

News from Western Ontario

AYLMER LADIES' INSTITUTE

Election of Officers for the Year—Preparing for the Annual Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Aylmer, May 7.—The interior of the G. N. W. telegraph office has been remodelled and much improved.

Frank Burthwick, who has been visiting friends in Orillia, has returned home.

Fred Paupet has accepted a situation with Beattie Bros., bakers, St. Thomas.

A. S. Rennie, formerly of this place, now of Linwood, is improving after a six weeks' attack of pneumonia.

Earl Campbell entertained a number of his friends on Tuesday evening.

A number of our citizens rose this morning between 3 and 4 o'clock in view of the comet.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lawrence, of St. Thomas, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kingston.

Frank Trim was in Sincere on business Thursday.

Ladies' Institute.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the ladies' institute was held on Wednesday afternoon, when important business was transacted. As the annual meeting will be held on June 9, it was decided to omit the regular June meeting.

Mrs. James W. Gillett very kindly consented to entertain the delegates, who will be here. The following officers were elected: Programme committee, Mrs. W. White, Mrs. George Harp, Mrs. M. Griffin, president, Mrs. John Trim, vice-president, Mrs. M. Griffin, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Susie Marlatt; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fred Holder; district director, Mrs. D. McLennan; auditors, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Frank Paupet; board of directors, Mrs. M. Lyons, Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Farthings, Mrs. George Copeland; Mrs. T. Hammond, Mrs. S. Hemmingsway, Mrs. Garner. The auditors' report was accepted. A delegation was also chosen to put on the programme at Richmond on Tuesday next. Those who will take part are: Mrs. D. McLennan, Mrs. S. Hemmingsway, Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. J. Trim, Mrs. Garner.

CLARK--NASH

Pretty Wedding at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nash, Watford.

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, May 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nash, Watford, when their only daughter, Winnifred, was united in matrimony to Mr. W. W. Clark, of Seattle, Wash. The bride entered the drawing-room, leaning on the arm of her father, while the wedding march was being played by Miss Edith Graham, who was assisted by Mrs. B. Horne, B.A., performed the ceremony in the presence of the near relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was unattended, and looked charming in a gown of white, embroidered silk, with trimmings of Irish lace and ribbon, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Mr. and Mrs. Clark intend leaving shortly for their home in Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. E. Graham and Miss Edith Graham, Alvington; Mr. and Mrs. B. Horne, Alvington; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Port Huron; Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Wyoming, attended the wedding.

IVAN.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ivan May 7.—The Y. P. Guild of the Presbyterian Church here will hold an ice cream social on Tuesday evening, May 10. A splendid programme is being prepared by Mrs. Nellie Robson, Vanneck, Mr. Hanley, of the Home Bank, Riderton, and others of local fame, will take part. Popular prices, 15 and 10 cents. All are welcome.

The township commissioners are busy. Nearly all the contracts for bridges and repairs for the season are let. E. T. Caverhill, for No. 3 ward, awarded contracts this week as follows: Filling and deepening, breaking and filling, and repairing of bridge and cement wings on two large culverts, to A. Fraser. Repairing large bridge on 13th concession, to A. Fotherly & Co., new bridge, 13th concession, and wings on large culvert, 12th concession, to Shipley & Grieve, the council furnishing all material. The competitions were quite keen on all the contracts. There are four new large front and concrete bridges to be built on the 8th concession, under the county good roads system.

The rabies bylaw is being well carried out, and no more fines since the first "take in."

BROWNSVILLE.

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Brownsville, May 6.—A. King and son Willie are spending a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. Hoshel, of Port Burwell, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Branson.

Mrs. Fred Brown and children visited her parents, William Nanciville, of Ingersoll, on Sunday.

Mr. Calvert visited at H. D. Smith's, of Tillsonburg, on Sunday.

Thomas Leach and Ed. Corbett called on friends in Ingersoll on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Smith, Jun., visited friends in Aylmer on Wednesday.

E. Agur received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. J. James, of Nilestown, on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Agur attended the funeral on Friday.

