

PRESS EXERTS MORE INFLUENCE

Debate at Rednersville Community Club Very Keenly Contested

CONCERT AT ALBURY

Address and Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. H. Pulver—Personal Item

The 9th session of the Community Club was held at Centre Church Friday evening, March 4th with an attendance of about a hundred. The smaller number present was due to an epidemic of la grippe which has been making its way into a very large number of homes and is about at its worst stage apparently.

After preliminaries, in keeping with the purpose of the organization the president called upon the Rednersville Band for a selection which was given in such a manner as to receive hearty applause as it showed that the boys are improving rapidly by their faithful practice.

Rev. Mr. Sharpe then introduced Mr. J. O. Herity, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Belleville speaking appreciative terms of the help received by several speakers who have come from the adjacent city and making kind references to the help that the "Ontario" has given in launching our "Clarion." Mr. Herity congratulated the community upon the success of the Club, the fine attendance and spirit manifested and called attention to the unique success of the new paper "The Clarion," which, he said, is about four times the size of the first paper printed in Canada, "The Halifax Gazette." He proceeded to show how the modern Canadian newspaper is a miracle in many ways, proving by figures as to the rapidity with which the spruce and the pulpwood of our day is turned into the many sheets of newsprint and distributed to the ends of the earth. He defined news as anything unusual or unique which takes place and is therefore of general interest.

Continuing, he said, that while the largest printing concern in the world is in Buenos Ayres, South America, we have some very excellent Dailies in our Dominion, and he traced the growth of newspaperdom in our land through the rise of the Quebec Gazette, Montreal Gazette, Brockville Recorder, Halton Post, and Belleville's earliest weeklies. He showed how the rapid advance has really kept pace and had much to do with the progress of our land.

Mr. R. G. Stafford led in community singing, the band playing accompaniment. Miss Arkila, of Victoria, gave an excellent reading, "Digest of the Paper," which brought unstinted applause.

The debate, "Resolved that the Platform exerts a greater influence than the Press," was next announced and the affirmative was taken by Mr. W. J. Davis, who is a firm believer in the power and advantages of public speaking proved an efficient supporter. His partner Mr. Donald Spencer, sustained the side also and shows signs of becoming a strong debater. The negative was upheld by Mr. Geo. Moore, the Public School teacher of Rednersville, who is also Editor of the Clarion and his helper, was Mr. Harold Babbitt, who evidently has great confidence in the Press from the points he advanced.

The Judges, Mr. Herity, Mr. C. Bettley and Mr. W. Daven gave due consideration and Mr. D. K. Redner read extracts from The Clarion while they were thus engaged. Mr. Herity reported, urging that the subjects of debates be made more definite as for example, to define as "Greater for Good," and thus limit the ground to be traversed. He especially complimented Mr. Davis upon his extemporaneous delivery and called attention to several of the commendable features as also weaknesses of the debating. The score was 68.5 for the Press.

Mr. C. Bettley's piano solos were as usual much appreciated and enjoyed.

Rev. Mr. Sharpe announced that the executive of the club had decided to make the rate of subscription fifty cents per five months and the club would be responsible for mailing.

The meeting closed after the offering was taken by singing the National Anthem.

The next meeting will be held at Victoria Church on Friday evening, March 11th when Mayor Hanna, of Belleville, will give an address and the entire programme will be musical.

The workers of Albury held a concert in the Church on Monday evening last, which brought out an attendance of 200 in spite of the storm. Special mention must be made of the parts taken by Mr. Carl Bronson, who is teaching the school there and by Mr. C. Bettley, who

shows himself efficient not only in music but as a general director. Miss A. Bronson teaches in the east school, also rendered very excellent help in singing and tableaux while Mr. Jones, teacher of Carrying Place as violinist and Mrs. E. MacDonald, as accompanist, were stars of the event. Of the local talent all of whom did well included the names of Mrs. R. Onderdonk, Mrs. F. Crouter, Mrs. W. J. Mitts, Mrs. E. R. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Grey, Miss Marion Allison, Miss Hattie Russell, Miss Lorna Peck, Miss Onderdonk, Miss Vera Mitts, Myra Peck, Mildred Mitts, Mr. Carl Williamson, Hugh Weese and Ray Mitts. Miss Andra Brickman and Miss Helen Hermon gave solos which were well received. The proceeds amounted to over \$10.

A number of our leading stockmen are preparing toward the Holstein Sale to be held in Belleville in the near future.

