CEYLON

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Muir and son Kenneth, spent last week end in Toronto. They were accompanied home by Mrs. P. Hunt, who has been on an extended visit there.

Miss Agnes McPhail M.P. has returned home after spending some weeks on a speaking tour in United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson, Shelburne visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson.

Miss Hazel Copeland visited her sister, Mrs. J. R. Sinclair.

Misses Macil and Dorothy Snell were in Markdale, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sinclair and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sinclair and Mrs. J. F. Collinson were in Owen Sound, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jackson, Dundas, are spending the winter with the latter's father, Mr. Donald McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliott and Miss Reta Marshall, Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall.

Miss Susie McKnnon and Miss Frances Collinson have returned from Toronto to spend the holidays here.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at Mrs. Knox's home on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. The roll call is to be answered by suggestions for winter reading and a magazine exchange. Mrs. McWilliam has charge of the feature reading. There will be the usual gift exchange, after which the election of officers for 1937 will take place. Social committee—cake, Mrs. McWilliam and Mrs. A. C. Muir; Sandwiches, Mrs. Udell and Mrs. A. Sinclair. Come and be an active member for 1937.

The Women's Institute met at Mrs. A. Sinclair's, Thursday, the 17th, at 8 p.m. In the absence of the president, the vice president Mrs. Sinclair, opened the meeting with the singing of the Ode, followed by repeating the Creed, in unison. Roll call was answered with a New Year's resolution. Mrs. Geo. Udell gave a very interesting paper on current events, touching on radium, infantile paralysis, municipal elections, results and abdication of Edward 8th. Mrs. Archibald read the story of the birth of the Child of Bethlehem. Mrs. Kennedy extended an invitation for the January meeting, after which the social committee served refreshments.

Mr. Bert Wright, Toronto, spent the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. P. Hemphill.

The school at Ceylon was packed Friday night of last week when Miss McInnis and her pupils presented their Christmas programme. The opening number, "Hello Everybody, Glad to see you here" was followed by the chairman's address. Rev. Geo. Service who acted in that capacity extended a very cordial greeting to all and amused the audience by telling some humorous stories in his jovial manner. Recitations were given by Gordon Nichol, Phillip McMullen, Donald McLeod, Carman Plester, Jean McMullen, Marion Collinson, Kenneth Muir, Dorothy Plester, Harold Nichol, Joe McWilliam, Barbara Marshall, Mary McMullen; Marjory Stewart gave the Horn Pipe, Hilda Duckett and Edna Marshall tap-danced and Miss McInnis did the Highland Fling. A motion song, Rooster Drill, Fan Drill and Nursery Rhyme song were greatly enjoyed also a negro duet by Marjorie Stewart and Verna Kennedy. A Christmas Episode and "Aunt Serena for a Christmas Present" were well presented dialogues, "Star of the East,' "Away in a Manger" and "We mix our sighs with sunshine when we say goodbye" were splendid choruses.

At the close of the pupils' program a number of members of the choir presented a play entitled "The Empty Room:" The setting was in the city of Nazareth, just previous to the birth of the Child King. Owing to Hamar's love of gold the "Sunset Room" was held at an exorbitant price, and there was no room in the Inn for Mary. The caste was as follows: Prophet, Percy Hunt; Nobleman, Frost Purdy; Hamar, the Inkeeper, I. B. Whittaker; David the Servant, Bob. Plester; Rebecca, Macil Snell; Mary, Nellie Genoe and Joanna, Mrs. I. B. Whittaker. Each member of the caste had part. Rev. Service was responsible for the play and must have felt very gratified with the results.

Santa Claus, Vernon Stewart, arrived with his reindeer and distributed Christmas presents to all the children from a beautifully decorated tree. The proceeds amounted to $26.10, half of which goes to the choir and the other half to the school. The National Anthem brought a very successful evening to a close.

Best Wishes

To Our Customers

The Spirit of Christmas gives us a keener appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. May the New Year bring you Happiness and Prosperity.

C. J. KENNEDY

Flesherton, Ont.