A. J. Robertson attended the funeral of his cousin at Dundas on Monday last.

Mr. P. Mathews, of Dunnville, is relieving Mrs. Curtis, M. C. R. operator, for a while.

WATFORD.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Watford, May 5.—Mrs. Charles McCormick, St. Clair, Mich., called on Watford friends this week.

Mr. W. Wyatt and Miss Clara Tye returned Tuesday to Stratford, after a pleasant visit here with Mrs. Tye.

Mr. F. Eccles, Sault Ste. Marie, visited his uncle, J. F. Elliott, this week.

Harold H. Lawrence, Toronto University, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. W. W. Clarke and Mrs. W. J. Doan were in London this week.

Mrs. D. Gillies and Miss Mamie Moir were in Hensall this week, attending the funeral of the latter's grandmother, the late Mrs. Moir.

Mrs. Frank Clark, Warwick, has moved into this town and occupies the Williamson house on St. Clair street.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett, London, were guests of Mrs. S. E. Thompson this week.

Miss Hazel Marwick and Mr. Edward A. Kidd were married on Thursday, April 22, by Rev. M. Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Kidd will reside on the 12th line of Brooke.

Mrs. Margaret Harrower has returned to Sarnia after visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Kerton.

Rev. S. P. Irwin will preach in St. John's Church, Sarnia, on Sunday morning next, and St. George's Church, Sarnia, on Sunday evening.

J. W. Ackrill left on Tuesday for Calgary, where he has secured a good position.

Howard Brown, who has been with the W. A. Brock Company, Toronto, for some months, returned home Tuesday, his services being required in his father's store here.

Cecil Annett has been engaged as junior clerk in the Merchants' Bank here.

Rev. Mr. Ford was in London this week.

PORTRAIT OF PREMIER FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER

Dr. Rankin Presents One to the City of Stratford.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, May 6.—Dr. Rankin, M. P., has generously presented to the city, to be hung in the council chamber, one of the latest portraits of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The portrait is a reproduction of an oil painting executed by Mr. J. W. Forster, of Toronto, and was presented to Sir Wilfrid about a year ago by the Liberal members of the House of Commons.

John Agnew, Limited, the extensive shoe dealers, who have stores at Brantford, Woodstock and Hagersville, have opened a store in the Windsor block, Downie street, and fitted it up in the most attractive style, besides equipping it with a complete stock of the best Canadian and American goods. Mr. J. Bauslaugh, vice-president of the company, has had charge of getting the store ready for occupancy, while Mr. F. L. Corford will act as the local manager.

Warden Turner, Ald. Greenwood and Inspector Dickson have returned home after a most successful visit to the houses of refuge at Berlin, Clinton and Fergus, having obtained many valuable pointers that will be made use of in inaugurating the new ventilation system in the local house of refuge.

Yesterday J. W. Orr, veterinary surgeon, Ald. Frame and Ald. Carter, along with Mr. W. Wanzel, in his new Ford machine, made a trip through the surrounding district with a view to purchasing a new team for the fire brigade. Tavistock, Woodstock, Burgessville, Norwich and Holbrooke were visited en route, but the party were unsuccessful in securing a suitable team. There are left a few more places to visit, however, and it is hoped that a suitable team will yet be obtained.

Rev. J. P. Gierke, pastor of the Congregational Church, will preach anniversary sermons at the London Southwestern Congregational Church on Sunday next. Rev. W. H. J. Claris, pastor of that church, will occupy the pulpit at both services here.

The Collegiate Institute is closed today as a mark of respect to the late caretaker, Mr. Robert H. Pearson, whose death so sadly and unexpectedly occurred yesterday.

NILESTOWN.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Nilestown, May 7.—Miss Mary McKellar, of London, was visiting Lela Barrows lately.

Mr. Charles Walker, former school teacher, passed his examination at Toronto with honors. His many friends here are glad to learn of his success.

Mr. Robert Dalziel, our minister here, is also congratulated on having very successfully passed his examinations. He visited the day school lately and gave the scholars a choice little talk upon "Our Flag."

That school project on foot of late, which very materially concerns this section, rubs up against a very chilly shoulder. So far as the greater number of ratepayers here look upon the matter, they consider it a non-essential undertaking for the present at least.

