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## SPORTS NEWS

### Soft Ball

The Beavers and Marlborough St. Church teams played a tie of 7-7 at Recreation Park last night. The Church got away to a good start scoring six runs in two innings, and after that could do nothing with Simmons' offerings. The features of the game was a home run by Adams and Simmons' three-base hit that drove in two runs and tied the score. Simmons struck out 9 and Crowley 4. Score: Beavers 7, Marlborough St. Church 7.

### Football

The P. S. A. Football club will practice at Agricultural Park to-night and will select the team to meet the Thistles on Saturday in the final of The Courier Cup at the meeting on Thursday night at the Congregational church.

### COMPETITION FOR COCKSHUTT CUP, RESULTS

The Cockshutt Cup resulted in a most excellent competition which will be at once a satisfaction to those who competed, and to the generous donor of the trophy—Mr. W. F. Cockshutt. On Saturday, Mr. D. S. Large and Mr. G. Ellis, who, through consistent playing, has reached the finals, played a very strenuous match, resulting in a tie. This tie was played off yesterday, and Mr. Large proved the victor, after a good match. We not only congratulate the winner, who thus returns to his former position as one of Brantford's most sterling players, and a gold medalist of respect, but also congratulate Mr. C. G. Ellis, who has slowly forged his way to the front ranks, and the future will doubtless see his name among prize winners. Mr. Frank Leeming and Mrs. W. B. Preston yesterday defeated Dr. Chapin and Miss Schell in the semi-finals for the Sheppard Shield, while Mr. G. Caudwell and Miss Wallace beat Mr. R. Scarfe and Miss D. Wilkes. The two victorious pairs will play off the final this week. On Saturday there will be a qualifying round for the cup presented by Mr. H. R. Yates, eight lowest scores to qualify. Present holder, Mr. Geo. Miller.

**THE WESTERN FAIR**  
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The management of the Western Fair of London, Ontario, is very busy arranging for the big Exhibition which takes place this year September 10th to 18th. On account of the military authorities using the grounds and buildings during the winter, a large amount of work is necessary to be done, but the board of directors were only too glad to be able to help in any way in these war times. The new steel grand stand is in course of erection, and will be completed in good time. It is 340 feet long by 80 feet wide and will seat 5,000 people every sitting being a good one. It is of steel construction on cement footings, and absolute safety to the public was the first thing considered in its erection. There will be three 20 foot entrances through the grand stand to the paddock in front. A certain number of the sittings will be in the reserved section at 50c, and the balance will be the same price as other years, 25c. There will be an excellent programme of attractions. Prize lists, entry forms and all information supplied by writing the Secretary, A. M. Hunt, London, Ontario.

#### NEWPORT

Rev. Mr. Edmunds of the Grand River Mission will take charge of the service on next Sabbath evening. Miss Josie Chambers who has been teaching at Bridgeburg, is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Crandell. Miss Edna Phillips spent a few days in the city. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pyley and little daughters, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Emmott on Wednesday. Miss Maud and Erma Smith were the guests of Miss Marion Phillips on Wednesday. Miss Margaret Sutherland, city, has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. Emmott. Mr. F. Chapin spent a few days visiting friends in Flint Mich. Miss Annie Bilger and Master Glenford Wheeler, visited at Courtland for a few days. Master Earl Wheeler spent a few days in the city. The Toronto Ministerial Association will take a machine gun to Canada's fighters.

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#### MOUNT ZION

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Read and Mrs. Bonner, were guests of friends near Princeton on Sunday last. Mrs. Butler and daughter of Brantford spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson here. Mrs. Reta Baird of Brantford spent over Sunday here with Miss Gladys Trocus. Mrs. Carl Terryberry and children of Salem were Sunday guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coakley. Mr. Charles Fowler of Brantford was calling on friends in this neighborhood on Saturday last. Master Wilmer Hanson of Northfield spent Sunday with his uncle Amos Hanson. Miss Nettie Butler has returned to her home in Brantford after a month's visit with friends here. Mr. Roy and Miss Grace Brooks intend taking in the excursion to Ft. Stanley on Wednesday the 21st. Quite a number from here intend going to the Harley Garden Party on the 20th.

#### CANNING

Mrs. Capstick and Mrs. Holland of Toronto, are spending the summer here. Mr. and Mrs. Robison and family left the village on Wednesday. Mrs. Chesney had a very pleasant visit at the Sparks' Farm on Thursday. Mr. Martin, who has reached the age of ninety-two years, took a trip to Stratford accompanied by his grand-daughter, Miss Rehdar, last week. Mrs. Ross and son are spending a few weeks at Whitchurch. Mr. and Mrs. Critchton visited in the village last week. Master John Anderson is receiving congratulations for passing his examinations at the Central school, at Uxbridge. Mr. Pernel is getting better. Mr. Fred Parson of Paris was calling on relatives in the village last week. Mr. and Mrs. Tedman of Toronto are visiting here. Mrs. Given and her sister, Mrs. Reader, spent Tuesday afternoon in Paris. Mrs. Dickie and son, attended divine worship at Ayr on Sunday. There have been some good crops of strawberries and raspberries here. We expect cherries will be plentiful. Grapes and other small fruits, which were touched with the frost, will be scarce. Mr. John Elms and Master Leo were in the village on Friday evening.

#### SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOR.

According to C.P.R. advices there is likely to be a shortage of farm labor in the west in the fall. There are already over 100,000 of our Canadian young men under arms, and the war may demand more. Immigration is, of course, at a standstill, it will be impossible to get men from the east, where men are scarce, and in any case the west does not want men who, after the harvest, would be a burden on the people. The question is, where will the men come from? The press is advising the farmers to hire men now and to hire them for a year in advance. There is, indeed, talk of a famine of unskilled labor in the fall. Many thousands of men, not merely from Canada, but the States have left for



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