

**OBITUARY**

**MARION CRAIG HOOVER**

The announcement of the death of Mrs. D. G. Hoover (nee Marion Craig) of Bothwell, would be read with exceeding regret by her numerous friends.

Marion was born on the Craig homestead, South Warwick, where she attended the public school and from her early childhood gave evidence of unusual cleverness, invariably surpassing her youthful classmates.

She withdrew from school at an early age to wait upon her dying mother, whose place in the home she was eventually required to fill. Subsequently she attended the Watford High School where she had a brilliant career and was a source of pride to her father, and relatives, of admiration to her teachers, and a great credit to the school. Her deportment at school was excellent and could not fail to exert a most wholesome influence upon her classmates.

After she had obtained her professional certificate she taught at Aberfeldy and Cashmere. At the latter place she met her future husband to whom she was married in 1909, and latterly resided at Bothwell. At the age of 14 she was converted at the Revival services conducted by the Moorhouse Brothers in Zion Methodist church and remained to the last a consistent member.

The Following is Taken From the Bothwell Times:—

**Death of Highly Esteemed Resident.**

A deep gloom was cast over this town and community on Thursday morning, when it became known that Mrs. D. G. Hoover, had died in the General Hospital at Chatham about 2 a. m., April 10th, through the effects of an operation performed the day before. The remains were brought to her home in Bothwell Thursday morning. On Saturday at 2 p. m. a very impressive service was held in the Methodist church. Rev. C. L. L. Couzens officiating assisted by Rev. J. M. Beill, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. C. Nethercott. The service was exceptionally impressive and the floral tributes were beautiful consisting of beautiful wreaths from the Bothwell Chapter O. E. S., Wide-Awakes Bible Class, Ladies' Aid, The Methodist choir, Bothwell; Clachan Women's Institute, Bothwell Women's Institute, Excell Class of Bothwell Methodist S. S., Star of the East Lodge No. 422 A. F. & A. M., Bothwell High School, Dent Bros., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Howard, Wallaceburg. Appropriate music was rendered by a male quartette and the choir and Rev. Couzens preached an inspiring sermon. The funeral was very largely attended. The members of the Eastern Star directed the ceremony at the grave.

The late Mrs. Hoover, although only a resident of Bothwell for about twelve years, had endeared herself to a wide circle of friends. She was an active member of the Methodist church, serving faithfully in several organizations. She was also a member of the Women's Institute and the Bothwell Chapter O. E. S. No. 87. She is survived by a husband and daughter, Hilda, and aged father Mr. James Craig and sister Mrs. Harry Hollingsworth of Watford. Before her marriage Mrs. Hoover was a public school teacher, having taught at Cashmere. Deceased was 39 years, 7 months and 26 days old, when death came.

**BALD HEADED GIRLS**

Just think of it girls, especially you bobbed headed girls, within a few years you will be bald, if the prediction of the head of the hair-dressing association of New York comes true, and he is supposed to be an authority. He says:—If women and young girls do not stop bobbing their hair, a terrible spectacle may be the result. He based his conclusion on the fact that milliners, in order to conform to present-day haircut known as the 'garcon', which is explained as being a 'boyish bob', have been obliged to make head bands exceedingly tight in order to keep the hats on the head. This results in the bands growing sweaty and the hair dry from that and from lack of blood circulation. Mr. Byrne also said that girls of the present generation will be bald before they reach maturity.

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**Ministers Warm Up in Session on Church Union**

Sarnia Presbytery Has Hot Discussion on Question, With Party Lines Drawn Tight.

Little actual business was transacted at Monday morning's meeting at the Sarnia Presbytery in St. Andrews Presbyterian churches, but there was a world of action over a motion that was put before the gathering when the meeting was opened and withdrawn just before it closed.

At the December meeting of the Presbytery a communication was received from the Union committee of the general assembly asking the Sarnia Presbytery to appoint a committee to foster the spirit of church union and carry out the principles of church union within its jurisdiction.

The December communication was the cause of all the disturbance at today's session.

**For and Against.**

Rev. A. W. Shephard, of Parkhill opposed the idea. He put forward a motion, which was seconded by Geo. Aitken, West Williams, "that the communication on church union from the union committee of the general assembly to appoint a committee to foster the spirit of church union and carry out the policy of the church union committee, be lifted from the table." His motion started a controversy that waged throughout the morning. Opinion was divided on the matter, but the opposition to his motion was keen.

Rev. J. J. Mondis, of Petrolia, was strongly opposed to the motion and his following had some pointed things to say regarding the breaking away from the edicts of the head body. Before the discussion was closed with the withdrawal of the motion practically every member in attendance had made a stand one way or the other.

**Chasm Widens**

Presbyterian congregations throughout the Presbytery have formed decided opinions for and against church union and several of the speakers hinted at a chasm within the church if the matter was not handled carefully. The anti-union faction in the church, has already a considerable following some speakers asserted and it behooved the champions of the church union cause to stand together if they would be successful. A divided force could not be expected to cope with the organized strength of the forces opposed to union.

Mr. Mondis expressed the opinion that ministers of the different congregations were best qualified to handle the local situations. If outside committees went over the heads of the ministers he predicted some exciting times in the different centres of Presbyterianism.