In the late electrical storm the lightning put up a sort of "I spy" game at the home of John Barrows, Nilestown. There was a blinding flash of lightning, a terrific peal of thunder and instantaneously the house was filled with a blue flame and a stinging odor of fire was apparent.

The family felt sure the house must be on fire, and some rushed to one room and some to another, but fortunately there was nothing of the kind. The only damage done was the smashing of the large front window panes.

Jack Frost is considerably in evidence these days, leaving his white-tinted early morning calling cards all about.

Rev. Mr. Agnew, superintendent of the Dorchester circuit, will preach here Sunday morning at 10:30.

RIDGETOWN.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ridgetown, May 7.—Mr. C. E. Brien has been promoted from the Ridgetown branch of the Traders' Bank to Sault Ste. Marie, and leaves for that place at once. Mr. Stevenson, of Stony Creek, takes his place here. Mr. Brien is one of Ridgetown's finest young men and carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

The teachers and officers of the Sunday school of the Methodist Church, who are leaving to do home work to Miss Genevieve Locke, who leaves for Saskatoon, Sask., where she is to be married to Mr. B. Smith, formerly of this town. During the evening Miss Locke was presented with a set of cut glass tumblers by her Sunday school associates, and a cut glass pitcher by the member of the choir.

Mr. J. M. Sheldon expects to move into his new property on Main street east next week. His pleasant suite of rooms in the block on Main street have been leased by Mrs. Ridley.

Two of the members of the Collegiate Institute staff will act as associate examiners this year. Miss Fleming has been appointed examiner on normal entrance composition, and Mr. Osogood on normal entrance, ancient history.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, St. Thomas, are here, calling on relatives and friends. Mr. Kennedy is a Pere Marquette engineer running over the N. C. R. from St. Thomas to Niagara Falls.

Mr. George Clark, late a member of the firm of Clark & Sons, has bought a business at Leamington and will move there.

The young people of the town held a farewell dance last night in honor of Mr. Carman Brien.

Never hesitate about giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to children. It contains no opium or other narcotics, and can be given with implicit confidence. As a quick cure for coughs and colds to which children are susceptible, it is unsurpassed. Sold by all dealers.

ORGANIZED EFFORTS TO BOOST STRATFORD

Civic Council Club Take Hold in Earnest—Importance of Advertising.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, May 7.—A meeting of the Civic Council Club was held in the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening. Ald. Brent, H. Dempsey, Geo. Langan, Geo. Ed. Wagoner, B. Atkings, also Mayor Knechtel, Mr. Turner, and City Clerk Gerrie being present. It was decided advisable that a sufficient sum be set aside for the advertising of Stratford by views, etc., the leading illustration of the city and monthly periodicals in Canada as well as in neighboring cities of the republic. It was also decided to arrange with the Grand Trunk Band for a series of concerts twice a week, May 1 to Oct. 1, inclusive. Other important matters were discussed, viz., the setting aside of a suitable city dumping ground, the providing of a market shelter for the protection of farmers, the assessment for street frontage, and the matter of automobiles exceeding the speed limit. The advisability of spending the Civic Council Club's funds with a view to advertising the club and increasing the membership was also discussed, it being considered advisable to leave the matter over to the fall, when it would be a much better time to boost the club.

Romeo public school has been closed till Monday next on account of a number of cases of diphtheria. The rooms are being thoroughly fumigated with a view to prevent the spreading of the disease.

PETROLEA POINTERS

Death of Driller Joshua Hughson in West Africa—Foundation Laid for New Bank.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Petrolia, May 7.—Word has been received here of the death of one of the many Petrolia drillers now in foreign lands, Mr. Joshua Hughson, of Petrolia, who had been away over two years, was drilling for a French company at Assinie, Ivory Coast, West Africa, and at last reports was in good health. The news was received by cablegram, with no particulars as to cause of death. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved widow in her very sad affliction.

The Baptist Church here is preparing to hold its annual convention on Sunday, May 15, and has secured as its speaker for the day, Dr. A. L. McCrimmon, of McMaster University, Toronto.

