

DISTRICT NEWS

LAMONT.

Lamont News Service.

The Sunday school convention for the Victoria and Sturgeon districts was held in the Union church in Lamont on Wednesday last. The day was fine and a large number attended at night and in the afternoon, though the number who attended in the morning was rather small. Mr. Stuart Muirhead, of Okotoks, general secretary for the Provincial Sunday School association, was present and gave some interesting and instructive addresses. There were three sessions. At the morning session, the opening exercises were conducted by the chairman, Rev. A. D. McDonald. The first topic, "How to Improve Our Sunday School in Regular and Prompt Attendance," was taken up by M. A. Whiteside, of Lamont, in the absence of Mr. J. Whiteley, of Pakan, who was unavoidably absent through sickness. Mr. D. Harper, of Ross Creek, considered the subject of "Securing Better Home Study of the Bible" in a thoughtful manner. The "Use of the Bible in the School," was attractively handled by Miss E. Weekes, of Pakan. In the absence of Dr. C. H. Lawford, Miss C. E. Cartwright, of Wasao mission, read a carefully prepared paper on "Conversions in the Sunday School." Each topic was earnestly and thoughtfully discussed by the members of the convention, and many pertinent and practical points were emphasized. The session was then adjourned at 12:15 p.m. with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Howard.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock with devotional exercises led by Rev. A. D. McDonald. An instructive paper prepared by Rev. A. Forbes, of Fort Saskatchewan, on the "Officers of the Sunday School," was read by Mr. Lindsay, as Mr. Forbes was unavoidably absent. This paper was well discussed and the value of a well selected library and a good librarian was emphasized. The duties of the other officers were also carefully considered. The round table discussion on the home department was ably conducted by the general secretary, Mr. Muirhead, and much interest was manifested. "The Teacher's Responsibility" was strongly presented by Mr. Rev. C. A. Albrecht in an earnest address. Lesson Construction and Presentation," was taken up by Mr. Muirhead, and many excellent ideas were brought out. The following committee was appointed by the chairman to report on the advisability of the organization of an association "for this district and to nominate officers, etc.": Rev. W. J. Howard, Dr. E. Archer, Rev. C. A. Albrecht, D. Harper and J. Alton. A round table discussion on "Primary Methods" was enthusiastically conducted by Mr. Muirhead. The session adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. J. Howard.

The Union Ladies' Aid had prepared a beautiful spread for the delegates in the basement of the church, and thither all those who had been besieged with the toils of the two sessions repaired to strengthen themselves for the evening session. At the evening session, which commenced at 7 o'clock, devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. B. Howard. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted. The committee appointed to elect officers for the new association, reported as follows: "Your committee recommend that we organize into an association.

2.—That the boundaries of the district included in the association be: On the west, Fort Saskatchewan and north of the river on the line between ranges nineteen and twenty; on the east, as far as Vegreville; on the south, fifteen miles south of the Canadian Northern railway; to the north, as far as there is any organized work.

3.—That the name of this association be the "Victoria and Sturgeon Territorial Sunday School Association."

4.—That the following officers be nominated:—Dr. A. E. Archer, Lamont.

Vice-president—R. Walton, Fort Saskatchewan.

Secretary—A. M. Munro, Lamont.

Additional members of the committee—Rev. C. A. Albrecht, of Bruderheim, Dr. C. H. Lawford of Pakan, W. K. Allan and D. Harper of Ross Creek.

5.—That the constitution of the General Sunday School association be adopted by the suggested association.

After the above were duly moved and seconded they were adopted unanimously.

Rev. A. D. McDonald then vacated the chair in favor of Dr. A. E. Archer, who then outlined his belief in the greatness of Sunday school work and its responsibilities.

"Present Demands in Sunday School Work" was then ably discussed by Mr. Muirhead, who emphasized the following points: We should recognize clearly the aim and end of the Sunday school, as the following definition tersely sums it up: "The Sunday school is that department of the church in which the word of God is taught to bring souls to Christ and build up souls in Christ."

Secondly—To make the Sunday school more modern and manage it more thoroughly along recognized educational lines.

