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The Shadow of the Cross.

By the late John McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields" Published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto

AT THE drowsy dusk when the shadows creep
From the golden west, where the sunbeams sleep,

An angel mused: "Is there good or ill
In the mad world's heart, since on Calvary's hill

'Round the cross a mid-day shadow fell
That darkened earth and o'ershadowed hell?"

Through the streets of a city the angel sped;
Like an open scroll men's hearts he read.

In a monarch's ear his courtiers lied
And humble faces held hearts of pride.

Men's hate waxed hot and their hearts grew cold,
As they haggled and fought for the lust of gold.

Despairing he cried, "After all these years
Is there nought but hatred, and strife, and tears?"

He found two waifs in an attic bare;
—A meagre crust was their meagre fare—

One tried to quiet the other's cries,
And the love light dawned in her famished eyes

As she kissed the child with a motherly air:
"I don't need mine; you can have my share."

Then the angel knew that the earthly cross
And the sorrow and shame were not wholly loss.

At dawn when hushed was earth's busy hum
And men looked not for the Christ to come,

From the attic poor to the palace grand
The King and the beggar walked hand in hand.

PORTLAW

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Yates' little boy is still in a precarious state.

Our sympathies go out to the relatives, who mourn the passing of the late Mr. Tucker Phillips.

Congratulations to Mr. Stanley Blackburn and Miss Elvira Wilson, recently married. May their wedded life be fraught with all that makes for true happiness.

Mrs. Wauchope of Toronto is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Sheardown.

Quite a large number of childdren and grown ups of this part turned out to greet that great personage, Santa Claus, when he made his apperance in Flesherton. Congratulations to school in carrying off first prize for singing. We all feel like singing their praises.

Mr. Wm. Blakey had the misfortune to lose a good cow last week.

The Ladies' Association of Mount Zion church held their last regular meeting at the home of Mrs. James Pedlar. There was a large attendance and a good deal of important business was done including election of officers for the ensuing year.

Our school concert came off on Thursday evening last and was a splendid success. Notwithstanding the storm and bad roads, there was a good turn out of the people. Mr. Fred T. Taylor occupied the chair and introduced a lengthy and varied program which was greatly enjoyed from start to finish. Miss Johnston, the teacher, is justly entitled to great praise for her efficient training and the excellent program she and her pupils provided. Santa appeared near the close and distributed gifts to all his young friends. A nice sum was taken in at the entrance.

TORONTO LINE NORTH

Mrs. Ross Alcox visited a few days with friends in Toronto.

Miss Ethel Shaw who has been assisting Mrs. E. Wickens is spending a couple of weeks at her home at Cheesville.

Messrs Harold Lever and Clarence Alcox attended the concert at Barrhead Tuesday last.

Mr. Andrew Wickens, who was visting with Kimberley friends has returned to the home of his son, Mr. E. Wickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellie Alcox have moved to Priceville where Wellie has started barbering.

Mrs. Mary Irwin is assisting Mr. W. W. Trimble in the post office.

Mrs. J. Eagles of Orange Valley spent an afternoon last week with Miss Gertrude Lever, who has been ill.

The difference between a lawyer and a layman is that if the latter shields a criminal he is liable to go to jail.

"House of Quality"

Allow me to take advantage of the Christmas Season, to extend to you my sincere good wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, my thanks for your patronage in the past, and the assurance that in the future, all my efforts will be devoted to maintaining our happy relations.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Jas. A. Stewart

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WE DELIVER IN TOWN

ROCK MILLS

Very cold and stormy weather continues.

Several teams are engaged at present hauling lumber from the Durham Furniture Co's yard here to Ceylon, where it is loaded on the cars for shipment to their factory at Durham.

Mr. Laurie Betts of New Liskeard is visiting at his home here.

Mrs. Thos Betts and daughter Mabel, visited for a few days with friends in Shelburne.

Mrs. H. C. Deitz left last week for her home at Cleveland, Ohio.

School meeting will be held this Thursday Dec. 26th, at 10 o'clocka.m.

Uuity U. F. W. O. will hold their January meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Magee.

A goodly number were out to the Baptist Christmas entertainment on Wednesday night, despite the cold disagreeable weather.

School closed on Friday for the Christmas holidays. The teacher and pupils had their program Friday afternoon.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Jno. Porteous is feeling better after being laid up for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Croft and family are spending Christmas with relatives in Toronto.