The foundation for the new Bank of Petrolia and Greenfield streets is completed, and the erection of the superstructure will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. It is expected to be ready for occupancy about September.

Rev. A. L. Beverley, of Forest, will preach missionary sermons in Christ Church on Sunday next.

Mrs. S. M. Lowery and children left Petrolia on Wednesday to join her husband in Port Arthur, where they will reside in future.

Mr. Harry E. Bicknell was home for a few days this week before going to Brantford to assume his duties as instructor in art and elementary science at the Collegiate Institute of that city.

ALVINSTON.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Alvinston, May 7.—One of this vicinity's best-known and highly-esteemed pioneers passed away at her home, 62 Selden street, Detroit, on Monday, in the person of Euphemia, relict of the late Wm. S. Campbell, aged 78 years. She was born Jan. 15, 1832, in Knappdale, Scotland, coming to this country over 50 years ago, and until last June she had been a resident of Alvinston. She suffered a paralytic stroke and was ill for several weeks before she came. Deceased leaves the following children: Mrs. Margaret McIntyre, of Strathroy; Mrs. George Campbell, of Wall Lake, Mich.; Mrs. (Dr.) J. Gosnell, of Seattle, Wash.; Misses Edie and Sara, of Detroit; William, of Detroit, and John of Mossa. The funeral was held to the Presbyterian Church, here, on Wednesday on the arrival of the 3:25 P. M. express. Rev. E. McDermott, her pastor, conducted the service, which was very largely attended. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Interment took place in the Kilmartin Cemetery. The following were the pall-bearers: Rev. Anderson and Dugald McKellar, Neil Livingston, Thomas Warren, Duncan McGugan and N. A. Leitch. Besides deceased's children and numerous relatives in this vicinity, the following attended the funeral: Mr. Malcolm and Miss McLean, of Ekfrid, and the Misses Williamson, of Detroit.

Miss J. W. Wanless returned yesterday from Sarnia.

Miss Kate Campbell, of Detroit, is the guest of Mrs. D. C. Munro.

Mrs. V. S. Snydel, Seattle, Wash., is the guest of relatives here.

Mr. K. Marsh, of St. Thomas was the guest of Mr. J. R. Woodrow recently.

Mr. John Myers, of Hamilton, is at Alvinston where his mother is ill.

The marriage of Miss Pearl Thompson, of Alvinston, to Mr. J. H. Leonard, of this place, took place in Alvinston on Wednesday, May 4.

Mrs. Ed Evans and Miss Ethel are visiting relatives in London.

The E. Y. P. S. is holding a social evening in the church next Monday night. Programme and lunch.

The Ladies' Guild will meet with Mrs. James McDougall next Thursday afternoon.

DOINGS IN DELAWARE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Delaware, May 6.—Mrs. Warren Smith and daughter Edna, of Talbotville, were visiting friends in Delaware for a few days this week.

Mr. George Andrews, of Reese, Mich., who was visiting friends here for a couple of weeks, has now gone to London to see some of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arlett were in Sarnia on Sunday, attending the funeral of the late J. H. Yarwood.

Mr. W. Codling, of Forest, and Messrs. Ridley and Doull, of Arkona, were guests of Mr. R. I. Smith a couple of days this week.

Miss Vest Vall is spending a few days with friends in London.

Mrs. John Smith and children, of London, are sojourning at the Cudney home.

The board of trade held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening. The members present were Professor Bowman, of London, to whom was sent a sample of mineral water for analysis. The professor says the medicinal properties of the water are equal to any

and superior to many of the mineral waters of either Europe or America.

The committee of the board appointed to wait on the council to obtain the privilege of putting in a set of scales adjacent to the town hall, reported favorably, and Mr. Wm. Barker will have a set of scales put in, with a suitable building and yards for the accommodation of those who wish to patronize him.

The entertainment given by the Delaware Dramatic Club in the town hall on Friday evening was such a complete success that the club have arranged with Komoka people to repeat the comedy of "Cupid's Capers," in the hall there next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Henry Acres and daughters, Hester and Ida, spent Wednesday in London.

