Alf. Harrison Passes

Mr. Alfred Harrison of Springhill, two miles south of Flesherton, passed away suddenly at his home on Friday afternoon. He had been at the barn and complained about not feeling well and went to the house about three o'clock, where he was cared for by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ward Harrison. Mrs. Harrison went downstairs for a moment and upon hearing a strange noise went back up and found him breathing his last. He had been enjoying good health and his passing came as a distinct shock to his family and large circle of friends. He was 81 years of age.

The late Mr. Harrison was born in England and came to Canada with his parents when he was nine years of age. He has resided south of Flesherton since that time. He was married over 50 years ago to Miss Isobel Stewart, who predeceased him by 13 years. He is survived by two sons, James, on an adjoining farm and Ward, at home. One other son, George, died when he was 16 years of age.

Deceased was a successful farmer and made many friends with his kindness and straight-forward dealings and he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon, with service being held in St. John's United Church, Rev. G. K. McMillan conducting the service. Interment was made in the Chapel in Flesherton Cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. R. Allen, Wm. Johnson, Geo. Johnson, Geo. White, John Patterson, Porter Beard, Claude Akins and Herbert Corbett. Eight neighbors also acted as flower bearers.

Mr. Alfred Whitten of Toronto attended the funeral.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. John McBeth wish to express their appreciation and gratitude to those who assisted in any way with the removal of their household belongings in such good condition from the fire Saturday night.

Card of Thanks

Messrs. Robt. and A. Down, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyd and Sergt. Welton desire to take this way of expressing their heartleft appreciation of the splendid work of the volunteer firemen in saving their building and home during the fire Saturday night.

Gnr. R. D. Meldrum Given Wrist Watch by Friends

(By Portlaw Reporter)

Friday evening, December 18th, friends and neighbors gather at the Fraternity Hall, Flesherton, in honor of Gnr. R. D. Meldrum. During the evening an address was read by Mrs. Laurie Pedlar and the presentation of a wrist watch was made by Wilburt Fisher, on behalf of the community. Bob, as we know him best, thanked his friends in his usual friendly manner. Later neighbors who had not the opportunity to join in the gift of the watch, presented Bob with a sum of money, of which he was very appreciative.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Mary Clipperton is visiting her aunt, Miss Aleda Mitchell.

Mr. LaVerne Wood of Dawson Creek, B.C., is visiting his mother.

Mrs. F. B. Keys is visiting in Toronto with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. C. Clarkson.

Mrs. Bibby is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Chappel, Meaford.

Pte. Jim McFadden, R.C.E., Lethbridge, Alta., is on furlough and visiting his mother.

Mr. Ben Bellamy is visiting his parents, before joining the R.C.A.F. on January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Croft and little daughter spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croft.

Misses Mabel Blackburn and Nadie McKee of Portlaw and Miss Velma Fryer of Toronto visited in Hamilton over the week end and attended the McKee-Wood wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wilson and little daughter are spending their Christmas vacation at Toronto and Stamford.

Mr. Walter Russell of the O.A.C., Guelph is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell, East Backline.

Postmaster Banks informs us that the heaviest outgoing mail since he took over the office occurred Monday. The incoming mail, however, is not as large, so far, as last year.

Thirty degree below zero temperatures prevailed here Sunday morning, the lowest at this time of the year since 1933..

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McCauley returned home Monday evening after spending a couple of weeks visiting the former's sisters, Margaret (Mrs. W. Meldrum) at McCreary, and Jessie (Mrs. V. Campbell) at Grand View, Man., following attendance at the Winnipeg Conservative rally.

CEYLON

To the editor, staff and those who read The Advance each week, we wish a Pleasant Christmas Season, and also to our many soldier boys who will be absent from home this Christmas.

Congratulations to Mrs. Catherine Wilcock, who celebrated her 87th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Cairns. Mrs. Wilcock is as well as usual and we hope that she may celebrate more birthdays.

Mrs. Irwin was in Owen Sound on Friday last.

We were very sorry to learn of the fire in the McDonald Block, Flesherton, on Saturday night. A fire like that at this time of the year is indeed a tragedy.

The sympathy of this community is extended to the family and relatives of the late Alfred Harrisn, who passed away on Friday.

Mrs. Edgar Doupe and Joan and Murray, also Miss Helen Duckett, Owen Sound, are spending Christmas and New Year's holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Duckett.

The Ceylon Public School was held Tuesday evening in the school

The sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs. Will Cairns on the death of her grandmother, Mrs Steer, at Holland Centre recently.

Mrs. Neil Cameron and son, Allan, moved last Friday to their new home in Durham.

Messrs. Stewart Muir and Henry Tucker made a business trip to Durham recently.

Miss Isobel Cameron has returned to Fergus, after visiting her mother, Mrs. N. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Randall of Dromore visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McLeod.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my friends for visits cards, letters and treats while in hospital and since my return home.
—Mrs. Geo. Johnson.

IMPORTANT TO School Trustees

The Flesherton High School Board and Inspector Pentland will sponsor a meeting of trustees and secretaries of S.S. Nos. 2,3,4,6,7,9,10,12,13,15,17 to discuss some means by which children who have passed the Entrance examination could be transported to Flesherton High School. There are two means by which this could be acccomplished — first by petitioning the Township Council to form a Township area including the above-named sections; and 2nd, by formation of smaller units. As the matter is very important trustees of above Sections are urged to attend, when full information will be given regarding government grants and general cost.

The meeting will be held in the Flesherton High School on Tuesday, December 29, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Geo. E. Pentland M.A. Inspector of South Grey.

J.E. Milne M.A. Chairman of High School Board.