Thirdly—To study the child more thoroughly so as to apply the best methods.

Fourthly—Must have trained teachers, as it is along that line that the day schools have been brought up to their present high standard.

Fifthly—The Sunday school should be made a missionary institution.

Sixthly—That the Sunday schools shall have real evangelistic services.

Mrs. C. A. Albrecht then sang a solo, "Star of the East," and the audience could scarce forbear to applaud.

The offering was then taken, amounting to \$14.65, and then Miss Weekes and Cartwright sang a duet, "Gathering of the Sheaves."

Rev. W. J. Howard did not discuss the theme of "The Place of the Home

in the Religious Education of Children

because of the inability of Miss Knight to take the musical directorship. Mrs. P. C. Dobson is being pressed to undertake the choral work for this season. It will be remembered the society rendered, "The Merry Milkman" in the style of the season. The local talent always draws bumper houses.

The beef will be high; butter and eggs are high, but thank heaven lumber is getting down to its proper level when we don't need any. We can't afford to lose these days.

The firm Papineau & Nelson, contractors, has been dissolved, Mr. Papineau withdrawing.

The Edmonton Concrete Co. are likely to establish a branch here, as the Council have entertained their proposition favorably.

Mr. H. Barnard and wife passed through here on the way to their future home, Dayland. Both were but lately residents of this city.

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FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Complimentary votes of thanks were made and the convention was closed by singing the hymn, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

The following delegates from outside points, were present: Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Albrecht (Bruderheim); Rev. W. J. Howard, Mr. Lindsay and R. Walton (Fort Saskatchewan); Herbert A. Wade (Sollman), David Harper (Ross Creek), F. J. Johnson (Clover Bay), Misses C. E. Cartwright and Edith A. Weekes (Wasao mission, near Pakan), F. B. Holden (Pakan).

Miss E. Johnston has departed for Parry Sound.

The Challenger Bros., of Lloydminster, are here buying a car load of milk cans to take to their farms south of Lloydminster, on the G. T. R. survey.

Mr. J. H. Sheddin went to Strathcona with a car load of hogs on Wednesday.

Rev. A. D. McDonald expects to be able to move his family from Edmonton to Lamont next Thursday, as the new manse will then be ready for occupancy.

Mr. J. Reid has got the agency for the Bankers' association, by which money can be sent from here or paid at this place at a rate that is as cheap or possibly cheaper than the post office money order system. He is to be congratulated on getting such a convenience for the public benefit.

There is some talk of the church people holding anniversary services as the church building will soon be one year old.

The Young Men's club are talking of holding an open meeting in the near future, and about the 9th of January will try to secure the services of some first class entertainers.

Messrs. A. and N. Ryan are building a large store house for Mr. L. Lilje, one that will give him more of a chance to keep his store from becoming too crowded with goods.

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The City Engineer Neville is moving into Mr. Bush's house on Lorne street. The latter will reside on his ranch for the winter.

Frank Pike, Camrose, late of Wetaskiwin, has resigned from the secretaryship of the Provincial Conservative Association.

George Fenton who has spent the last five years in the modern mines, where so many are looking, the Peace River district, spent a few days with Mrs. C. E. Tompkins, his sister, on the way home to St. Jean, P.E.I., for the winter.

E. E. Chandler expects to leave shortly for the North-western, and Middle West, to absent about two months, spending some time at Tepeka, Kan.

Little Beatrice Dickson, daughter of Shens and Mrs. Nelson, was seriously seized with an epileptic fit to-day, turning to school at 1:30 p.m. She was carried in and got to sleep, then removed to her home in a carriage. This is the second one within three weeks.

Mrs. W. A. Snider and daughter left for a visit with friends at Ponoka, on Tuesday last.

Mayor Day, Dayland, was a city visitor this week.

Mr. (Mrs.) Caesar, of Calgary, is the guest of Mrs. Norman Jackson, hotel Critchley.

Miss Amy McCallum is visiting her friend Mrs. Matthews, Calgary.