Fruit growers in this section are getting very much concerned about the cold weather. They fear the crop will be ruined by the heavy frosts.

Mrs. W. H. Acres and Miss Myrtle Glennie spent a day in the city the first of the week.

MANY SARNIANS HEAR HERBERT BOOTH

The Church Crowded at Early Hour—Interesting Figures Re Tunnel Traffic.

SARNIA REPRESENTATIVE—Mr. Geo. H. Hugheson, 111 Charlotte street, Telephone 218.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, May 7.—Herbert Booth, son of the famous General Booth, gave his illustrated lecture on "The Early Christians" in the Central Methodist Church here on Thursday, and long before the hour of 8 o'clock, the large audience of that sacred edifice were well filled with people. Mr. Booth, who resembles his venerable father, is certainly one of the best speakers that has visited Sarnia in a number of years. His lecture is interesting and instructive from start to finish, while the views which were really works of art, served to impress on the minds of the audience the scenes of Christ's trials and triumphs of the early Christians.

At the regular meeting of Point Edward Village Council held recently the salary of Chief of Police Patterson was increased 25 cents per day.

The Music Club's Next Concert.

The Tuesday Music Club are sparing no pains to make their concert to be held at the Alexandra Apartments next Thursday evening, May 12, a grand success. The programme is one of Detroit's leading tenor singers, will be the leading artist, and he will be assisted by Miss Whipple, also of Detroit, and Mr. Coulter, of Port Huron. Sarnia lovers of music should not fail to avail themselves of this their first opportunity of hearing Mr. Nichols.

Tunnel Traffic.

The following figures from the annual report of Col. Ellis, collector of customs at Sarnia for the year ending March 31 may be of interest to the people of Sarnia: Number of cars passing through the tunnel eastbound 163,649; westbound, 214,238. Total number of passenger trains east and west, 2,920. Cash receipts, \$270,029 16. Total number of cars handled by Pere Marquette ferry: East, 33,097; west, 62,354.

Sunday at the Churches.

Central Methodist—Rev. W. H. Barroughs, pastor. In the morning the services will be in honor of the older people and those who attend are asked to wear a white flower, preferably a white carnation in honor of "mother." In the afternoon, Mr. R. V. LeSueur will address the Sunday school at 3 o'clock. The pastor's evening topic will be "The call to the West," a missionary theme.

Central Baptist—The pastor, Rev. J. E. Hawkins will occupy the pulpit at both services.

Devine Street Methodist—The pastor, Rev. J. E. Holmes, will preach at house on Adams street, in the morning subject, "Mothers' Hallowed Influence." A white carnation worn by all members of the congregation; 7 p.m., memorial service for the King. "Our Empire's Great Loss in the Death of a Noble King."

STONE TOWN NEWS

Citizens Shocked by News of King Edward's Death—\$20,000 Bonus Delayed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, May 7.—The sad news of the death of His Majesty King Edward VII, received about 7:40 last evening, was a shock to the whole community. The bells of the town hall were not yet rung in the belfry, Mayor Willard asked Father Kelly to have the R. C. Church bell tolled, and he readily consented. The powerhouse whistle also gave out about 8 o'clock, and for about ten minutes, with a few seconds of interval between each blow.

A public meeting is called for Friday evening, May 13, to discuss the proposed bylaw, which is going before the ratepayers on May 20 for their endorsement. A number of speakers conversant with the matter will take the platform and answer all questions asked.

Word came on Thursday evening of the dismissal of the appeal of Prof. Wm. Dale to quash the \$20,000 bonus bylaw of Blanshard, which was carried last November by a majority of the voters of the St. Marys and Western Ontario Railway Company. It is, however, reported that Prof. Dale, who went to Toronto yesterday, will appeal to another court. So to all appearances the bonus will not yet be handed over for some time.

The board of water, light and heat commissioners met last evening. The secretary presented a complaint by Chief Frank Young, of the overflow of the water tank near the G. T. E., and that the premises of residents in the vicinity received unrequested showers of water, especially if wind was in the southeast. The superintendent was instructed to have it stopped.

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