

OLDER GIRLS' CONFERENCE HELD IN THIS CITY IS CROWNED WITH A THOROUGH SUCCESS

First Event of Its Kind Held in Brantford, Though Hopes are Entertained to Make Its Annual—A Comprehensive Summary of the Work of the Conference

The opening session of the first "Older Girls' Conference" in this city, was held on Saturday afternoon in the First Baptist Church. Enthusiasm was high from the very start. From 2 o'clock on those in charge of the registration were kept busy taking care of the girls as they came in. By 3:20 the body of the church had scarcely a vacant seat, the registration reaching 500.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Miss Mabelle Cook by which the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss A. Howden; Vice-Pres., Miss M. Walton; Sec'y, Miss A. Heath; Treas., Miss L. Newham.

Miss Elsie Wilmet's paper on "Am I My Sister's Keeper," brought all face to face with their responsibilities to those about them. The subject of class organization in the Sunday School was covered by Rev. E. W. Halpenny, General Secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association.

A paper on "Class Activities," written by Mrs. F. Yeomans, was ably given by Mrs. P. Yeomans. Miss C. Walton presented the ideals of girlhood in her paper on "The four-fold Development."

At this point the conference was divided into group discussions: (a) Teachers and workers, led by Rev. E. W. Halpenny; (b) Members of organized classes led by Mrs. W. E. Bowyer; (c) Members of unorganized classes led by Miss L. Taggart.

In the announcements of following sessions Miss Best expressed appreciation of the unflinching support of the girls on various committees in promoting the interests of the conference, and of the joy felt by all in the successful results.

The Banquet. At six o'clock the conference body repaired to the Masonic Hall where the ladies of the W.W.C.A. Directorate and helpers, sixty in number, were ready to give the banquet. The hall was decorated with flags and posters. Approximately 500 girls and Sunday school teachers were seated at the beautifully spread tables—and then the fun began—Group songs and vells came from every quarter, several at a time. All joined in songs in praise of the vari-

HARRY LAUDER IN A NEW ROLE—AS YE GENTLE LOVER



This is a picture of Harry Lauder posing as Angus McCaugus in "Three Cheers," with Miss Ethel Lefey playing the part of the designing Lady Chauncy.



PTE. JOHN FARR No. 797651, 133rd Battalion. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Albert Farr, Walsingham; a brother of Mr. M. Wheeler, 162 York St., Simcoe, whose husband is also at the front, now in the trenches.

SURVIVAL OF FITTEST IN HOTEL TRADE

Is Attitude of Ontario License Board; Policy Stated

Where the needs of the travelling public can be adequately and satisfactorily served by those remaining in the business who can make it profitable, no attempt will be made to coax anybody to keep hotel who is struggling hard with difficulties. At any rate, this would appear to be the view of the Ontario License Board, as given expression to by Chairman J. D. Flavell, who incidentally told the inspectors in Toronto that had been held there had been improved hotel conditions.

Mr. Flavell read a circular which had been sent to license inspectors to the effect that whereas a certain degree of leniency in regard to hotel rules had been considered necessary in order to allow hotelkeepers to become accustomed to the new conditions, the year 1917 should witness a living up to the regulations. If the commercial travellers would through their complaint committee, make reports of hotels not doing so, the cases would be dealt with at once by the board.

Safety First Methods. One of the points which the deputation strongly urged was the provision of improved fire escape facilities. It was suggested that all sleeping apartments should be provided with printed information regarding location of fire escapes; candle and matches should be left in each room; steel-barred windows should be fastened on the inside so they could be thrown open without trouble, and roped escapes should be knotted with knots twelve inches apart.

The matter of lavatory accommodation was also discussed, and it was stated that in many places there was room for decided improvement. Some remarks were made about Toronto being badly off for public conveniences, and that it was up to the city to do something. Chairman Flavell thought the city falling any other method might either by grant or by easing taxation help the hotels to provide ample and satisfactory accommodation in this respect.

The delegation included Alexander Cook, president; W. J. Moody, Kitchen, chairman of the Hotel Committee; George Wilmot, Toronto; G. Matheson, Hamilton, and J. W. Charles, Toronto.

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NEWS OF NORFOLK

Head Office of Shoe Company to be Established at Simcoe

OTHER NEWS ITEMS Pretty Wedding Solemnized at Woodhouse

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(From Our Own Correspondent) Simcoe, Feb. 26.—The County Treasurer's Notice re sale of land for taxes shows: Two parcels in Charlotteville \$29.55 Three parcels on Long Point 35.19 One parcel in S. Walsingham 58.49 One parcel in Middleton 28.40 One parcel in Windham 18.95 Four parcels in Port Dover 110.55 Total for County \$280.95

The Unique Shoe Company is taking the statutory procedure to remove the head office to Simcoe. Geo. H. Luscombe is President of the Company.

Electric lights will be in operation at the Oddfellow's Hall presently. The wiring was done a year ago and the unsatisfactory lighting when the gas pressure has been low during the past weeks has been followed by a determination to put in the electric fixtures.

Funny Fire Works. Oliver Deacon and Chas. Berry were side by side in a trench in France, Charlie said, "Ollie, Ollie, look at the fire works," as a star shell came over, next minute a shell burst nearby and Charlie with some others found Oliver down under a heap of earth. They got him out intact.

George White, one time manager of the Ford Garage, is selling his furniture and leaving for the native turf across the border. Lieut. G. S. Curtis, who was home on convalescent leave in November is now in Hastings with a Canadian Garrison Duty Battalion.