J. A. Fairley, license inspector, was in town on business this week.

Mr. R. Carme, hardware, thought reports this week of large settlements in his district and good average crops.

A highly respected citizen in the person of Mr. J. G. Sheak, harness maker, East Railway Street, passed away after only two days illness, the prey of acute nephritis. He had been here for over two years and was beloved for his unassuming ways. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his untimely death, snatched away as he was quite the prime of life. The funeral took place at the city cemetery on Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.

The bills of Dr. Walker, \$15.00 and Nurse Walsh \$15.00 for attendance on Miss Stromson, the typhoid patient, were the subject of considerable discussion at the last Council meeting, as the city solicitor declared the city not liable under the provincial Health Act. They will be paid, however, after the accounts have been gone into. There is also a considerable bill still unpaid.

The gas-bill has been placed on the table for the present, but a new location will be bored for water. The gas scheme has by no means been abandoned but a company of local capitalists is applying for a 15 years' franchise to bore for gas, oil and water; the latter to be turned over to the city if such is the wish of the council. The city-fathers should move very carefully in this matter and keep the good things in the city's control. This municipal ownership is one of our boasts, so there seems no reason why the gas franchise should be recklessly granted.

S. Edwards of the Government Telephone lines says Wetaskiwin is to have no government exchange this year but promises this boon early next year. The Bell has had a monopoly here and rates have been quite high but this competitive scheme of the Alberta Telephone House is very popular. Already after being installed but a short time, in Vegreville, a town of about one-third the size of this, the government system numbers in its list over 60 subscribers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gullikson, who have here their large real estate interests. He has sold out his Dakota holdings and pinned his faith to this district.

The foundations of the new gas generating plant are being laid under the supervision of City Engineer Neville.

R. J. Daley, of the big Rosenort ranch, stayed in the city on his way home to Steamboat, Ont., for a month holiday.

Hurrah! Tax rates down 16 mills for municipal, 9 for public and 7 for separate schools, 1-1-2 for debenture. The increase assessment makes a reduction of about 6 mills which is considerable.

The Choral Society met this week to

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The wrestling match that was to have taken place in the McIntyre Hall between Charles Sutter, of Edmonton and Carl Brown, better known as Charles Moth, did not materialize. A team was sent after Moth who is working with a three-year gang, but he wanted it postponed. C. P. Fisher, of Calgary, was here and a 10 round match was arranged with Sutter. It was a poor exhibition and the Fort are looking forward to this and unevenly matched as Fisher weighed 193 and Sutter 170. As usual the crowd was not large as another entertainment was being held in town the same night. H. Smith was referee and E. W. Johnston timekeeper. Fisher got the decision.

Mrs. Hyslop, organizer of the W.C.T.U., gave an address on Woman Suffrage, at a Methodist church, on Friday night. She went on to show that if women had a vote how quickly prohibition would be brought about. She used P. E. Island as an example. All places of vice would be abolished and temptation put out of the children's reach if the women could only vote. They would sway the world, in connection with the other forces.

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At the last meeting of the Fort Lodge, No. 14, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a generous sum of \$201.80, was donated to the hospital funds, and the money transferred to the treasurer of the project, at hospital here.

Rev. W. J. Howard, R. Walton and R. Lindsay, of the Fort, attended the annual convention, which was held at Lamont on Wednesday last. Rev. A. Forbes had prepared a most interesting and practical paper on "The Church as a Social Center," which was read by Mr. Lindsay, owing to Mr. Forbes' unavoidable absence, and was warmly and honestly listened to, and much appreciated.

Mrs. Harrison, of Edmonton, First Reader in the Christian Science church, is a visitor in the Fort. She is the guest of Mrs. H. E. Daniel, Roland Damm, ex-policeman, leaving for England, where he expects to spend the winter.

C. B. P. Mount is unable to attend to business this week owing to a severe attack of influenza.

Full arrangements have been made with the Kenna-Harvey Company of comedians to appear on the evening of Monday, at the Grand Opera House.

W. M. Corbett, of Fort Saskatchewan, was one of the successful candidates in the recent second intermediate exam held at Edmonton, and ranks amongst those who took the highest percentage.

