May the coming year bring to all our customers and friends health and prosperity.

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FLESHERTON BAPTIST CHURCH CONCERT A SUCCESS

The Flesherton Baptist Sunday School entertained their parents and friends on Wednesday evening Decembera 23rd. A very fine programme was put on by the school. Many splendid recitations and dialogues were rendered in a pleasing manner to a crowded audience. By special request a large number of friends from Rock Mills were present and gave valued assistance to the programme. Mr. Lawrence, principal of the Flesherton High School, proved a capable chairman. The good order and general quietude was a great help to the performers. One of the best items on the programme was a sketch, entitled, "What became of the Dinner?" This amusing little comedy was staged by Miss Ethel Preston, and Messrs. Marall Betts, Orlaff Howden, and Harold Allen. Another noticeable feature was the splendid rendering of a duet by Mrs. C. Newell and Miss M. Betts. Miss Ethel Preston delighted the audience with a solo. The concluding number "The Star of Bethlehem" was very beautifully rendered by young lady members of the school. Mrs. D. Williams was very largely responsible for this part of the programme.

The company was agreeably suprized about ten o'clock by the appearance of the Christmas fairy. He was soon busy giving out the nuts and candies to the children. There were many presents, also on the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, including one for the pastor and Mrs. Preston. The collection amounted to $14.00

MAMMOTH RACCOON

Thomas McConnell, a farmer residing in Puslinch township, near Puslinch station, shot and killed one of the largest raccoons ever bagged in the district. The animal tipped the scales at between 80 and 90 pound and its hide measured 4 feet 8 inches in length and weighed 15 pounds. It is reported that this mammoth animal had more animals stored away in its dungeon underneath a brush than many farmers have stored in their cellars. This animal would likely have a hide twice the size of a beaver's. It is the fine, black backed skins that make the showy coon coats. A man's coat made from this prime fur costs in the fur stores in the neighborhood of $400. Buyers are always desirous of getting the prime skins and will pay as high as $40 for the big ones perfectly marked.—Alliston Herald.

My Auto, 'tis of Thee

My auto ' tis of thee, short road to poverty, of thee I chant; I blew a pile of dough on you three years ago; now you refuse to go or can't. Thru town and countryside, you were my joy and pride, a happy day. I loved the gaudy hue, the nice white tires so new, but you're down and out in every way.

To thee old rattle box, many bumps and knocks, for thee I grieve; badly thy top is torn; frayed are the seats and worn; the whooping cough affects the horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze, while good folks choke and wheeze as we pass by. I paid for thee a price 'twould buy a mansion twice; now everybody's yelling "ice"—I wonder why ....

Thy motor has the grippe, the spark plug has the pip, and woe is thine. I, too, have suffered chills, fatigue and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills, since you were mine. Gone is my bank roll now; no more 'twould choke a cow, as once before. Yet if I had mon so help me John—amen—I'd buy a car again, and spend some more.

Wouldn't the muskrat be stuck up if he knew about his chances of being converted into Hudson seal?

The following startling headline appeared in Tuesday's Stratford Beacon-Herald, "Whiskey at 50 cents a gallon in St. Marys." Eager scanners of the column found the sting in the tail—"but that was 60 years ago."

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CEYLON

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Irish of Toronto, spent Christmas at Mrs. S. Hemphill's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Leslie, Mr. Ross McMullen of Toronto, Mr. J. C. McMullen of Owen Sound, spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Archie McMullen.

Mrs. Wilson McMullen is visiting her daughter in Toronto.

Mr. Jack White of Williams, Norfolk County, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White and babe, Miss Anna White and Mr. Robt. Brown, all of Toronto, spent Christmas holidays at Mr. Wm. White's.

Miss Muriel Spicer of Toronto, was a holiday visitor at Mr. Spicer's, her parents.

Mr. Will Stewart, Morrisburg, Mr. Frank Stewart, Toronto, spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart.

Dr. and Mrs. West, of Angus, were Christmas visitors with Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whittaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rutledge of Bala spent Christmas with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. Miss Stella Marshall acompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. Robt. Cook and Miss Millie spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mrs. Sinclair, and daughter of Harriston spent Christmas with her son and family here.

Mr. Angus Whittaker spent Christmas in Toronto, and Mr. Arthur Whittaker of Toronto, visited at his home here.

Mr. J. C. McLauchlan of Toronto visited his father here over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay, Misses Kathleen and Irene McDonald of Toronto, were at Mr. J. McDonald's for Christmas.

John McMillan is spending Christmas holidays with his aunt in Owen Sound.

Mr. John McLeod of London, visited with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod of Winnipeg are at Roy Pipers over the holiday.

Mr. Stanley McMillan of Toronto spent Christmas with his parents.

