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WINTER TERM OPENS JANUARY 2ND, 1924

Cherry Grove

(Special to The Standard). The season's greetings to all. Mr. J. W. Bradey, of Regina, who was on a business trip to Montreal stopped off for a day and attended the Christmas concert here where he met with many of his old friends and former school mates who were very pleased to renew acquaintance. Miss Harbison is spending the holidays at her home near Shelburne. Miss Lella Pedlar, of Durham, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Iva Smart, recently. Mr. Ran. Bradey was in Owen Sound last week. Mrs. Albert Sweet arrived from Maple Creek last week and will spend a couple of months visiting her mother, Mrs. Struthers, and her sisters, Miss P. Struthers and Mrs. E. Bradey. Mr. R. Martin spent a few days this week including Christmas at Mr. R. Miller's and Earl Semple's, Union Hill. Miss Nellie Petch, of Epping, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. C. Myers. The W. I. will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Stephenson on Thursday January 3rd, 1924.

Cherry Grove is noted for putting on good concerts and the Sunday School concert held on Dec. 14th was certainly no exception to the rule. Rev. Mr. Boves occupied the position of chairman in his usual pleasing manner and his address held the attention of the large audience from start to finish. The following choruses were rendered by the school: "Chime again Christmas Bells," "Ring ye bells of Christmas" by 12 girls in costume carrying bells with which they accompanied the chorus part; "The Christmas Glow" by the duet parts being taken by M. Harvey and C. Longhead, D. Harvey and A. Smart, Winifred Harvey and Mina Dickie. "We'll help old Santa Claus" by the Junior school; "The Christmas Tree," "Stocking Song" by Evelyn Hill, Dorothy Harvey, Violet Wyvill, Margaret Harvey, Alice Smart, and Cynthia Longhead. "Good Night Song" by the Junior school. "The Gypsy's Warbling" was well sung and acted by Mrs. E. Bradey, the other actors in this musical drama being Miss Iva Smart and Mr. Earl Smart. Mina Dickie and Winifred Harvey captivated the audience in the song "Singing Kid" which was heartily enjoyed and as a response they repeated the chorus. John Harvey amused the audience as he acted the part of "Singing Kid" a splendid Christmas recitation was given by Mrs. E. Holmes, Jean McNally, Vera Myers, Vera Smart, Merton Penelton, Margaret Laughlan, Odessa Burnett, Jane Dickie, Rita Smart, Wilma Dickie, Tom Penelton, Evelyn Hill, Myrvin Walker and Jack Bradey. These dialogues were well presented as follows: "The Minister's Mistake" by Mrs. Laughlan, Miss Gladys Burnett and Mr. William Dickie; "Lost on Christmas Eve" by Gladys Burnett, C. Longhead, Odessa Burnett, Dorothy Harvey, Victor Smart, N. Wyvill and Alice Smart; "Jake Haysed in the city" by Mrs. W. C. Myers, Gladys Burnett, C. Williams, John Wyvill. A concerted recitation "Santa Claus Boys" by a number of boys carrying evergreens, received hearty applause from the audience. A pretty Christmas drill was well presented by 12 girls. Miss Margaret Harvey was the accompanist for this drill which occupied about fifteen minutes. Three tableaux were presented as follows:—The 12 girls in the chorus "Ring ye Bells of Christmas," "Near my God to Thee" by 12 girls kneeling; "Under the Mistle toe" with Jack, Bradey and Vera Smart as the central figures. An interesting feature of the program was a brief address by Mr. J. W. Bradey, of Regina, a former Cherry Grove boy. He indulged the audience that his early education had begun in the old Cherry Grove school 29 years ago and recalled many names of those who had been his school mates. He was pleased to note the improvements about Cherry Grove including the new school. The appearance of Santa Claus was hailed with delight. He was in the best of spirits as he distributed the numerous gifts from the tree. A very enjoyable eve was closed by singing the National Anthem. The accompanists besides Mr. Harvey were Mrs. F. Harvey and Mrs. W. E. Bradey. Proceeds of the concert \$32.20.

Wodehouse

(Special to The Standard.) In reporting the death of Mr. Jas. Walker last week we stated that he had lately resided at Kimberley when it should have read Englewood. There was a good audience in attendance at the concert in Siles School when Miss Irene Duncan and her pupils gave a splendid program. Numerous gifts were distributed by Santa Claus. We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Becketley who were quietly married recently. The bride was Miss Ella Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson. Misses Laura, Marion and Alice Breadner are Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Breadner. Miss Margaret White, who has been with Mrs. R. S. Wiley for some time, returned to her home at Maxwell.

IS MONEY YOUR BEST FRIEND?