VANDELEUR

(Last Week's Items)

The Vandeleur Farmer's Club held an interesting and enthusiasic meeting in the school house on Monday evening Dec. 9th, when plans were made for the winter months. A good report of the U. F. O. Convention in Toronto was given by the club delegate, Mr. Howard Graham. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres, Jim Cargoe; Vice Pres. Frank Davis; Secy. Treas, Chas. Boland; Directors, Howard Graham, W. A. Weber, Will Ratcliff, H. McGee, Chas. McLean, E. Warling and N. Genoe. All the new officers then addressed the meeting. A comittee composed of the President and Messrs H. McGee, Frank Davis and Will Ratcliff were appointed to arrange the program for the next meeting which will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 30th.

Big preparations are being made for the entertainment and Xmas tree in the church on Thursday evening of this week, Dec. 19th.

The Annual school meeting this year for S. S. No. 11 will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th.

Master Archie Graham was successful in winning second prize in the dog race at Flesherton on Santa Claus day.

FEVERSHAM

The school concert held on Thursday last was a success and a good crowd attended although the night was stormy and the roads very bad.

The teachers have gone to their respective homes for the Christmas holidays, Miss Dempsey to Stratford, Miss Warner to Bowmanville and Miss Bradley to Toronto.

The school concert at No. 6 on the 12th line three miles from here had to be postponed on account of the storm on Friday night last and will be held in the school on Friday next. They have a good program, so come and enjoy yourself for a couple of hours and encourage the teacher and pupils.

Our mail carriers have had cold stormy trips and bad roads for some days but have made the grade every day so far.

Miss Lilly Thompson visited with friends in Buffalo, Toronto and St. Catherines recently.

Mr. Hugh Davidson of Detroit is visiting with his brothers and other friends here at present.

Mr. and Mrs. John McQuay, an old couple who have resided on the 4th line have moved into the village and have taken up residence in the house formerly owned by the late Geo. Sayers.

Mrs. Chas. Weldrick has returned home after visiting with Mrs. John Tyson for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Kernahan is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Legate and family at Gibraltar in Collingwood Township at present.

Election talk is very quiet for Osprey Township,, but I suppose after the nomination a week from to-day the aspirants to the offices will be flying around electioneering.

Yesterday (Sunday) was fine and the sun shone out beautifully after a month of cold, stormy weather.

PRICEVILLE

We are all in hearty sympathy with Christmas and the spirit it invokes with its re-union of families, its cheer and most of all with the joy it brings the children. It has been celebrated ever since we older ones knew anything about it. Particularly a child's holiday so fr as the grown ups are concerned, aside from its religious significance and family gatherings. It is a holiday most enjoyed together by intimate friends.

We wish the Editor anl staff and all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The storm is still raging and the roads are almost impassable to travel over.

Mr. Innis McLean came home on Monday night from Toronto where he was seized with another attack of appendicitis. Fortunately he had it checked again.

Mrs. Henry Patterson is in Dundalk waiting on her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Coverdale Patterson who very ill. Miss Wilda is home for the Christmas holilays.

Miss Anna Mary McLean will be going to Toronto after Christmas where she is engaged to teach on the relievng staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Richardson and babe of Swinton, spent the week end at the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie McLean were guests at Mr. A. L. Hinck's.

The Christmas concert was held on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the McKinnon hall and was very successful considering the stormy weather that prevailed that night. The hall was filled and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening. The program was somewhat abbreviated on account of the absence of Miss Kathleen McLean. It lasted about 2 hours. Mr. Herb McInnis occupied the chair and presided in a very efficient manner. The hall was all decorated and the Xmas tree was brilliantly resplendent with decorations and loaded with gifts The program consisted of many entertaining features. It opened with a chorus by the Sr. pupils of the school, followed by a Xmas scene of the Jr. girls of the school pupils of Miss McHugh, then there were some humorous recitations and a pantomine by four boys, Arthur Sullivan Cameron McLean, Elvyn McInnis and Wallace McDermid and there were a number of songs and drill. A fairy dance was given by the school children and a dialogue entitled "Uncle Hiram's Cold" which was well acted. Rev. Mr. Sullivan gave an address, which was much enjoyed. The program closed with a pantomime, Holy Night, which was given by eight pupils of the Sr. school, dressed in white gowns with crowns of tinsel, making a beautiful picture. The program was climaxed with appearance of Santa Claus, who greeted all the boys and girls and distributed the presents from the tree, then left a sack of candy and departed. The proceeds were $18.00.

