CENTRE LINE

This Monday morning seems a treat after the cold, windy weather of the past few days.

This community extends hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pedlar who were recently married.

Despite the high cold wind of last Thursday night, most of Wareham Young People went to Dundalk Arena for the skating party. They enjoyed the two hours spent in Dundalk but the return trip was not so pleasant, the roads having become quite heavy with snow. We feel sure in saying that all were glad to get home that night.

Miss Doris Fisher is visiting with Toronto friends.

Mrs. F. Lyons and Mrs. G. Little attended the presentation in Eugenia for Mr. and Mrs. G. Pedlar on Tuesday last.

Word has been received by Mrs. Harry Fisher that her aunt, Mrs. H. Kirkland, of Cranbrook, B.C., passed away on January 25th. Mr. Neil McIntyre of Portlaw is a brother of the deceased.

Mr. Cecil Ford of Brampton is assisting with the farm work at Mr. Morton's at the present time. Mr. Morton has been suffering from a severe attack of asthma.

Mr. Wm. Fisher has gone to Peterborough as a delegate from Wareham Junior Farmers' Club.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hill in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Robt. Osborne received word last week of the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Clark, of Cheboygen, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and three children visited here three years ago last fall.

Church service will be at three o'clock next Sunday at Mt. Zion.

VICTORIA CORNERS

Mr. Wm. Talbot has been on the sick list but is improving slowly.

Mrs. Wilfred Gallagher is visiting Markdale friends this week.

Mrs. R. Linton visited in Markdale last week.

The Y.P.U. has been holding its meetings at private homes throughout the winter months.

Mr. Wm. Moore has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Batchelor.

The ladies of the W.A. met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Jas. Batchelor when the roll call was answered by "something for which I have to be thankful." It gave a variety of thought but showed us there is still much to brighten our lives even in these hard times. After the program lunch was served and a pleasant half hour spent in social times.

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VANDELEUR

The Woman's Association held its February meeting on Wednesday, Febuary 1st, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Buchanan. A splendid paper "Our Talents" by Mrs. Dan McGee was very much appreciated. Miss Tillie Buchanan sang a hymn. Rev. S. E. Annis gave a brief address and also presided over the election of officers which resulted as follows: president, Mrs. F. R. Boland; 1st vice-president, Mrs. L. Johnston; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. S. Fitzsimmons; secretary, Mrs. Will Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson; organist, Mrs. Buchanan.

The annual meeting of Vandeleur United Church was held on Sunday, February 5th, with Rev. S. E. Annis presiding. Reports of the various departments were given and showed the church to be in very good condition. Elders appointed were Messrs. Jos. Buchanan, L. Johnson and Howard I. Graham. Stewards elected were Wm. Johnson, W. J. F. Hutchinson, Geo. Buchanan, Dan McGee, Glen McGee, Howard McGee, Geo. Shaw and Harold Hutton. A vote of appreciation was tendered the minister and his wife and also the organist, Mrs. Geo. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis visited friends at Kimberley recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boland at Rocklyn recently.

The Girls' Club held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. Angus Bowles on Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Hutchinson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutton.

Mr. Billie Johnson was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Hare, of Markdale.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson and Mrs. L. Johnson visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiley, at Wodehouse recently.

Master Donald Johnson, a victim of infantile paralysis, has been taking treatments in Toronto recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kelso celebrated their 21et wedding anniversary on Sunday last. Miss Marion Summers also celebrated her 10th birthday the same day. The two families had supper together in honor of the occasion.

The W.I. will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Freeman on Thursday of this week.

MAXWELL

The Y.P.U. met in the church hall on Friday night when Miss Jean Ross, missionary convenor, gave a talk on the missionary work done in British Columbia. The scripture lesson was read by Miss Isla Sornberger and the explanation was given by Miss Arlene Benson. Miss Violet Duckett gave a solo and readings were contributed by Misses Thelma Morrison and Lillian Poole. Recreation followed and the meeting closed in the usual way.

The W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Seeley on Thursday, February 9th, with a good attendance and with the president, Mrs. Legate, in the chair. The roll call was "Sing, Say or Pay" and was well responded to. Mrs. Wm. Seeley and daughter, Mrs. C. Winters, presented the Society with a lovely quilt top. Mrs. E. Seeley had charge of the programme which consisted of readings and contests. The members spent some time sewing at quilt blocks. The hostess and her assistants served lunch.

The Valentine Social under the auspices of the W. A., held on Monday evening, was a very enjoyable affair and was well attended.

The Guild of St. Mary's Anglican Church will meet at the home of Mrs E. Seeley on Thursday, February 16th.