Fort Saskatchewan, Nov. 9.

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Blizzard of snow and night frost suggest the return of winter.

The C. P. R. yards are still receiving attention. At the south of town and opposite the Silverthorne addition, the grading for a "Y" has been completed and work is now being done by leveling up. The great amount of stock shipping from Olds has made it necessary to have an arrangement necessary, a fact of considerable significance to all stockmen.

The Olds Liberal association has several children to ride on the Red Deer riding convention.

The bell for the tower of the new town hall has been ordered. It has been made in Chicago and is of durability and sweetness of tone.

The Pitman street lighting system is now being installed by Messrs. J. Duff & Co., and the appreciation of the enterprise upon the part of the council and business men is very generally expressed.

Mr. Wm. Kirkendall has resigned his position with the Massey Harris people here and will return to his home in the West. He has been in the position as secretary of the Olds 19,000 club.

Dr. H. P. Kenny is preparing for a month's trip to Chicago and Joliet, Illinois. Upon his return, the doctor will move into Olds and take up his dental profession.

The Baxter-Red Co. are having trouble in securing cars for their cattle shipments to the Chicago market, but are expecting to get a train load started for that point in a week or ten days. The car shortage was to have been a serious one at Olds for some time, while the relief for stock shipments is at hand there is a cry for cars among the hay shippers also.

Olds is in good line for its usual break horse team, but—the rink generally is fit to be solved.

The local athletic association is having a lot of trouble in getting a team of men to play. The rink is in a very bad way and it is likely Olds will have to be satisfied with an open air rink as in the past.

The regular meeting of the Olds board of trade occurred last Monday evening and was fairly well attended. The questions of customs, ports at the principal towns in Alberta and the general business of the district were gone into with the result that the board decided to solicit the cooperation of every public body of the province in a cup-jointing the co-operators. The organization here has kept an aggressive action up in reference to the improvements and can claim a fair degree of success as a result. It is in the case such a body should be made up of every prominent man in the place because all are receiving an indirect benefit from the diligent

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George F. Downes, of the firm of Mill & Downes, and late secretary, treasurer of the city, has been appointed police magistrate of Strathcona by the provincial government on the recommendation of the city council. For the past few years, the police court work has been done by Messrs. Tipton, Ritchie and Connolly, J.P.'s, but it has been felt for some time that a regular police magistrate was demanded by the growth of the city. Mr. Downes will assume his new duties at one. The salary will be paid by the city.

Progress in Studies—Lyle McCombs, James Bullied, Robert Cowles, Fred Kaller, Grace Poole, Helen Flemming, Roma Torgerson, Charlotte Austin, Arthur Davies, Herbert Gainer, Vincent Both, Allison McNulty, Stanley Alton, Alfred Harris, Winnie Annett, Amy Mellon, John McPhedran, Robert Greene, Harold Allen, Hilda Hallett, Standard IV—Attendance, Fred Crumb, Donald McDonald, Myrtle Annett, Robert Robertson, Cedric McLean, Louise Lenke, Fred Scott, Murdock McKinnon, Urvilla Brown, Standard V—Attendance, Otto Roeder, Joe Scarborough, Eric Weir, Marie Radway, Pearl Bisset, Alice McLean, Eva McCombs, Eva Willey, John Annett.

Progress in Studies—Eric Weir, Frances Bennett, Pauline Martin, Marie Radway, Otto Roeder, Minnie Hewitt, Adelbert Goas, John Inkster.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held this evening in the city council chamber.

The ladies of Holy Trinity church will hold a social in Orange hall tomorrow night. The affair will be in charge of Mrs. Young and Mrs. Hill and a dramatic sketch, "Turn Him Out," will be given.

Messrs. Garbe and Kent, who will have the management of the skating rink during the coming season, are so arranging the schedule, that the public will be able to get plenty of skating. The rink will be open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7 p.m. On Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning the ice will be reserved for school boys' hockey practice, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings senior hockey practice will take place, but the players will be got on the ice early so as to allow patrons plenty of time for skating afterwards.

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