A fine surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. H. Pulver and family, Gore St., on Saturday evening, when about 80 friends and neighbors gathered at their home for a social few hours. As a feature of the party Rev. Mr. Sharpe called the company to order and read an address of appreciation for their work in the Sunday School, Church and community and they were presented with a beautiful mahogany parlor table. They replied very suitably and brief speeches were made by Messrs L. Brickman, Everett Brickman and Rae Fox, also Mr. Bruce Hennessy, representing Victoria Church, which they are leaving, and by Mr. D. B. Fox, Willoughby Fox and Mrs. B. L. Redner of Centre Church, which they will in future attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Miker, of Brighton, have been visiting friends hereabouts during the week end. Mrs. A. W. Vermilyea is spending a few days with Mrs. Mary J. Redner and daughter at "Sunset View."

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roblin, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sprague and Mrs. M. Redner and Mrs. Vermilyea were invited to dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Redner at "Far View Cottage" on Thursday.

Mr. Ralph Stafford is very busy at sawing lumber these days. There has been some splendid specimens of logs brought in this year, showing that there are some very large trees in Ontario forests.

Wm. Way's of Albury, have had a serious time with the flu. Latest reports say they are in a fair way to recovery, however.

Geo. Weese's, of Albury Road, have been victims of flu and pneumonia, but are improving.

There is a good opening for a doctor in this village, and needs to be reported much more widely than in local correspondence.

Mr. Donald Spencer has been appointed to the staff of the Rednersville Clarion. He will take charge of the Advertising Department. Mr. Douglas K. Redner becomes Circulation Manager as Secretary of the Community Club. Both young men are to be congratulated on their promotions.

Oysters went down in this village last Thursday evening. The C. O. O. F. held an Oyster Supper in Redner's Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. David Vandervoort of Wellington, visited their daughter and family, Mrs. L. Brickman, of Gore street on Friday last.

Mrs. W. N. Redner is improving slowly after her prolonged illness. The Redner's will very soon remove to their new farm recently vacated by R. Tripp, who has purchased the Anderson Farm near Rossmore.

Mr. F. July and son are also moving to their new home near Hillier. They will be succeeded by D. Kenny and family, who have also brought the Geow farm which has been rented for several years.

CENTRE

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Redner entertained a few friends on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Graves, Toronto, is visiting her niece Miss Mary Giles, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams, Ameliasburgh, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Giles.

Miss C. Allison is visiting her sister Mrs. F. Towns, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Spafford entertained a few friends on Thursday night.

Mrs. W. Coulter spent a few days in Belleville visiting friends.

Mr. C. Babbitt and Mr. Carl Weese spent Saturday evening with D. T. Spafford, arranging for a general meeting of Albury Cemetery Limited, to be held at Albury on Monday, March 14, at 2 o'clock.

Fire destroyed the large fish house of Capt. A. C. Brown, Port Stanley. Ottawa police have been ordered to enforce the curfew law more strictly.

Great numbers of maple trees are being tapped this week in the district around Ruthven.

HONORED BY ZION FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Spencer Bidden Farewell on Eve of their Departure

One evening recently the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, was invaded by about eighty of their friends and neighbours to spend a social hour with them before their departure to their new home near Belleville. Mr. W. C. Ketcheson, acted as chairman, called the company to order, and asked Mr. P. Caverley to come forward and read an address, while Messrs. Fred Scales and Cecil Ketcheson, presented them with a beautiful mahogany parlor table and jardiniere stand, and Master Bert a hymn book, from his S.S. Teacher, Mrs. P. Caverley.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer both responded, expressing their appreciation, and inviting them all to visit them in their new home.

Addresses were given by several present, testifying to their esteem, after which all joined in singing. "For they are jolly good fellows." The evening was spent in music and games; lunch was served in abundance.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Spencer and family.

Dear Friends:— May we have the privilege of expressing to you, in a few words, the unbounded pleasure we enjoy of spending a few hours as a community with you and your family in your home. The one thing that creeps in to mar that pleasure, is the fact that we have learned of your intentions to sever your connections with us.

During the few years you spent, Mr. Spencer, in serving the community as cheese maker for the Zion Cheese Manufacturing Company, your honest and upright dealings always conscious of your duty to your fellow-man. The splendid part you have always taken in the social life of the community, your admirable qualities as a neighbour of the elements you possess of good citizenship.

Your helpmate in life having placed her life upon the altar of God's service using of her rare talent to advance the interests of the W.M.S. and S. School upon the staff of which she has so faithfully served, as supt., of its home dept., her true and honest efforts to help further God's cause, will long be remembered among us.

Your family having grown up among us to young manhood, and womanhood. The noble part they are taking in social life, impresses us with the fact of the splendid training they have received under the parental roof. We bespeak for them a bright future as they go out into the busy world to take their place among men.

Dear friends, may we humbly implore that you accept this gift as a token of our respect for you as a family and trust that it will never cease to be a link, linking the future with fact you have spent among us with much to the pleasure and profit of us all.

And now as you are leaving, may we implore the blessing of the divine Father upon you and yours, trusting that you may find under his guidance pleasure and profit in your new home.