When a man is hungry he doesn't waste time reading the bill of fare.

CEYLON

Mr. Albert Arrowsmith of Niagara Falls is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arrowsmith.

Mr. Alex. McGillvray and daughter, Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald McGillvray and daughter, Jean, of Chatsworth visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson.

Miss Mildred Risk of Kimberley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Muir.

Mr. Stewart Muir attended the Priceville Old Boys' dance in Toronto on Friday night.

Mrs. Archie McMullen is visiting at Proton Station.

Miss Olive Marshall was home from Toronto on Sunday.

Miss Frances Collinson was in Toronto the last of the week.

The W.I. held a social evening at the home of Mrs. J. R. Sinclair on Thursday, February 9th, when all present enjoyed the programme. The meeting opened in form, Mrs. Smellie presiding anl Mrs. Hogarth reading the scripture lesson. The roll call was answered with a Valentine verse, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Collinson winning the prizes for the best verses. Mrs. Gordon Stuart gave a reading "An Affair of the Heart" which caused much laughter. Mrs. Smellie won the prize for the "ice" contest and Mrs. Kennedy for the "nut" contest. A delightful lunch was served at the close of the meeting and Mrs. Anna McMillan extended an invitation to her home for the March meeting.

The Ladies' Aid and Young Peoples' are holding a social evening in the hall Wednesday at 8 p.m. when all are invited to attend, a small fee will be charged. The Laies' Aid will be responsible for the lunch and the Young People are providing the programme for the evening.

Mrs. Harry Huston of Oshawa visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Muir.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stafford left Monday for Hamilton where they will spend some time.

PROTON STATION

Congratulations to Miss Ruth Sherson of Proton Station on her success in obtaining the position of organist in Dundalk United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Patterson, Nancy and Douglas of Maple Grove visited a day last week with Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Acheson.

Miss Leila Jackson of Markdale visited her parents here recently.

Miss Helen McNichol of New Toronto was rushed a hospital for an appendicitis operation and is doing nicely. Helen spends the summers here with her grandfather, Mr. Chas. Lyons.

A fine Hereford cow, the property of Mr. Clayton Betts, gave birth to a calf having two heads. The freak calf died almost immediately after birth.

ROCK MILLS

Mr. George Johnson held an auction sale of farm stock and implements and household funiture on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell spent a couple of days last week with her brother, Mr. Sam Osborne, wife and family of Markdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Teeter of Vandeleur spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher returned home from Toronto after visiting there for a few weeks.

A presentation was held Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson who are leaving to live in Flesherton.

Mrs. Walter Russell received the sad news on Tuesday of the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Clark, of Cheboygen, Michigan. Mr. George Clark of the east backline is a brother of the deceased.

EUGENIA

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Elliott will give an address on "Forgiveness" at the morning service.

Miss Doris Magee spent a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson, of Rock Mills.

Mrs. Albert Long of Toronto is visiting her brother, Mr. Court Smith, wife and family.

On Wednesday evening the Y.P.U. held a social evening when a large number was present. An interesting program was given by Mrs. C. Martin and candy was served at the close. The churh basement was fittingly deorated for the occasion.

The W. A. is holding a Valentine social this Thursday evening in the church basement.

We are glad to report Master Glen Short recovering from his illness.

Baptist Church Services
Rev. Fred Ashton, Minister

Flesherton: 11 a.m.—Divine Worship
12 a.m.—Bible School.
7 p.m.—Gospel Service.
Rock Mills: Bible School 2 p.m.
Worship 3 p.m.
Come and Worship. A welcome to all.

Bren Gun Question

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accompanied by Mr. Cameron, a Toronto stock broker. At this time, the Minister gave Major Hahn a letter of introduction to Vincent Massey, Canadain High Commissioner in London. When Plaxton and Hahn presented themselves with the letter of introduction, wanting to make contact with the British War Office, Mr. Massey seemed doubtful of the wisdom of granting their request, and cabled the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, who replied by cable that Hahn represented the Canadian government in this particular. Upon this, Major Hahn was allowed to visit the Enfield plant and examine the process of the manufacture of the Bren gun.

Major Hahn asked the British government for an order for 5,000 Bren guns and for financial co-operation.

The evidence shows and the Minister admits that continued pressure was brought to bear on the British government by the Canadian government to place the contract with Hahn, with the result that the contract was executed between Hahn and the Canadian government on March 31st, 1938, and some months later between Hahn and the British government, for a total production of 12,000 guns; 7,000 of them for the Canadian government, the first guns to be delivered between 24 and 26 months after the contract was drawn. The contract provides for $20,000 preliminary expenses being allowed Major Hahn and his associates, in their work of securing the contract for themselves.

