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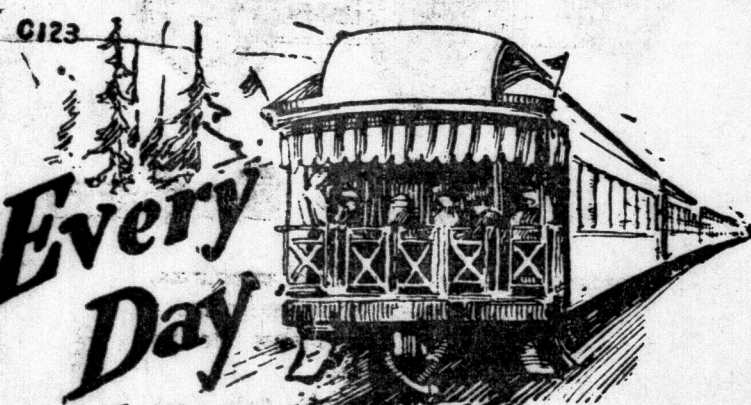
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TOWNSHIP OF SOMBRA IS SCENE OF DISASTER AS SEVEN LOSE LIVES

Two Women and Five Children Are Trapped in Home North of Wallaceburg—Neighbors Driven Back by Flames While Trying To Rescue Inmates—Father Was Absent.

HOME OF HARRY BABCOCK NOW IN RUINS

LIST OF DEAD.

Mrs. Lila Babcock, aged 27.
Hughie Babcock, aged 6.
Gladys Babcock, aged 4.
Catherine Babcock, aged 2.
Myrtle Babcock, aged 6 months.
Mrs. Ramsay.
Son of Mrs. Ramsay, aged 6.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Wallaceburg, Dec. 7.—Seven lives were lost in a fire of unknown origin which tonight completely destroyed the home of Harry Babcock, lot 26, concession 6, Sombra Township, about seven miles northeast of here. The blaze was discovered by neighbors about 8 o'clock, but had made such headway that rescue of the inmates of the house was impossible.

The first to arrive found the front door locked, and an effort to break in through windows was thwarted by the flames, so that those who gathered at the alarm were helpless, and were forced to stand by until the ruins of the building cooled sufficiently to make a search for the bodies possible. Harry Babcock was in Dresden during the day, and arrived on the scene of the conflagration about the time the first of the remains were found.

Story of the Fight.
The full story of the fight for life will never be known, but it is surmised that the fire started from the explosion of a lamp, and that the women, after making a frantic but futile effort to quench the flames, turned their attention to an effort to save the little children. This seems borne out in a measure by the fact that the remains of three were found near where the front door once was. The remains of the other four were found further back in the debris of the building, as though they might have been trapped in the upper story.

Tonight nothing but blackened ruins and charred remains of the seven people mark the spot of what had been a happy home, and sorrowing neighbors, by the flickering of lanterns, are endeavoring to find some clue which will open the mystery of the catastrophe.

Harry Babcock is an auctioneer in addition to operating his farm, and this morning left his happy family, with their guests, Mrs. Ramsay, sister of Babcock, and her son, while he went to Dresden to assist his brother with a sale.

Nearing Collapse.
Heartbroken and nearing a nervous collapse, he is comforted to some extent tonight by the sympathy of the neighbors, who can hardly realize that a whole family was practically wiped out in a few short moments and apparently without a chance to fight for their lives. For some years Babcock operated a store at Charmmont, a short distance from his farm, and he and his family were well known and highly respected in the neighborhood. Mrs. Ramsay has been a guest at the home of her brother for a short time. She at one time lived in Sombra, but for some time has been living in Port Huron.

Neighbors are unable to give any explanation of the origin of the fire. They say that about a half hour before the fire was seen they saw members of the stricken family about the place. Attention was attracted to the trouble when flames were seen leaping from the house and the entire structure was blazing before the first of the relief party arrived.

Stock Fed.
A search of the barns and stables showed that stock had been tended to and that everything there was intact, so that neighbors scout any theory of fire being caused by the absolutely accidental. The flames had gained such headway when discovered that it is impossible for them to have been kindled in the kitchen, a particular part of the house in which the fire started. It is not known whether all the family had retired but it seems probable the youngsters were asleep and the two women about to retire when something went wrong.

Mrs. Babcock was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joyce of Wallaceburg.

Mr. Babcock cannot tonight give any idea of his monetary loss, which will be fairly heavy, as he is too much overcome by the sudden wiping out of his entire family, and his chief regret is that he was unable to assist them in the moment when they needed him most.

SCHOOLS AT THAMESFORD REOPENED AFTER TEN DAYS

Special to The Advertiser.
Thamesford, Dec. 7.—The local public and continuation school opened on Wednesday morning with a full staff of teachers. Three rooms were closed for ten days owing to Miss Veale, the principal of the public school, contracting scarlet fever. Two other teachers boarding at the same place, were forced to remain home.

Miss Veale was taken to her home in Mount Brydges. Miss Etta Skinner has taken over her duties till after Christmas.

Mr. Josh Storey returned during the week with his son to Toronto, where Mr. Storey will stay for the winter.

Mr. W. B. Leslie is visiting friends in Pontiac, Mich., prior to his trip to Florida, which he is taking immediately after Christmas.