The Algeo home on Colborne St. N. was sold on Saturday for \$2,900 to Simon Hunter of Wycombe, who within an hour was offered 3,000 for the property.

What's the Difference? Our apparent error in the use of the term "Crocodile" instead of "Crocodile" is a Friday's issue, when noting activity at the place of West and Peachy has, we believe, appeared so funny as to be amusing. We learn already that a couple of counter-officers of the "god-father" laughed over our blunder till they shed Alligator tears. The incident reminds us of the witty operator at the telephone switch-board, who when informed that the connected up No. 7 instead of No. 2, called out the bat, "Well, what's the difference they both go to the same church?"

FLEMING—BALDWIN A very animated scene presented itself at Maple Front Farm, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fleming, when at high noon Saturday, and in the presence of some thirty guests all relatives of the contracting parties, Miss Martha Fleming, daughter was joined in matrimony to John Chester Woodhouse, formerly of Nelles' Corners. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. Pincock, intern pastor of the Simcoe Baptist Church in which the bride was a prominent worker.

The bride was conducted to the altar by her father, Miss Millie Fleming sister of the groom, playing Mendelssohn's March. Durr, Fleming of the register, Mr. Lorne Fleming, Principal of the Mt. Forest Business College, and brother of the groom, sang in rich tenor, "A Perfect Day."

The ceremony over, the party was ushered to the dining room where a dainty wedding breakfast was ready prepared. On the table, the bride's table was a large basket bouquet of white carnations, a gift to the bride. The general scheme of decoration here was pink and white. The bride's wedding gown was of white voile with shadow lace over the dress. A corsage bouquet of salmon pink roses completed a dainty attire from which, as in many modern instances, the veil and wreath were omitted. The going-away suit was of brown garbardin with black picture hat, and the young couple partially evaded the rillery of the young folks by driving to Dover to board the radial on a honeymoon trip to Brantford and East.

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over "DeCoo's Hill." Police Court Busy. Magistrate Gunton had a good slate Saturday afternoon. This explains why Chief Canning was absent from the street in the very half day of the week when his presence there is most required.

Selling Boys Smokes. Geo. Harkas was fined \$10 and costs, \$3.35, for selling cigarettes to minors a few days ago.

Mixed Drinks. Edwin Looms was the first to fall into the net of the new nightwatchman, Geo. Pepper. The latter followed the meandering pedestrian from the exit from the Queen's Hotel, about midnight, and when Looms showed disability to reach home alone, took him in tow over to Lot street. Looms was wanted at the factory early next morning. He appeared in court, charged with being intoxicated on the street, and the case was set back till next Saturday.

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Kent and Robinson Sts. Other Coming Events. Orvil Overholt was over again on Thursday from Waterloo. He lifted his hat to Squire Earl and will return for the third trial next Thursday. His is entirely a Waterloo case and there are J. P.'s in Waterloo. There are those among our public men who are wondering why the town of Simcoe has to provide and heat quarters for such cases as this that by common consent should be heard at Waterloo or in the county buildings.

Dr. Toll has issued his certificate stating that Mamie Becker, whose adjourned trial on a charge of being intoxicated in a public place, is slated for to-day, is still unwell and will not be able to attend.

A. E. Wright was home from London for the week-end. Mr. Wm. Calder of "The Reservoir" Hamilton, paid his brother J. A. Calder a visit on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole, of Waterloo St., Brantford, visited Mr. Fred Wilkes and Mr. and Mrs. L. Price, Kent St., yesterday.

Rev. Coburn, of Hamilton preached as supply at St. Paul's yesterday. Rev. W. G. Richardson, B.A., of Arthur, will be the preacher of the day next Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Gilbertson is quite unwell at her residence, South Talbot St.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Gilchrist, of Nelson, B.C., registered at the Battersby House on Friday.

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Up to the present no township has been formed. The first Buff Orpington cockerel by Thompson Bros., Port Dover, Ont., was hands down, the best of his kind ever shown in Detroit. A marvel in color and nearly standard

in shape.—(Michigan Poultry Journal).

The Dover Chapter I. O. D. E. has published the annual statement for the year, showing receipts of \$859.47. Exclusive of monies received and forwarded as subscriptions for "Echoes." The officers for 1917 are:

Hon. Regent, Mrs. A. Battersby; H. V. R., Mrs. H. J. Johnson; Regent, Mrs. Hobbs; 1st. V. R., Mrs. Ainsley; 2nd V. R., Miss Langs; Sec. Mrs. T. D. Smith; Asst. Sec., Mrs. B. Dell; Echoes Sec., Mrs. Cook; Ed' Sec., Mrs. H. B. Barrett; Treas., Miss Sovereign; Std.-bearer, Mrs. Tibbets; Counsellors, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Howey, Miss James, Miss Law, Mrs. J. S. Martin, Mrs. Jos. Ivey, Mrs. Skey, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. McPherson.

The Saturday afternoon tea rooms opposite the post office, were open for the first time on Saturday and the 40 cent admission netted a handsome little addition to the fund. The ladies have been encouraged in the work. H. P. Innes, K.C. gives the rooms free, the town supplies the water free, the Simcoe plumbing and heating company set up the stove free and the Dominion Natural Gas Company are supplying gas free. The ladies have the quarters becomingly decorated and are off to a good start.

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Table with train schedules for L. E. & N. RAIL, including times and destinations like Port Dover to Galt and Galt to Port Dover.