Mr. Alcox from near Markdale has started up barberig in the village. We wish him every success.

The funeral of the late Kenneth Mathewson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Mathewson, of Quebec formerly of Priceville was held on Friday afternoon. He was operated upon for appendicitis in Detroit and never got over the operation. The body came up Frday on the noon train to Ceyup Friday no the noon train to Ceylon and was met by a large crowd of friends. The service was held in St. Columba united church. Rev. Mr. Sullivan preached a comforting sermon. Mrs. Mathewson's brother and their son-in-law and Kenneth's chum were present for the funeral. The remains were laid to rest in McNeoll's cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs David Nichol, Angus Mc Millan, Willie Mather, John Shortreed, Roy McLean and Dan L. McArthur. Much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing ones in their sad bereavement.

The United church Christmas concert which was to be held Friday, 20, was postponed on account of the stormy weather. As yet the date has not been announced.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Alex McRae and family wish to thank the bretheren of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333 for their kindness and assistance during the years of the illness and at the death of their husband and father.

A Christmas Greeting

For The Advance.

(To an Esteemed Friend.)

I cannot now beside you stand,
And grasp and warmly press your hand,
But take this way my wish to send
To you, this Christmastide, dear friend.

The best that I can say or do
Is just to wish the best for you;
True friends to cheer you on your way
To win fresh conquests day by day.

To feel that though some clouds drift near,
And lowering seems the sky and drear,
The sun will glow, and by and by,
A radiant rainbow gild the sky.

To know there is an arm with power
To help you in each trying hour,
One who best blessings freely sends,
A friend whose friendship never ends.

May all good things for which you long,
With heart tuned high in cheerful song;
And higher hopes that will abide
Be yours, dear friend, this Christmastide.

—T. R. M.

Portlaw, Christmas, 1929.

Much comment is being made in all parts of Ontario in the fact that there are practically no apprentices to trades any more. This is an alarming condition, and it is difficult to solve. It used to be that apprentices in all branches of mechanics were plentiful, and boys were quite willing to learn trades and accept what their services were worth to employers. Nowadays it would appear that the only consideration of many boys after leaving school is wages, and they are quite willing to accept the job offering the most money, whether they have qualifications for such work or not. That is one reason why there are so many day laborers and so few mechanics in process of development.

OSPREY COUNCIL

Osprey Council met at Maxwell on Monday, Dec. 16, according to adjournment from last meeting. All members present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Communications,—David Ring, re dog tax; Wesley Murhead, re damage to car; T. H. Weatheral, re taxes on lots 42, 43, 2 N. D. R.; Prov. Municipal Auditor, re Municipal Auditors; Dept. of Highways, re invoice; Christie Beatty, re Wetherall drain and bridges; War Memorial Children's Hospital, requesting grant; Esther Parsons, re taxes; W. G. McLellan, re Canada Ingot Iron Co.; W. J. Norman, re winter work on roads.

Deputations,— John Stevens, re snow fences; T. H. Wetherall, re 40 sideroad; Robt. Blakey, refund of taxes; Robt. Stock, re error in assessment; Geo. McMaster, re refund of dog tax .

Lockhart-Clarke—That T. H.Wetherall be appointed to act as sub-overseer on the 40th sideroad from the 4th concession south to the townline until such time as new arrangements can be made and that the Supt. arrange with the different sub-overseers who have formerly had charge of this road.

Grummett-Morrison—That Robt. Stock be refunded the sum of $2.00, this amount being an overcharge owing to error in Assessment.

Lockhart - Clarke—That Mrs. Minnie Cameron be refunded the sum of $4.63, this amount being an overcharge owing to error in Assessment

Morrison-Grummett— That Thos. Hollingshead be refunded the sum of $4.38 this amount being an overcharge owing to error in Assessment.

Morrison-Lockhart—That the Treasurer be authorized to receive from A. C. McDonnell the sum of $20.10, being proceeds of cement sold.

Lockhart— Grummett— That the Treasurer be authorized to receive Robt. Blakey's taxes on lots 25, 26, Con. 1. N. D. R. less $25.89 being the amount of County rate. This being granted owing to loss of barn and 1929 crop.

Clarke-Morrison— That the Treasurer be authorized to receive from the Canada Cement Co. the sum of $306.80, being refund for empty sacks returned.