There is a season of the year when business problems and care are forgotten, anl we think only of friendship and enjoyment. This season is here again, after a most eventful year and we wish you, as friends, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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FLESHERTON

PRICEVILLE

The fine Christmas tree social in connection with St. Columba Church Sunday school, passed off most successfully on Friday evening to a fairly full house. The meeting was, after considerable preparation, got under way near curfew time. The lights being turned out, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was thrown upon the screen, and sang heartily by the audience. Recitations followed and at intervals by Ruth Whyte, Emerson Meads, Rita McDougal, Jack McConkey, Isabelle Weir. Songs were sung by four little girls, Hush a Bye." Duet by Isabelle Karstedt and Jean Mather, another song by several children, "Merry Christmas", and "The time we Love", and a song to introduce Santa, just as he arrived. Drills, Little Red Riding Hood, Ghost drill, Uncle Grouch and Robber under the bed. Rev. H. W. Wright acted as chairman and called upon the Rev. Norman McDonald of the Presbyterian church, who paid tribute to the fine friendly spirit shown towards him by the people of St. Columba. A fine social spirit which he would never forget, and referred to the pleasure he had at the various functions held, which he attended here, and also to the fact of having occupied the pulpit several times, in which he rejoiced. An item which brought forth a well deserved encore, was a piano duet by Misses Aileen and Isabelle Karstedt. A play, "No room in the Inn" or rather a pantomine was strikingly beautiful and appropriate and well acted and touching. Mr. Jos. McKee, superintendent presented the seals won by scholars and urged upon the parents the very desirable necessity of sending their children to school regularly. Presents were given from the fine tree, expeditiously by willing helpers. ers. There may have been others who took part and were omitted from this list, if so we are sorry. It was my lot to follow the program as handed to me.

Our fine public Christmas tree is again erected just in front of the monument with hundreds of multicolored bulbs. If you don't believe this panegeric just come out from your and other surrounding towns and see it. A commercial traveller last year pronounced it the best between here and Toronto. This year it is equally good. The star surmounting it is a beauty. Send out your achitects to take stock, in the meantime we wish all the staff and readers a joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Word received Sunday morning that the widow of the late Dr. Hutton, passed away in Durham hospital, after two weeks illness, never very strong and robust in late years, but borne with Christian patience, she has joined the great majority. To her son Arthur and daughter Marguerite, and to her sister, Mina here, who has been her constant attendant, and another sister, Mrs. Tuck in the West, we extend warm sympathy. Deceased was an acquaintance of over 50 years.

Mrs. W. Ramage we are pleased to report is making progress, though slow, to recovery from her recent illness.

The lantern slides shown in St. Columba church, Sunday P. M., treating of the birth of Jesus and facts pertaining thereto, elicited much praise and were of an interesting and instructive nature.

The Willing Helpers and W. M. S. meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Aldcorn with 24 ladies present. Mrs. Sutherland presided over the meeting after the usual opening remarks, Mrs. Stuart Boice gave a reading, "The lttle shoes", Mrs. John Nichol Sr. read a chapter from the study book Misses Margaret McArthur and Nellie McLean secretary and Treasurer, gave splendid reports. Mrs. John Nichol Sr. presided over the W. H. meeting after singing a hymn, the president lead in prayer. All repeated the creed in unison. Mrs. Tom Nichol gave a splendid paper on the spirit of Christmas which was much enjoyed. The election of officers followed. President, Mrs. Stuart Boice; Vice-Pres., Miss Mary McEachern; Sec'y. Mrs. Brady Irwin; Treas., Miss Nellie McLean. It was decided to have the meetings in the homes again this year and the executive will arrange the programme for 1937. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and Miss Margaret McArthur, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Merry Christmas to Editor, Staff and readers.

Misses Jean and Almeda Hincks of Toronto came home Saturday to spend two weeks holidays.

Next Sabbath, December 27th, Rev. Mr. McIntosh of Dundalk will occupy the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church and declare the pulpit vacant.

A joint congregational meeting of Priceville and Swinton Park will be held Monday P.M. at 1.45 in Priceville.

Rev. N. MacDonald preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, December 20th, to a large audience. The choir rendered an anthem. The people of Priceville regret losing Mr. MacDonald. He will leave on Thursday morning.