Future Events

HOLIDAY DANCES

Dance in Fraternal Hall, Flesherton, during the holiday season—Christmas Night, Dec. 25th, and New Year's Night, Jan. 1. Murray Simmons' colored orchestra. Admission: 50 cents.

EUGENIA DANCE

A dance will be held in the Orange Hall, Eugenia, on Friday, Dec. 25th, under auspices of L.O.L. 1118. Good music. Lunch supplied. Admission: 35c, children 5c.

EUCHRE AND DANCE

A Euchre and Dance will be held in the Orange Hall, Maxwell, on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, under the auspices of the W.I. Euchre to start at 8.30 sharp, dance later. Admission: 35c, lunch included.

CHRISTMAS eve. Streets white with swirling snow flakes.

Marionetta, behind the counters of the five-and-ten, peered into one of the little ten-cent mirrors it was her business to sell.

Marionetta was crying because there was no Santa Claus. More than anything she hated to go back to the tiny basement flat that she and mother and Jim called home. and tell Jim the truth.

Jim, or Jimmy, as Marionetta always called him, was crippled. Marionetta insisted that he was too little yet to know about Santa Claus. She had gone without her lunch for days and days and saved her nickels and dimes to buy the things Jimmy wanted.

That very morning she had started out to work, her precious savings tucked away in her purse, her heart all but singing out loud.

Then, when she got off the car, someone in the motley crowd bumped her elbow and her purse was knocked from her hand Marionetta dived for

Jimmy shouted with delight.

it, but another dived at the same time and when she straightened up a small, flying figure was crossing the street. That was why her feet lagged on her homeward way.

Her hand on the door of the basement flat, at the dirty tenement house where she lived, she noticed a big automobile drawing up at the curb, and an elegantly dressed lady slumming. Showing off! She turned her back on the picture, flung open the door and stepped inside.

"Hello, Sis." Jimmy looked up brightly. "Tonight's the night!"

Marionetta looked dully at her mother.

"I lost my purse," she said tonelessly. "Some kid snatched it this morning. It looked just like that McCarty kid that comes here to play with Jimmy so much but he ran so fast I couldn't be sure."

"Don't cry, honey," her mother said. "We'll make out, somehow."

There was a knock. Mrs. Clancy went to the door and opened it. There stood the lady of the big automobile, her arms piled high with packages.

"Is this where Jimmy Clancy lives?"

"Yes, ma'am." Mrs. Clancy stepped back. "Won't you come in?"

The lady stepped inside. She kept smiling at Jimmy, whose eyes were wide and bright.

"I met Santa Claus down the street this afternoon, Jimmy," she said, "and he asked if I would bring these things to you. He said he was going to be very busy tonight."

Jimmy was feverishly tearing at the packages, which the lady had dropped into a big chair beside him. As his heart's desires emerged from their tinsel wrappings Jimmy shouted with delight.

Under cover of the excitement Marionetta drew near the pretty lady and whispered:

"Tell me how you knew about Jimmy?"

"Why, my dear, it's such a strange story! This morning I saw a little boy snatch a purse that someone dropped, and when he ran away I had my chauffeur follow him and bring him back to me. He told me he wanted to keep the money to buy some toys for a little crippled friend whose folks were too poor to buy things for him. I promised him I'd play Santa Claus to Jimmy if he'd promise me to wait on that corner for the girl who dropped the purse, every morning at the same hour, until he found her and gave it back to her."

"Why," cried Marionetta, "did you ever hear anything so like a fairy tale? That was my purse, and it really was Jerry McCarty, mother! There was such a crowd he couldn't see who dropped it. He'd never have stolen—but it wasn't stealing. And just to think that a moment ago I was doubting the Christmas saint!"

The lady laughed. Then in that clear voice she said:

"Well, just to make you even more sure of him, I'm going to bring a famous doctor to see Jimmy the day after tomorrow, and I'm going to have him take Jimmy to a hospital and cure that bad leg of his. The good Christmas saint doesn't want to find him crippled when he comes back next year."

To Our Customers Greetings

Dear Friends :- It is but natural that as we approacvh the Christmas Season our thoughts should turn to those whom we regard as our friends.

For it is they who have made possible our more thorough enjoyment of this wonderful Season. It is they who through their continued support and loyal co-operation, many of them over a long period of years, have contributed to our success.

To you, therefore, as a loyal friends, we say thank vou . . . . thank you sincerely.

Our wishes are "A Merry Christmas and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity to you.

F. H. W. Hickling
General Merchant FLESHERTON, Ont.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Merry Christmas! These two words have behind them all our good wishes for your future, and our gratitude to our patrons for their many kindnesses to us through the year. May health, happiness, wealth and prosperity be yours in ever-increasing abundance.

5c to $1.00 Store
E. J. Fisher, Prop. FLESHERTON, Ont.

Season's Greetings

To you and your family and to all our customers and friends, we wish a Merry Christmas and much success throughout the year to come.

Howard Milligan
Barber FLESHERTON, Ont.

We are grateful for the patronage of the people of this district, and wish them all success in return.

BAILEY'S MEAT SHOP AND STAFF WISH YOU ALL A

Merry Christmas

Christmas Greetings

May the Spirit of **Christmas stay with you throughout the coming year, and guide you to greater health, wealth and happiness than you have ever known. That is our Christmas Greeting to all.**

O. W. Phillips & Son
Harness & Shoe Repairing Flesherton, Ont.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With the snows and crisp December days, come our greetings of the season. To you — all of you — we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Health, Happiness and Success in full measure — and may all your hopes come true.

Frank W. Duncan
HARDWARE Flesherton, Ont.