ROCK MILLS CONCERT

The Rock Mills Public School, and the Sunday school held a joint entertainment and Christmas tree in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening December 22nd The building was crowded to twice its usual capacity, there being in the neighborhood of three hundred people present. The program, which was an extensive one was rendered almost entirely by juniors. Every item was commendable. There was a remarkable absence of mistakes and failures among the juvenile entertainers. Items being of special mention were, "A Railroad Car," Mamma Dolls, "Songs by Three Little Girls," and the "Christmas Dialogue." Miss Whittaker who was largely responsible for the success of the evening, created an abundance of laughter by her rendition of a piece entitled "The Bumpity Bump Degree."

The entertainment, which continued for upwards of two hours, was interrupted by the entrance of Santa Claus. His first pleasant task was to present to Rev. and Mrs. Preston, on behalf of the Sunday school, an arm chair and a rocker. He then proceeded to distribute the gifts which were to be seen hanging temptingly from the Christmas tree. Some of the presents provoked a great deal of merriment. We are going to watch the columns of the Advance for some fine fish stories from Mr. William Pedlar who received a grand new fishing outfit, eve[illegible] The collection taken during the evening amounted to $22.25.

FARM FOR SALE

On the Toronto line, Provincial highway, one farm of 100 acres 2½ acres of hardwood bush. Good buildings, water in barn and house. One and a half miles from Flesherton, near to school. Lots 166—164. Will be sold separately if required. Must be sold, as I am giving up farming. — Robt. Best, Proton, P. O.

Auction Sale

OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY IN THE COUNTY OF GREY.

There will be offered for sale by Public Auction on Saturday January 9, 1926 at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Temperance House in the village of Feversham, the following property:

The West Half of Lot. No. 15 in the Twelfth Concession of the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey, containing by measurements fifty acres be the same more or less. There are good farm buildings, and good water on this property.

Terms 10% of the purchase price to be paid down at the time of sale, for balance terms will be made known at time of sale.

This property will be sold, subject to a reserved bid. For further particulars apply to Malcolm McLean of the town of Collingwood in the County of Simcoe, Solicitor for the Vendor.

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Is it in Proper Condition to Stand Cold Weather . .

If yo uare still driving your car, drive in and have the battery examined free of charge.

If not using the battery bring it in, send it in, or have us call for it. Having installed an up-to-date recharger we are in a position to give your battery first-class winter storage.

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May 1956 be to you the finest kind of a year.

A. E. HAW

Store closes Tuesday and Friday evenings

Small Advertisements

LOST OR STRAYED

LOST — Five dollars on Saturday night in Flesherton. Finder please leave at this office.

LOST—Horse blanket between H. Patton's, fourth line, and Ceylon on Wednesday, December 9th. Finder please leave at The Advance office.

FOR SALE—Second hand steel range with warming closet and reservoir. One heating stove almost new. Two snaps, Apply Mrs. Vandusen.

FOR SALE—Hay for sale at the barn on my farm, also oats at the warehouse in Flesherton.—F. G. Karstedt, Flesherton.

LOST — Black and tan hound lost north west of Eugenia on Thursday, December 17th, blind in one eye. Any particulars as to the whereabouts of this dog will be gratefully received.—Isaac Smith, Rock Mills.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Fur coat, Buffalo robe, set light sleighs, all practically as good as new.—S. Semple, Flesherton.

FOR SALE — Epzz Saw and belt for sale, 36 inch saw and a new frame. —Ed. Best, Flesherton.

FOR SALE—Good cow, rising six years old, milking, due April 17.—F. J. Thurston, Flesherton.

FOR SALE — Bell organ in first class condition; price reasonable.—T. J. Stinson, Proton Station P.O.

FOR SALE—A number of purebred Bronze Turkeys, White Leghorn roosters, a number of purebred Muscovy ducks, will sell reasonable—Tucker Phillips, Flesherton phone 11r3

FOR SALE — Electric washing machine "Time Saver", Beatty Bros., cheap, used 5 months; reason for selling it is too small for hotel.—G. B. Welton, Flesherton.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—Chopping done Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. — Graham Bros., Eugenia.

NOTICE—A line of Christmas novelties and ladies fancy work. — H. Alexander, Feversham.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS FOR SALE

Can be seen at the Sinclair residence. Key and particulars from—

—S. E. DeCUDMORE, Flesherton

FARM FOR SALE

On Provincial Highway, between Dundalk and Flesherton, 150 acres. All cleared and well fenced. Solid brick house 2 fine barns, excellent water supply at house and barn. Can be purchased at a fair price, small cash payment with very low interest for balance. Call or see S. E. deCurmore, phone 24—4

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We are now in the market for all kinds of grain. Highest market prices paid. Phone 2 r 31.

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No. 92-77530. Also a young Yorkshire pig, both bacon type for service on lot 176, N.W. T. & S.R., Terms—$1.00.

—T. J. STINSON.

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On the Toronto Line Provincial Highway. Three farms, two of 100 acres and one of 50 acres all cleared. First class buildings, up to date in every particular. Will sell any one of these. Good brick house on one of the farms. The stabling for animals is perfect. One farm has ten acres hardwood bush and another nundred has three acres of timber and has buildinngs for everything needed. including poultry house and pig pens. No broken land and clear of weeds. Any person interetsed should investigate.

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