Three significant incidents are that Hugh Plaxton, M.P., wrote the Prime Minister in August, 1936, stating "A group of friends of mine are equipped fully . . . " (to manufacture the gun) when evidence hows that such was not the case. Another is that Col. LaFleche, Deputy Minister of National Defence, reported to Dr. Skelton, Under-Secretary for External Affairs, by letter, on the fitness of the John Inglis plant (which Hahn had purchased) before the report of the investigation of the plant had come in. The third is that no manufacturer, other than Major Hahn, was given an opportunity to show that they could do the work.

No one could watch the face of Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King through this very contentious, but revealing, debate and yet believe that he approved, in his heart, of what had been done by the Minister of National Defence in regard to this contract. He looked sad. He listened attentively to every speech. He certainly wasn't happy when Ian MacKenzie was speaking, and it was only when the battering guns of the government's defence—Gardiner, Howe, Slaght, Bradette, Pouliot, and particularly Gerry McGeer—were turned on its critics that he relaxed and smiled. His relief, and almost enjoyment, was especially noticeable when Gerry McGeer was making his telling defence. Gerry has both wit and weight and on this occasion he employed both in the service of his party.

Mr. King, Mr. Lapointe and Mr. Dunning, the big three, smiled, waived and visited their thanks to Gerry; a great victory for the monetary reformer.

After Colonel Drew charged, in an article in Maclean's Magazine, that there was patronage and profit and possibly corruption in relation to the Bren gun contract, an enquiry was set up under Mr. Justice Davis, one of the Supreme Court Judges. The investigation went on for weeks and finally Justice Davis made his report, basing it on the evidence. He made two principal findings. First, that there was no evidence of corruption and, second, that a defence purchasing board be established which would report direct to the Finance Minister or the Prime Minister.

In this last, there does seem a clear inference that Mr. Justice Davis was not satisfied with the manner in which the Defence Department had handled the Bren gun contract.

He also stated "It will be for those charged with the responsibility of dealing with the facts, i.e., the government and parliament, to examine and study them and take such action, if any, as they may see fit."

Mr. Grant MacNeil, who is pushing for further examination of the facts, asked that the whole matter be referred to the public accounts committee. The government agreed, but the Conservatives want the discussion to take place in the committee of the whole, which is in the House of Commons, with the Speaker out of the chair and the Deputy presiding. It is a foregone conclusion that the matter will go to the public accounts committee. When their work is finished, it will return again to the House.

—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

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PRICEVILLE

The W.M.S. and W.H. Societies will meet on February 21st at the home of Mrs. Sutherland when Margaret McArthur will take the subject for the W. H. Society and Margaret Nichol the M.M.S. Lunch committee, cake, Mrs. Jack Whyte and Mary McEachern; sandwiches, Mrs. C. A. McLean, Mrs. Elmer Watson.

Mr. Maurice McLeod and mother of Swinton Park visited one day last week with Mr. W. J. Hincks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McLean, and Messrs. Neilburt McKenzie, Alex. Weir, John Burnett, Jack Shortreed, Innis McLean Jack Livingstone, John Ritchie and Stewart Muir attended the Priceville dance in Toronto last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie McLean and son and Mr. C. A. McLean spent Thursday in Owen Sound.

Mrs. Art Bell and little daughter, Thelma, returned home from Flesherton on Saturday.

Miss Mildred Risk of Kimberley visited Sunday at the home of Allie Muir.

Considerable excitement was caused Friday night when Mr. W. J. Hincks' furnace pipes and chimney took fire. A strong wind was blowing towards the barn but the fire was extinguished by the help of neighbors to whom the Hincks family is very grateful.

The sergeant was taking the recruit's parade. "Fasten that button, you" he bellowed to one soldier "No strip-tease stuff here."

If you hear strange, cracking noises like machine gun fire, don't be alarmed—It may merely be the sound of New Year's resolutions cracking all around you.

TORONTO LINE NORTH

Mrs. Wm. White of Detroit is spending a while with her brother, Mr. Wm. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson and family spent a day recently with Barrhead friends.

Miss Gertrude Lever of Richmond Hill spent the week end at her home.

Mr. Wes. Whyte of Priceville is employed assisting Mr. Wm. Burnett who is ill.

Mr. Geo. Smith of Toronto visited at his parental home here.

We wish Mr. Wm. Burnett and Mrs. Fred Mathewson, who are both under the doctor's care, a speedy recovery.

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