W. C. Ketcheson,
P. Caverley.

Tribute to Memory of Mrs. F. A. Spafford

Maud Amelia, the beloved wife of Mr. F. A. Spafford, peacefully passed away to her well deserved rest at her home on the 2nd Con., of Sidney, in the 65th year of her age. She was born on 2nd Con. of Sidney where she spent three years all her life was lived. She was united in marriage in the year of 1875, and the home life and fellowship resulting therefrom was bright and grand.

Early in life she was converted to God and joined the Methodist Church and up to the end proved faithful and true to the church of her choice. Her conduct was most consistent and her character a worthy example. Her home was ever open to the ministry and she did much for the cause of God. She was an ideal mother, an affectionate and helpful wife and the impression of her life has been left not only upon her loved ones, but upon the community, who all revere her memory.

For some time past, she has been in declining health, but did not become confined to her bed until three weeks ago, and the writer rejoices to bear testimony to the tranquillity, peace, Christian fortitude and patience that possessed her soul. On the morning of March 1st, without even a struggle her earthly tabernacle was dissolved and the living spirit had taken its flight to the building of God, not made with hands. There

are left to mourn her loss, a sorrowing husband, two sons, three daughters, and three brothers, Frank V. Sidney; Mrs. H. Finkle, Trenton; Mrs. Frank Aikens, Stanley W. and Mrs. Roy Finkle, all of Sidney; Stanley T. Vandervoort, Belleville; Edgar H. Vandervoort, Port Hope, and Dr. Percy H. Vandervoort, Vancouver. On the afternoon of March 2nd, the funeral services were held at the home, conducted by the pastor, and assisted by Rev. E. B. Cook, Newburgh, in the presence of a large crowd of friends. The hymns, Scripture Reading, and text were some of her favorite selections. Mrs. E. B. Cook, sang very effectively, "The Homeland" and Mr. Cook spoke very appropriately from Psalm 46, 1. Then all that was mortal was conveyed to the Belleville cemetery, where her body awaits the voice of Him that shall bid the sleeping dust to wake on the morning of the resurrection. At her request her sons and son-in-law, carried her body to its last resting place. Frank W. and Stanley W. Spafford, W. H. Finkle, F. B. Hermon, Frank Aikens and Roy Finkle.—T. W.

PACT ON PAPER NOW OF NO USE

Lloyd George Tells The Hun That Settlement Must Be Definite, Immediate.

TROOPS ORDERED AWAY
Premier Cuts to Boche Leader Who Always Wanted More Time.

LONDON, March 8.—The British cabinet has been called into session for discussion in connection with the German crisis.

Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in Commons, and a member of the cabinet, speaking before the constitutional club, declared that the "situation is very unsatisfactory, it's serious."

In his speech to the Germans in the afternoon session of the conference Lloyd George declared: "We must insist upon a settlement now of two questions: 'The first is the amount of payments or the factors which should determine those amounts automatically according to the prosperity of Germany. What those factors should be we are to discuss.'"

"The second point is the method of payment. A mere paper agreement promising payment is unsatisfactory and insufficient. It means endless disputes."

"Those are the two questions that must be settled between Germany and ourselves, and settled immediately. In the interests of the allies, of Germany, and of the world we must have a settlement, a definite settlement and an immediate settlement."

Return to Germany.

After the Germans left the conference late in the afternoon the British, French and Belgian premiers telegraphed orders for the immediate occupation by the allied troops of Rahrort, Duisburg and Dusseldorf.

The German delegation will return to Germany to-morrow. Its members said after the conference that they were not empowered to make any further proposals, and that they regretted the possibility that the allied troops were already marching upon Germany.

The instructions to the allied commanders on the Rhine were given after the premiers had requested Marshal Foch and Pitt Marshall Wilson to join in the discussion of the action to be taken. The allied representatives will meet again to-morrow to further the concerted enforcement of the various penalties.

"Proposals such as those we heard to-day are not a settlement. They simply evade and postpone a settlement, and very regretfully we have reached the conclusion that the sanctions must be put into operation immediately."

Dr. Simons responded briefly. "If I am expected to make a short statement in reply, may I ask permission to retire with the members of my delegation for a short deliberation?" he asked.

"Yes, certainly," replied Mr. Lloyd George. "How long do you want?"

"About a quarter of an hour," said Dr. Simons.

The Germans then withdrew from the conference. It was just before six o'clock when the German representatives left the conference chamber. When the session was resumed shortly afterwards Dr. Simons said the Germans requested a short delay to enable them to communicate with the German cabinet in Berlin.

This request, however, was refused.

Subway Is Proposed For Frank Street

The vexed question of the reopening of Frank Street across has come before the 1921 Council. This year it takes the form of the proposal of a subway under the track of the G.T.R.

