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On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Taylor entertained the ladies' bridge club. Miss Ethel Bailey was the fortunate winner of the prizes, a very good time, and despite the unpleasant state of the weather, there was an excellent attendance.

North Battleford, Feb. 28. Dr. Torrey made a tour of the school on Thursday morning and gave the upper standards a very instructive and impressive talk. He expressed himself as very pleased with the management of the school.

The home of Mr. Bowie facing Railroad street, is quarantined for scarlet fever. Mrs. H. J. Montgomery entertained a few of the young people on Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Matthews, who left for Edmonton on Friday.

Rev. Mr. Fortune, of Red Deer, newly appointed general secretary for the province, gave an address in the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Barrett are in Strathcona visiting their daughter, Mrs. Marr, and making the acquaintance of a new girl there.

Mrs. Robert Gibbs entertained all the ministers of the Lacombe presbytery for dinner on Thursday. Captain O'Brien was a guest on Friday evening at a banquet given in Ponoka for the legislators.

On Wednesday two sons of John Ricks were married. Ed, married Miss Anna Simpson, of Hastings, Col., and Herb married Miss Edna Thorson, who lives some three miles out. The wedding was very well attended. Quite a number of friends drove out to Wetaskiwin to the home of the bride.

There were some fifty guests in all. Mr. Hogg was the toastmaster. The Rev. Mr. McLennan spent Monday with friends in town. Mrs. E. L. Gibb, of Blackfoot, was the guest of Mrs. R. W. Miller on Monday.

Hannah will leave on Saturday to spend a month with her family at the Battle River. The hockey club, the winners of the league championship, Pres. Gaetz on rising to his feet was all smiles and said he was very well pleased with the success of the club.

The Maple Leaf club held a very successful ball on Friday night. The proceeds of the ball were for the benefit of the school children from both sides of the river. The school children from both sides of the river were present and were instructed on the subjects of wheat and oats.

Two hours and a half of speech making, songs and instrumental music were spent in the McIntyre hall on Friday evening. The executive committee of the executive of the Vegreville Liberal association. There were about 150 present, including about 50 ladies. The executive intended holding similar entertainments on the last Friday in each month. R. G. Watson was the first speaker. His subject was "Political Parties of Canada." The speaker contrasted both parties since Confederation, paying a tribute to Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He showed that apart from the building of the C.P.R. all the great things done by the Liberal party. The next speaker was J. Old Stewardheart of the Farmers' association. His subject was "What is the Reason that there is so much vacant land?" The subject was well handled. Mr. Stan- ton giving the reasons clearly. H. H. Halladay, of the firm of Vegreville Impement Co., spoke on "The Farmer at Policy Modern." Mr. Halladay is a very enthusiastic speaker. He referred to the great strides the Liberal party and country have made in the last eleven years. He paid a tribute to the Hon. Frank Oliver and the showing of the Alberta Land Bill is a good one.

A. L. Horton, the Observer man, was the last speaker. He dwelt with the tariff and handling it without gloves. The speaker went on to show that high protection bred one class for the benefit of another class. Any- one that would vote for high protection for the west had something radically wrong with him.

The following programme was also given: Reading: "Old Stewardheart of Mine." Mrs. Dr. Ruch; song (comic); G. A. Barker; quartette, Mrs. W. Clements and Mrs. Barker; Messrs. Barker, R. Field; instrumental, by Mrs. Clements and Barker; quartette, "Moonlight Will Come Again," Mrs. Clements; Miss Morton, Messrs. Fraser and W. Clements.

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The time for making application for the extension of the water in the city of Red Deer has been extended until the 10th of March. Lloydminster, February 28.

Vegreville. The Queen's Hotel, built by the late P. W. Shirley, has been leased for a year by Messrs. Frederick V. Peacock and John B. McCulla,