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ARKONA

Miss Shirley Pressey is visiting her brother in Detroit this week.

Mrs. J. D. Jackson has returned home from a brief stay with her sons in Detroit.

Rev. Mr. Muxworthy of Forest is to preach in the United church here next Sunday at 11 a.m., in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Roulston, who is having holidays. There will be no service in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Langstroth of Forest spent Sunday with friends in the village.

Several members of the King's Daughters Bible Class of the United church are in camp at Hillsboro at present.

Mr. T. V. Ridley returned home on Saturday last from a six weeks' visit through the Canadian West and Western States. He reports splendid crops and the outlook for a big harvest is good.

Mrs. Doherty and family have returned home after a two weeks motor trip visiting relatives in the State of Vermont.

Mr. Geo. Murray of Standard Bank staff has been moved to the branch at Bayfield.

Rev. John Norton and daughter, Gertrude, of Cobourg are visiting friends in and around Arkona.

Mr. John Marshall and family of Windsor are spending a few days with Mr. N. C. Eastman.

A crate of Clover Leaf Dishes just unpacked. Let us fill your requirements.—Brown Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lucas and family spent Sunday with friends in Arkona.

Mr. Glen Miller of Detroit is spending his vacation at his home here.

Mr. Zavitz and family of Ottawa are spending a few days with Mr. N. C. Eastman.

Miss Fletcher of Toronto is visiting her friend Miss E. Augustine.

Miss Etta Stuart of Los Angeles is visiting her aunt, Mrs. O. Schmidt.

Very fine assortment of Satinettes.—Feller Bros.

Mrs. Horatio Smith has returned after visiting in London and Avimer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Burnham have returned after spending a week with Mrs. Burnham's parents in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carvers and daughter of Niagara, N. Y., called on Mr. and Mrs. T. Pressey last week on their way to Florida.

Mrs. Sollitt of Peterboro is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. Hare.

Mr. John McLeish has purchased the village property of Mr. John Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sutherland of Lucan and Miss Elva Fuller of Arkona, motored to Goderich, Owen Sound and Warton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans of Port Huron and Mrs. Gilmour and son of Detroit are guests of W. J. Evans.

The August meeting of the W.M.S. of the United church, Arkona, was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Janney with an attendance of 15. The vice-president, Mrs. Gingrich, was in the chair. After the usual opening devotions, readings were given portraying a mite box convention. Each mite box was made to tell the story of how it was received in each home. A pleasant feature of the program was a beautiful solo by Miss Cation, also a victrola solo "Building for Eternity" by Ruthen MacDonald, was enjoyed. Short accounts were read on the mission fields of Formosa and Africa after which the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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History of Arkona

(Forest Free Press) of the town of Arkona, Ont., in a recent issue of the paper that you are publishing, gives history of the place names of the town county from the pamphlet this year by my old friend, A. J. Johnston, Lambton.

This is a comment on one in which Lambton, when compared to the province, credit to the authors of all corrections I offer you the count of A with a few in.

In the earlier writer has to as Bosanquet McCallum, who was in 1812 and came to the county and who led the record of his own that the site of Arkona was known at that time as "Bosanquet Corners." The name of "Eastman's Corners" was, of course, applied to it from the distinctive activities which members of that family had in the early development of the place, just as Watford at one time was known as "Brown's Corners."

The late Robert Burns who was the first postmaster as Sylvan and who left records antedating 1850, states that he visited Arkona soon after locating at Sylvan, and it was known then as "Broadway," though he gives no reason as to why it obtained that name. Mr. Burns also left some interesting records of the early settlers east of Arkona. The southeast corner of Bosanquet and the adjoining portion of Warwick owe much to the pioneer settlers of Germanic origin, to whose thrift and perseverance the early development of the locality was largely due.

To one of these, Ephraim Brower, belongs the honor of bestowing upon Arkona its name. He was a cabinet maker who resided in the village during the fifties if not before, and as nearly as can be ascertained, the name was given about 1855.

Those families with the location of Arkona have often noticed how it is built upon a hill in a hollow, so that when it is approached from the north east, west, its a lesser degree from the south, a good view is obtained of the village by day and its lights by night when still a long distance from it.

The original Arkona from which our Lambton village takes its name is a promontory on the northeast coast of the island of Rigen in the Baltic Sea, and upon whose crest is a light-house. Vessels from Stettin to London, Hull and Leith pass within the compass of its lights which cast their beams over the sea for a distance of 35 miles. Nearby are the ruins of a medieval stronghold. Lovers of the old village will be glad to know how appropriate was the name chosen for it by Ephraim Brower. Arkona is without doubt a very old congregating place and its rapid rise and subsequent importance was due to no outside influence, but rather to its ideal location for a country village, the sterling character of its citizens and the natural resources and fertility of the surrounding country.

Yours truly,

Geo. C. McGibbon.
Honeywood, Aug. 1st, 1925.