Mr. E. H. Eaton, accountant in the Royal Bank, is ill with scarlet fever and is under quarantine.

George Mills, William Sunter, Dan Clark and George Hamilton were in London on Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Golding, reeve of North Oxford, has been attending county council in Woodstock during the week.

MRS. FRANCES KNOWLES.
Mrs. Frances Knowles, mother of Mrs. Philip Pocock, 360 Queen's avenue, died early yesterday at the home of her daughter, following an illness of several months' duration.

Mrs. Knowles was in her 89th year. Mrs. Pocock is her only survivor. The funeral will be held on Monday morning from St. Peter's Cathedral to St. Peter's Cemetery.

AGED MAN DIES.
Special to The Advertiser.
Ripley, Dec. 7.—Mr. Murdoch Bell, formerly a well-known farmer, of Kincardine Township, passed away at his home here yesterday at the age of 83 years.

SYDNEY MURRELL CASE DISCUSSED BY COUNCILLORS

Nelson Bilyea of Lambeth Appeals For Generous Financial Consideration.

EXPLAINS POSITION

The Murrell case was discussed from several angles by members of the Middlesex County Council late yesterday afternoon. J. C. Elliott, K.C., attorney for the county, was called into consultation by the county "dads," but before the alleged murderer's case was discussed the press were asked to retire from the council chamber.

"It was merely a consultation between the council and its lawyer," stated County Clerk Stuart, at the close of the session. The clerk admitted that the case of Sidney Murrell was under discussion.

It is known that the county reward of \$2,000 for the capture of the Murrell brothers, who escaped jail here in September, 1921, and which was later withdrawn, was the subject of a heated debate between councillors. Some thought the reward for the capture of Sid Murrell should be paid, while others were opposed. Something definite in the matter will be one at the final session of the council this morning.

Nelson Bilyea, trustee of the Lambeth continuation school, appeared before the council and urged generous financial consideration on the part of the council. Mr. Bilyea explained the legislative grant to Lambeth school was not forthcoming this year owing to conditions of the present building. A bylaw for issuing debentures for a new school had been turned down by the ratepayers because some of them didn't like the site chosen by the school board, and the government grant was not forthcoming.

T. G. Turnbull told Mr. Bilyea he should take the matter up with Dr. Merchant of Toronto, and in all probability the legislative grant would be forthcoming.

Other business of a minor nature was transacted by the council.

Obituaries

Special to The Advertiser.
Listowel, Dec. 7.—The funeral of the late Miss Katherine Hamilton, who died in the Memorial Hospital Tuesday noon, was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her brother, James Hamilton, second

concession, Elma East. Miss Hamilton was 73 years of age and had lived in Elma since her girlhood. For some time she had been in poor health, but was not considered seriously ill till Sunday night, when she was brought to the hospital. One sister, Mrs. Gilles of Michigan, and two brothers, James of Elma and John of the Town Line east, survive. The pallbearers were lifelong friends, Thomas, James and Alexander Mayberry, William and Thomas Haddon, and William Haddon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Nicol of Knox Church, of which Miss Hamilton had been a member for over 40 years.

JAMES H. THOMPSON.
Special to The Advertiser.

Atwood, Dec. 7.—Another highly respected citizen of this community passed away Wednesday evening in the person of James H. Thompson, in his sixty-ninth year, at his home near Henfryn. He taught school for a number of years on the 12th concession, Elma, and for a time conducted a general store at Henfryn. The funeral was held Friday from his late residence to St. David's Church, Henfryn, where service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Paul. Interment was made in Elma Centre Cemetery.

MRS. MARY KING.
Special to The Advertiser.

Muncey, Dec. 7.—The death of Mrs. Mary King occurred at her home on the Burwell road, South Caradoc, on Thursday morning after a long illness. The late Mrs. King had reached the age of 83 years and 3 months. Rev. Mr. Croly will conduct the funeral service in Christ Church, Delaware, on Saturday. Surviving relatives are one daughter and one son, Mrs. Hugh Brodie and William King, both of Burwell road; one sister, Mrs. McIntosh, of Detroit, and one brother, William Grigg of Bay City.

PHILIP SCHINBEIN.
Special to The Advertiser.

Listowel, Dec. 7.—The funeral of Philip Schinbein, who died at the Kitchener Hospital on Tuesday, was held from the family residence in Wallace this afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. H. Battenburg, minister of the Lutheran Church at Clifford.

Mr. Schinbein was in his 68th year, and is survived by his wife, three sons, Valentine, on the homestead; John and Henry on nearby farms; three daughters, Mrs. John Lohr of Kirtzville, Mrs. Philip Bolander and Mrs. William Ruppel of Wallace.

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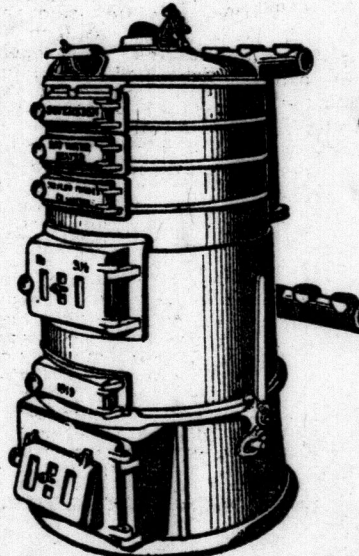
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