On Thursday night the annual Sunday School concert was held in St. Andrew's Church with a good attendance, Rev. N. MacDonald acted as chairman. Recitations were given by Betty Tucker words of welcome Gordon Nichol, Jean Whyte, Annie Smith, Bobby Sutherland, Agnes Whyte, Hector McLean. A Santa Claus drill in costume was a pleasing number. A pantomime by Annie Smith and Jean McKinnon and Miss Rosalie McKinnon sang "Silent Night," Betty Tucker gave a monologue with her doll. A duet by Betty Watson and Kenneth Nichol in costume, sang Reuben and Rachel, duet by Alex. Smith and A. McKinnon, boy Jack Frost; a pantomime by Kathleen McArthur, Julia Scheurman, Florence Stonehouse and Gwynneth McLean and Mrs. Sutherland sang The Little Town of Bethlehem; duet by Betty and Shirley Hincks, The wasted crust. A couple of dialogues were also enjoyed, a monologue by Jamie Sutherland; solo by Jean McKinnon, Santa Claus is coming to town; three choruses from the Sunday School were much enjoyed. The superintendent, Mr. Neilburt McKenzie presented Jamie, Laurie and Bobby Sutherland and Julia Scheurman with diplomas from the Sunday School. Rev. N. MacDonald made a few brief remarks to the boys and girls and urged them to attend Sunday school, as they would make the church in the future. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts from a well laden tree. Each boy and girl received a bag of candy and nuts. God save the king brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Mrs. Alex. Carson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Art Richardson, Swinton Park.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Odell on Thursday, Dec. 3, 22 ladies being present. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and community singing. The motto "Do that kindness to-day, to-morrow may be too late" was taken by Mrs. Moody. Roll call was answered by paying 1c according to size of your gloves. Mrs. Wilfred Watson gave an interesting demonstration wrapping Christmas parcels; Nellie McLean read a paper, "Christmas in other lands." Mrs. J. McMillan gave a report of the W. I. convention held in Toronto, November 18th, 19th and 20th which she attended. It was decided to bring Christmas cheer to the sick and shut-in in the locality. Any donations to the above will be gratefully received and may be left with Mrs. Aldcorn or Mrs. Sutherland.

IN MEMORIAM

MEADS — In loving memory of our wife and mother, Mrs. W. J. Meads, who passed away, December 23, 1934.

No one knows the silent heartache,
Only those who have lost, can tell
Of the grief that is borne in silence,
For the one we loved so well.

Sleep on dear mother, your cares are ended,
Rest in peace, your work is done.
You have gone where those who love you
Will some day meet you one by one.

—Sadly missed by Husband and Family.

It seems hard to realize that the present is the last month of 1936.

Eastern Star

DANCE

Will be held in Fraternal Hall,

Flesherton

Under auspices of Grey Chapter 170, O.E.S.

Thur., Dec. 31

Commencing at 9 p.m.

Dorothy Foster and other good music

BOTH ROUND AND SQUARE DANCING

Have a Good Time in the Old-Fashioned Way

Admission: 25 cents Lunch

CENTRE LINE

A very Merry Christmas to the Advance staff and all its readers.

We had a heavy fall of snow Saturday night and Sunday which would have made good sleighing but the wind has piled it in heaps leaving lots of bare road. This may stop the cars running on the back roads.

Rev. Mr. Bushell gave a splendid Christmas message on Sunday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davison was brightened by the arrival of a baby boy on December 11.

Mount Zion Sunday School concert and Christmas tree was held on Friday evening and was a decided success in every way. Much credit is due to our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Robt. Sheardown and Portlaw school teacher, Mr. Mervyn Little, for the splendid program, they had prepared.

Mr. Burnett Haney has gone to his home in Toronto after spending some time with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haney.

Mr. Wm. Collins is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little.

Wareham held their Sunday School entertainment on Saturday night.

JUDGMENT UPHELD

"I am afraid our new housemaid is dishonest," said the wife.

"Come, my dear," answered the husband. "You should never judge by appearances."

"I don't," was the retort. "I judge by disappearances."

MAXWELL

Mr. and Mrs. N. Cairns and two children of Wiarton called on friends here last week.

We are pleased to report little Glen Wright, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright, who underwent an operation for gland trouble on Saturday is doing as well as possible. Nurse Hawton is attending the wee lad.

The Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held last Wednesday evening, it consisted of lantern slides accompanied with a lecture by Mr. Bushell and also a tree, and candy was passed to all,

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kerton visited in Owen Sound on Saturday.

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS — In loving memory of our dear Mother and Aunt, Mrs. Geo. Myers who passed away December 23rd, 1928.

Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a wound no one can heal,
You live with us in memory still,
Not just today, but always will.

Lovingly remembered by son Sheldon and niece, Addie.

A second contingent of Irish vounteers has set sail for Spain. That indicates how hot the fighting in the civil war is because ordinarily one Irish contingent would have settled the argument.

Greetings . .

To our Friends and Patrons:

Many kind thoughts and hearty greetings, and may you enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity throughout the New Year.

The VARIETY STORE

A. D. McIntyre, Prop. Flesherton, Ont.

We offer the Compliments of the Yuletide Season to our many Customers and Friends and wish them the Fullness of Prosperity and Happiness during the year that is ahead.

F. H. W. HICKLING

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