Edgar Kerton, who lives on the second line, S.E.R., Adelaide, has a Plymouth Rock hen which he believes will take some beating. He missed this hen for some time and naturally had given her up, when, to his surprise she returned with a following of no less than 28 healthy little chicks. A search revealed the hidden nest, and, from the shells, it was found that the hen had hatched 100 per cent. of the eggs in the nest. This hen came from a "bred-to-lay" strain of the O.A.C., Guelph.

There will be four days of trotting at the C.N.E., Saturday, September 5th, and the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

THE DORF ONION KING HAS 15 TONS READY TO MARKET

B. Williams Has Big Yield From Acre and a Half

Williams of Thedford, known as "Onion King of Ontario" this claim that he grows more than any other man in the proud assertion that fifteen tons of Dutch sets shipment. With an acre of land he has produced a net tidy sum of money. The land is part of the famous district, but was and became worthless. But as a producer he is in a class by itself. He is naturally reticent in the secret of his success that he uses a secret called "Must-Come-Up," in the young onions an irresistible force to get up into the sunshine and fresh air.

After that it is smooth sailing for the men who assist him in cultivating except that they have to hustle to keep pace with the growth of the Dutch dainties. "Step on her, boys, and let's go," is the slogan with which Mr. Williams cheers on his workers. They come on the job fresh and eager for work every morning, for onion cultivation is the most health-promoting work in the world, he states. The onions exhale along with their familiar and distinctive odor, an essence of either chloroform or opium. Mr. Williams is not sure which but it's effect is to produce a dreamless repose which is most refreshing and also stimulating to personal pulchritude. As long as one keeps busily engaged working among the onions there is no danger of being overcome by the subtle aroma, but let a man once stop and lie down for a rest, and he is due for a long slumber. An onion field is the last place in the world to lie down on the job.

Hundreds of tourists have been attracted to Mr. Williams' farm this summer and many have been moved to tears at the sight of so many onions. This is perhaps only natural. Onions have been known to have this effect. But, on the other hand, it is just possible that some kind-hearted visitors cannot refrain from weeping at the thought of so many little onions so young and so green soon to be sent forth into a hard-boiled world where by the law of averages two-thirds of them will be "in the soup" before the winter is half over, and where all of them will be but a fragrant memory long before another summer rolls around.

NAPIER

A very distinctive and interesting meeting of the Napier Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Bennett, Erie st., Watford, on Friday afternoon, Aug. 14th, in appreciable response to an invitation extended to them by Mrs. Bennett in honor of her sister, Mrs. McLean of Sarnia. About fifty members and friends were present. The chair was ably filled by the newly elected president, Mrs. J. Brady. The meeting was opened by the singing of the Canadian National Anthem which was followed by a very interesting program. Roll call was answered by pickle recipes. Mrs. Athelford Edgar gave a comic reading "Should Women Promote" by Dorothy Dix. Mrs. McIntyre gave a very interesting paper, and Miss Hughes gave a pretty instrumental. A very pleasing feature of the afternoon's entertainment was a literary discourse by Mrs. Greene, a former resident of Napier, now a member of the Toronto Women's Press Club, and a valued contributor to the juvenile column of the Canadian Home Journal. A trio "Sweet and Low" by Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. McLean and Miss Hughes. Mrs. Brown, president of Watford Institute spoke a few words and a pleasant half-hour was spent over the tea tables which were prettily decorated with summer flowers. A vote of thanks was extended to the hostess to which she responded. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Luckham, Miss Cran, Miss Sadie

CHOP STUFF

August is the time of year when much of the dairy butter is hardly fit to print.

Chatham will hold a nation-wide War Veterans Reunion on Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Miss Hessel McAlpine, telephone operator at Alvinston exchange, has resigned and will leave for Detroit.

Rev. Sinclair, the new minister of Guthrie Presbyterian church, Alvinston, will be inducted on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd.

Oil extracted from crickets is found to be extremely valuable for airplanes, since it does not congeal on very high planes.

The greatest banquet ever held was that of the Free Masons Festival in London, England, last week when there were five miles of tables and two thousand waitresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holmes, Enniskillen, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Ethel Evelyn, to Harvey A. McMahon, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McMahon, Moore line, the marriage to take place the latter part of August.

The ferryman, while plying over a water which was only slightly agitated, was asked by a nervous lady in his boat whether any persons were ever lost in that river. "Oh, no," said he, "we always find 'em again next day."

Ants, often troublesome to home-makers at this time of the year, can be driven away and made to stay away by moistening a small amount of tartar emetic and powdered sugar in equal parts and setting it near their haunts.

Very little, not more than two or three thousand tons, remain unshipped of the trial quantity of 25,000 tons of coal from the Alberta mines it was stated Tuesday in response to inquiry. The remainder will likely be moved east after the bulk of the grain rush is over.

Steps to force cyclists and drivers of horse-drawn vehicles to carry lights at night on Middlesex highways will start at once according to Chief Wharton of the Middlesex police. In making this statement the high constable declared bicycles and rigs without lights were the greatest menace motorists have to contend with.

Billy, not very fond of Sunday school, was promised a dime every time he remembered the sermon. For once he expressed great interest. "Just think, daddy, it was about flying machines." "What?" said daddy, "you're mistaken," and he answered "No sir, I'm not. The teacher said Esau sold his heirship to his brother Jacob."

