Annual Boys' Work Conference, representing the territory between York and Kingston. Previous to the regular conference session in the church, leaders in boys' work among the Protestant Churches to the number of about 100 sat down to a luncheon in the Masonic Hall, when Rev. Frank Langford, B.A., representing the Methodist, and Rev. R. B. Ferris, representing the Presbyterian Churches of Canada, briefly presented the aims of the Boys' Work Movement, and in particular that of the age group represented at the Conference, outlined the program for the sessions, and secured volunteers to assist in carrying through the program. At the full session of the conference, after the opening session of worship, with remarkable expedition, executive officers were elected, and the whole Conference divided into groups of about 18 boys, who in turn organized by appointing their own officers corresponding to those for the whole gathering.

The Conference Officers chosen were—Grand Praetor—Paul McCullough, Cobourg; Deputy Praetor—Stanley Thorpe, Trenton; Grand Scriptor—Douglas Ives, Cobourg; Grand Comptor—Gerald Barley, Picton. The organization completed, the Conference enjoyed an unexpected treat in a glacial representation of boys' life by Canada's initialistic great, Mr. J. W. Bengough, of Toronto. A few words from Rev. Mr. Langford concluded the opening session of what is predicted to be the greatest Boys' Conference in the Dominion.

The Saturday morning session opened at 9 o'clock with the calling of the roll of groups, or squares as they are commonly called, and after the service of worship Rev. Mr. Langford led a discussion on organization of Tuxis Squares; that is, fifteen 18 year groups, in the local church. The basis of organization is the Sunday School Class. The Executive is composed of a Praetor, Deputy Praetor, Scriptor and Comptor, ordinarily known as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, with a Mentor, who is a sort of general director and is usually the teacher of the class. Mr. Langford then illustrated the charting of a boy which consists in taking a sort of inventory of his attainments and to some extent his habits of life at the time of joining a Tuxis Square. The session was continued with a demonstration by Rev. Mr. Ferris of how to carry through a Sunday Session of a group. The members of the group being arranged in a square, with one officer in the center of each side, and the Class being called to order by the Praetor, the Scriptor reads the minutes of the mid-week service, someone reports on any group activities and then the Mentor leads in the discussion of the Scripture lesson for the day. Devotion and Service.

Following these demonstrations Mr. Langford addressed the Conference on the subject, "The Four-Fold Life in the Home," pointing out the intellectual and physical development of a boy's character may largely be attained in his home relationships, and how there also his life may find large expression in devotion and service. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to conferences of the various denominational groups. The afternoon session being regally opened Mr. Taylor Statten, Secretary of the Canadian Boys' Work Board, was introduced, receiving roaring cheers of welcome from the boys, and after expressing a conviction coming from interest evidenced by this gathering that the boys of Canada are destined to put Canada in a position of world leadership, he proceeded to demonstrate how a mid-week service is conducted in a local group. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with a "hike" into the country where group games were engaged in in a large, open field.

WALLBRIDGE

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BIRTHS

HUFFMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell J. Huffman, 16 North Front St., on January 31st, a son, Joseph Rockwell.

DETLOF—To Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Detlor, At Belleville Hospital, Jan. 31st, a daughter.

Bill repeating the act forbidding sale of cigarettes in Tennessee passed the Senate.

For The Wedding Cake

We have just received a fine assortment of wedding cake trimmings, consisting of a fine variety of silver leaves, beautiful flowers and dainty dragees, also silver dragees. Call and see them if needing anything in that line.

Chas. S. CLAPP

The Bridge St. Confectioner & Baker.

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