Rev. Mr. McInnis, of Theedford, took a prominent part in the discussion and Rev. J. R. Hall made a telling survey of the situation.

**Feeling Runs High**

The motion was read over several times and finally put to a vote. So strong was the feeling and so many the arguments put up against the motion that Rev. Mr. Shephard and Rev. Geo. Aitken mover and second of the disputed motion, withdrew it with the permission of the court.

Rev. Wm. McInnis of Theedford, introduced a motion, on the withdrawal of the original one that a committee be appointed to draft a memorial to the House of Commons at Ottawa to pass the church union bill at present before the house, without amendment. The second motion also met with stout opposition and the discussion was waxing warm when J. J. Mondis of Petrolia moved that the Presbytery adjourn for luncheon. Rev. W. McIntosh seconded the motion.

**Those Present**

The delegates included A. McVicar of Inwood; J. J. Patterson, Sarnia; J. J. Mondis, Petrolia; H. D. Cameron, Forest; A. W. Shephard, Parkhill; R. Bruce, Napier; Wm. McIntosh; H. V. Workman, Watford; Geo. Aitken, West Williams; Wm. McInnis, Theedford; Jas. Gale, Arkona; J. D. Bannatyne, Bridgen; J. R. Hall, Sarnia; A. E. Waghorne, Mandamin; H. W. Hagelstine, Guthrie; J. C. Forster, Moore Line; P. M. McEachern, Point Edward; Peter Lindsay, G. W. Douglas, Geo. Field, W. B. Laws, E. A. Taylor, Hugh Fraser, Dan Johnston, Chester Belton, Jas. McLean, J. B. Williams and R. Irwin.

Rev. A. McVicar, of Inwood, moderator, presided at the meeting.

Over indulgence in sap drinking is thought to have been the cause of the death of 12-year-old Evelyn Mlakey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mlakey, who died suddenly Sunday morning at her home at Tilbury.

**BACKING AWAY FROM THE LAND**

Why so many farm auction sales would be natural query following a perusal of our own advertising columns and those of the weeklies upon the exchange list of this paper. Here and there a sale is advertised whose purpose is the disposal of surplus live stock, but in most and many too many instances may be found the statement "the proprietor is giving up farming."

The spring of the year is an unusual time for such advertisements—with seeding close at hand; for the coming summer and fall months are the largest earning months on the average farm, and it is most unusual to quit the game when its most profitable time lies straight ahead. Yet that is what many farmers scattered over a wide extent of territory seem to be doing.

Why? Perhaps a case that comes under personal knowledge may be exemplary of many of the others. It is that of a good farmer, who has been on his own farm for the twelve years since his marriage, when he left his father's homestead. This man is one who likes farming and believes the farm the best place for his young family. His is a good farm and one he has had cause to take pride in, yet he is through.

The why, he says, is because he is not getting an adequate return for his labor and that of his wife and family and on the money he has tied up in his place; and he thinks there are other lines which he can turn with promise of a more substantial reward and a better future.

The point that makes this widespread exodus from the land of interest to all is that the conditions bringing it about affect not only the men on the land but his brethren in the towns and cities as well. Maybe the latter will say they have their own troubles without bothering about those of the farmer; but they should not overlook the fact that every man leaving a farm in the district surrounding the town or city takes with him a condition that makes the city or town possible, for the urban communities would be as naught without the rural.

The farmer knows what is the matter—his expenses have outstripped his receipts. He sells his products at 1914 rates and purchases his requirements at those of 1924.

That is the gist of it; and every agency touching upon the farmer's situation might well co-operate with him in solving his problem, for in the solution of it lies much of the solution of the difficulties of those who live in numbered houses upon paved streets instead of on homesteads fronting country roads.

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**Soil**—The Gladiolus is not exacting in its demand upon the soil; a light, rich soil is usually considered most suitable.

The best fertilizer is well decayed stable manure, applied in the fall and well mixed with the soil, and supplemented with bone meal or acid phosphate. A dressing of wood ashes can be used to advantage.

**Planting**—Gladiolus corms or bulbs should be planted about 4 inches deep, depending on the soil. Deep planting helps to support the stem.

They may be planted in straight rows, and if exhibition flowers are wanted, six or more inches apart, but good flowers will be produced if they are planted closer. They do not do well if planted in shade of trees or buildings.

**Time For Planting**—Gladiolus may be planted any time after the ground is sufficiently warm and dry. From May 15 to 20 is the usual time, but planting may be continued until the 10th or 15th of June. By planting at intervals of a week or more, the flowering season will be prolonged, but this is also accomplished by planting a range of varieties of different maturities.

Flower spikes that are produced last of August or first of September are often much finer than blooming earlier in August, when the weather is hotter.

Planted in May, they take about twenty-five to ninety days to bloom, some varieties being much earlier than others.

To produce fine flowers, effort should be made to maintain a steady growth, and in order to effect this, they must not be allowed to suffer from lack of moisture. No matter how good the corm is, or how fine the variety, they will not give good results, if stunted by dry weather. Some of the very finest varieties do not show to advantage in very hot weather, and will be scarcely re-

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**Harvesting**—Dig the corms before the ground freezes. Cut off the stalk close to the corm, cure for a few days in sun and air, and store in a cool cellar in shallow trays or open paper bags and the corms can be removed at a convenient time during the winter.  
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