Alvinston's Island Grove was the mecca for hundreds of citizens of both town and community on Sunday night of last week when a special song service and program of music was put on immediately after the church services. The churches of the village all took part, and the immense congregation entered wholeheartedly into the singing of the old hymns, which had been printed on a special sheet for the occasion.

The English Channel again defied swimmers when Miss Gertrude Ederle the 18-year-old American girl, was forced to abandon her attempt to swim across from Cape Gris Nez to Dover on Tuesday. Miss Ederle seemed to be on a fair way to beat all records for the channel crossing, when her stomach rebelled because of the salt water she had swallowed. She had made two-thirds of the 20-mile crossing in less than nine hours, and her trainer said she could have made the rest of the distance to Dover in four hours.

Edward W. Browning, New York millionaire, whose adoption of "Cinderella" Mary Louise Spas was annulled recently, fled from a roof garden when chorus girls kissed him, and shouted "Oh, there's my Cinderella man." The millionaire realtor, who was dining on the roof tried to retreat when two dozen girls encircled his table and asked him to adopt them. Then a blonde ingenue circled his neck so strongly that it was a minute before her arms could be prised loose. Other diners took up the cry, "Won't you adopt me, Mr. Browning." As he started to leave another chorus girl took him by the arm and induced him to dance, but he soon broke away as the orchestra played "If that's the kind of a girl you are."

Cran, Miss Edwards and Mrs. McLean. The meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Miss Sarah Too-hill on Sept. 9th.

We are pleased to know Miss E. Nevin is recovering from her illness. The Misses May and Gertrude Phillips of Watford are spending a few days with their cousin, Mrs. J. Clothier. Mrs. Winter returned after spending a month visiting friends in Detroit, Flint and other places.

Mrs. Twydel and children of Detroit spent a pleasant holiday at the home of Mr. Willard Winter.

Rev. and Mrs. Mackintosh and children returned after enjoying a lengthy trip down the St. Lawrence calling on friends in Montreal, The Thousand Islands and other places.

The regular meeting of the missionary society was held at the home of Mrs. Bouby with a good attendance. The afternoon was spent in sewing for the bale which was packed at the close of the meeting and sent to a girls school at New Liskeard. The bale was valued at \$28.35. The hostess and committee served a very dainty tea and the meeting adjourned to meet on Sept. 16th at the home of Mrs. Robt. Bowie.

KERWOOD

Mrs. Laverne Denning has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Pollock and family have returned from holidaying in Toledo and Cleveland.

Miss Erna Wright, Windsor, spent Sunday with her parents.

Dr. B. C. Weir, wife and family of Auburn are visiting at Mr. Harry Thompson's and Mr. Geo. Brunt's.

Miss Grace Dowling of Port Huron spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillispie of Detroit are guests at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. R. Pollock.

Mrs. John Gordon of Tulsa, Okla., visited her cousin, Mrs. D. Wilson, last week.

Mrs. Davis and daughter Betty of Detroit, Mrs. Miles and little Betty of Wilkesburg, Penn., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Denning recently.

Miss Isla Buchanan of Mt. Brydges and Miss Mable Ellis of Sask., are spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Elmer Langford.

Miss Vesta Gast of Appin is the guest of Miss Freeda Richardson.

Quite a number of our young men are leaving on the Harvesters Excursion on Friday.

A lively game of baseball was put on at the Community Park last Friday evening by Cairngorm and Kerwood. The score was 4-5 in favor of the home team.

Miss Mattie Dowling has returned from visiting at Longwood and Hyde Park.

Mr. A. Woods and family attended the Woods Reunion picnic held at Bright's Grove last week.

Misses Mary and Dorothy Denning are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Denning.

The Ladies' Guild and W. A. of St. Paul's church will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. Brien. All the members are cordially invited.

The many friends of Mr. Dalton Morgan hope for his speedy recovery from his recent operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, London.

Mr. Leroy McMahon of Pottersburg is spending a few days with Bert Maher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nichol and Miss Eva Moore of Strathroy, Mr. Jesse and Robert Moore and Mr. Proctor Doan of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Hawley and son Milo, of Detroit; Miss Birch and Miss Deacon of New York, Mrs. Keith and daughter Mable of Niagara Falls; Mrs. Deacon and Mrs. MacDonald of Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walter of Detroit, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Langford.

Miss Maggie Weir of Strathroy, Miss Josephine Weir of Auburn visited at the homes of Mr. H. Thompson and Mr. Geo. Brunt recently.

Miss Josephine Rogers is spending the week with friends in Sarnia.

Mrs. Watt is recovering from her recent severe illness.

Miss Ethelwyn Rogers of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rogers and family are visiting under the parental roof.

Miss Annie Dillon of Longwood is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wilfred Healey.

On Friday, Aug. 14th, a baby son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson of Sylvan (Mrs. Pollock's and Mrs. Gillespie's parents). All the sons and daughters were there with their families, being all united the first time in twenty years. A very happy time was spent.

Reduced railway rates will again be in effect during the period of the Canadian National Exhibition.