Superintendent McMillan of the G. T. R. asked for the appointment of a Council Committee re the Frank Street proposed subway.

Mayor Hanna, Ald. Woodley and Ald. Treverton, and others of the Council will take up the question with the Grand Trunk.

Ald. Woodley and Ald. Bennett favored a crossing.

Ald. Fisher was told that the G.T.R. could not be forced to open up the street.

Ald. Treverton said cattle had in the old days been killed at this crossing and the G.T.R. been held responsible. The residents of Frank Street had a grievance, Ald. Treverton stated.

The interview might mean an amicable settlement said Ald. Adams.

Sarnia's new directory indicates a combined population for Sarnia and Point Edward of 18,250.

Thieves broke into the laundry of Lee Hop, London, stealing a small amount of cash and a watch.

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FAREWELL TO SCHOOL CHUMS

Address and Presentation at Zion School.

The teacher and scholars of Zion School, held a social afternoon recently, including a debate and refreshments, and presented Pearl Spencer with a fountain pen, and Bert Spencer with a leather purse.

The following address was read:—
Holloway, Ont., Feb. 14.

Dear Pearl and Bert:
It is with sincere regret that we hear of you leaving our vicinity. We

your school fellows, will miss you very much in our school life, as well as in our pleasures, Sunday School, etc.

We will think of you, and hope to see you often, and all join in wishing you every success in your home.

On behalf of your schoolmates we ask you to accept these little tokens of our regard for you.

Kellie Reid,
Richard Cranston,
Hazel Hawley.

RITCHIE'S FORMAL SHOWING OF NEW MILLINERY - For Spring - Begins Wednesday, March 9th



Spring Millinery Tendencies

Directoire Styles with Pendant Trimmings

Fancy Straws and Milans in the popular shapes are in black, navy, blue and brown in Directoire Styles shown in bicorne and tricorn hats. Grey in light pearl, French and dove shades are very much in evidence, combining, as they do, so well with navy blue. Bright colors in orange and henna shades are seen everywhere with Venetian Red in the lead. Trimmings droop at one side—the draped turban being held down with a sweeping plume, a dangling ornament, a bunch of cherries or a ribbon falling to the waist.

The Vogue of the Tailored Hat

Fancy Straws are Popular

Doormat Straw, Chequer Board Straw, Satin Straw sometimes, glittering with metal thread and combined often with Crepe de Chine, satin or ribbon are the materials.

Sailors will be Smart as Ever

—And will feature two color combinations. Novelty Sailors show high crowns and excessively narrow brims, while the Regulation Sailor will still be worn.

VEILS IN MANY PATTERNS

There may be a wisp of lace, or long enough to swirl around your throat or may drape charmingly over the face and trail over one shoulder.

Our Mantle Department Display OF SUITS AND ONE-PIECE DRESSES

We would take pleasure in showing you the New Suits and increasingly Popular One-Piece Taffeta Dress. Our stock has never been so beautiful and distinctive in design and so reasonable in price.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH, SPRING OPENING DAY

The RITCHIE Co., Limited

Donald McIntosh, about 70 years old, of Finch village, was found dead beside the C.P.R. tracks.

O. M. Perry, general manager of old, of Finch village, was found the Hydro-Electric Commission at tracks.

CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION

International Body Meets Endeavor to Remove Barriers and Restrictions

LONDON, March 7.—The task of the International Conference on Communications and which will be held at Barcelona, on March 10, will be up a series of international conventions intended to eliminate the difficulties and restrictions now hamper international transportation of passengers and freight, which are to be ratified to the nations of the world.

On behalf of your schoolmates we ask you to accept these little tokens of our regard for you.

One situation with which reference will have particularly is the transit of freight and passengers between two countries.

third one. This affords an opportunity for the middle country, which the traffic has to pass, a heavy toll on such traffic.

It is asserted that the re-arrangement of European boundaries since war has made this situation more than before. One of the motives of the present economic and social crisis in some sections of Europe is the needless barriers which check international transportation, with the result in some districts the people while factories stand idle, for lack of material.

It will be the purpose of the International Conference to put an end to unnecessary hampering of international transit by giving this a recognized international status.

The conference will not be held to discussion and advice will be composed of officials and delegates of various nations and be equipped with considerable of initiative within its own sphere.

The conference is expected to be the basis for a permanent organization which will act as a legislative body to deal with matters within its field. It is to take its place beside such as the International Labor Organization, International Health Organization and the International Economic and Financial Conference.

There will be a standing Committee with headquarters at Geneva. This will be a permanent body to deal with matters relating to the Council of the League of Nations, and the International Union of Pure and Applied Sciences, and also of acting as mediator in disputes relating to such questions that they may not become subject to local proceedings until all an amicable adjustment had.

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