Clarke-Lockhart—That the Treasurer be authorized to receive the taxes on lot 29 & W. P. 30, Con 13, owned by Harry Fletcher, less $48.30 same being overcharged that amount owing to error in computing taxes.

Lockhart - Grummett—That Geo. McMaster be refunded $2.00 dog taxes.

Morrison - Clarke— That Walter Lawler be refunded $2.00 dog tax assessed in error.

Morrison - Grummett—That Basil Sornberger be refunded the sum of $3.92, business tax 1929.

Morrison - Lockhart— That the Superintendent be instructed to obtain prices on snow fences and if he deems it advisable, erect snow fences on roads that are badly in need of same.

By Laws No. 15 and 16 to pay Township Officers and to appoint D. R. O.'s and Poll Clerks were read the required number of times, signed and sealed.

Miscellaneous Accounts, — Municipal World, election supplies etc.$20 29; Arnold Hutchinson, Sheep Valuer, $2.00; H. G. Burke, Telephone Acct. $5.70; Enterprise Printing Co. Printing Acct., $10.72; Wm. Scutt, wire fence loans, $5. 92; Bank of Toronto, Excise stamps $4.00; Municipal World Supplies to Treas, $7.37; Municipal Telephone System, phone in Clerk's office $5.00; Christie & Beatty, Service in Wetherall drain $37.00; Dundalk Herald, Printing Acct. $25.00; John Hale, Wire fence bonus, $6.24; F. J. D. Spofford, Sheep value,$18.00; W. J. Norman, Sheep value, $8.00; James Thompson, Sheep claim,$6.00; E. Hawton, Sheep claim, $40.00; Newell Robertson, Sheep claim $54.00; John Grummett, Services re Wetherall drain, $4. 50; G. H. Burke, School Attendance Officer, $7.30; C. W. Long, Wire fence bonus, $4.16; T. H. Wetherall, Sheep valuer, $6.00; Thos. Guy, Room for meeting, $3.00; Thos. Hollingshead, refund of taxes $4.38; Mrs. Dan Cameron, refund of taxes, $4.63; Robt. Stock, refund of taxes, $2.00; Wm. McCutcheon, Wire fence bonus, $15.24; Geo. McMaster, Wire fence bonus, $6.50; Geo. McMaster, refund dog tax, $2.00; Walter Lawler, refund dog tax, $2.00; David Ring, refund dog tax. $2.00; Basil Sornberger, refund business tax, $3.97; L. O. L. 1085, Feversham, Hall for three meetings, $9.00; Wesley Muirhead, Broken axle in car, $6.00.

Road Accounts,—W. J. Mullin, pay sheet, $3.00; Metallic Roofing Co., culvert, $71.15; Chas Heron, grease, $1.20; John Robertson, gravel, $1.10; W. M. Wilson, gravel, .40; James Radley, Supt., $57.95; C. W. Long, pay sheet, $19.20; David Ring, gravel $16.20; Geo. McDonald, pay sheet, $5.80; Basil Neff, pay sheet, $20.00; D. E. Seeley, Tile, $52.50; Mort Sayers, pay sheet, $9.00 Angus Morrison, pay sheet, $47.00; Harry Heathcote, pay sheet, $53.00; Thos. Beatty, pay sheet, $6.50; Emerson Grey pay sheet $172.90; Geo. Coutts, pay sheet, $8.40 James Gillies, pay sheet, $20.00; Gus. Robinson, pay sheet, $8.00 David Winters, pay sheet, $9.20; Wm. Davison, pay sheet, $17.30; James Patterson, pay sheet, $17.30; Alex Johnston, pay sheet, $177.40; Art Wilson, pay sheet, $66.90; Alex Stevenson, pay sheet, $12.75; Jesse Grummett, gravel $25.20; John Lougheed, gravel, $3.70; Robt. Whiteoak, gravel, .40; C. N. Long, repairs to grader, $3.50; Christie & Beatty, Service re Talbot bridge $31.00; Christie & Beatty, Services re Parker bridge, $108.00; Christie & Beatty, Services re Wetherall bridge, $41.00; T. H. Wetherall, gravel, $4.00; James Hudson, gravel, $2.10; John McLean, delivering tile. $5.00; John McMillan, gravel, $16.00; John Grummett, delivering cement, $2.00; Newell Robertson, gravel, $2.55; W. J. Norman, winter work on roads, $3.25;.

Council adjourned.

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