Regent Theatre New Year's Day

Traverston

(Special to The Standard.) A Prosperous and Happy New Year to the Standard Staff and its many readers. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McNally and bright family of three arrived on Saturday evening from Alberta to spend the winter months with their many kindred friends. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harrison, of Swinton Park, spent the week-end at the Nelson homestead. Mr. Rob Jackson spent most of last week with relatives near Holstein. The Baker Bros., John and James, arrived home from Loreburn lately where they have spent the last couple of years. They are lucky progressive fellows. They brought the good news of the happy union of Mr. Sam Jack to Mrs. Ethel Jack, of Loreburn. The young couple have gone to spend a lengthy honeymoon in California and on their return will reside on the groom's big farm near Loreburn. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Greenwood left on Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robertson, of Molesworth. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook and nephews, Murray, of Detroit, Miss Jennie Cook and friend, of Toronto, spent an enjoyable few days at the Cook homestead. Old timers say that this winter, so far, resembles that of 1875, forty-eight years ago, when the farmers ploughed every month during the winter season. Mr. and Mrs. H. Denton and Baby Blanche, of Baucassan, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Peart the first of the week. Despite ruffled and muddy roads and somewhat foggy weather, Zion was full to overflowing on Friday evening with a most orderly, attentive crowd of young and middle-aged folk from far and near. Miss E. J. Allan, the popular young teacher had the pupils well-trained and some unique and some impressive numbers were given. "The Rooster Parade" brought down the house and "Some One Will Open the Pearly Gates" was one of the finest things ever given in old Zion. The recitations were most appropriate and the rising generation should be able to hold audiences spell-bound in the future. Miss Lily Black was at her best in "Osler Joe". The young folk upheld the good reputation of the neighborhood for dramatic ability in the dialogue, by Miss Katie May Firth, excellent. Fine musical selections were given by Mr. Bliffin and Miss Jackson, of Holland and by the "Singing Society" under Prof. Bryson Morlock, of Durham. Rev. J. E. Peters made a tactful chairman. Santa Claus had a big task stripping the two trees of their precious loads. Proceeds amounted to \$40. Miss E. J. Allan left for her home near Chesley on Friday night for a few well earned holidays; her sister and two young friends motoring across for her. Mr. and Mrs. T. Ivan Edwards, of Toronto, Joe and Keith Edwards, of Toronto, and Bob Baker, of Detroit, made things lively around this shanty during the week. Many many are the expressions of regret heard on every side over the sudden death of Mr. Joseph Atkinson, of near Durham, on Wednesday evening of last week. He was in his 60th year, but up to recent months was a very robust, energetic and most industrious and progressive farmer. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon in Trinity Cemetery, services being conducted by the rector, Rev. Mr. Whealan.

Union Hill

Miss Reta Hannah, of Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hannah. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Semple and daughter Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson and son Earl and Miss Alma Brown, of Orangeville, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown. Mr. Garfield McFadden, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Garrison, and son Torrance and daughter Burnice, of Epping, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McFadden. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller and daughter, of Meaford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, of Rosedale, Mr. R. Martin, of Cherry Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Earl Semple. Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and Mrs. Oscar Trueman, of Markdale, also the Clark Bros. and their wives spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark. Mr. A. Cowan visited his wife at Hamilton, the first of the week. Mr. Earl Matthews, of Holstein, visited his brother, Mr. James Matthews.

Vandeleur

(Special to The Standard.) A Happy and Prosperous New Year to Ye Editor and all Standard readers. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Buchanan and little son are spending the Christmas week with the former's father in Toronto. Miss Peters has gone to Weston for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed and two sons, of Michigan, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fritchard. Mrs. Davis Sr. and Mrs. Davidson left to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Cochrane, of Colborne. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, also Mr. and Mrs. Dave Graham and family spent Christmas at Kimberley, Ont.—To Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baker on Thursday Dec. 20th, a son. Congratulations. Miss Peters had a very successful Concert and Christmas Tree in the school on Thursday afternoon of last week. The program consisted of readings, dialogues and songs given by the children which was enjoyed by all. After which Santa distributed presents to all the children. Lunch was served by the ladies.

Previous to the Service in the Church on Sunday afternoon, the pastor, Rev. F. N. Boves, continued his talk on the Basis of Church Union. The suit was running during the past week but they were hardly enough frost at nights for a good run. Christmas passed off quietly in this community with the usual family reunions etc. It was hardly a green Christmas, but it hadn't enough snow for sleighing. We heard some talk of going fishing but don't think it came off. Plowing operations were going on Monday Dec. 24. One of the most successful, and largely attended social evenings ever held under the auspices of the local Farmers Club took place on Tuesday evening of last week, Dec. 18th. The speakers of the evening were, Miss Agnes McPhail, M. P., and Mr. R. J. Woods, M. P. for Dufferin. Both speakers were in rare form and delivered excellent addresses. The aims and objects of the Farmers' movement were clearly presented, and both sides of the broadening out question thoroughly explained. Miss McPhail also gave a splendid account of the proceedings of the last two sessions of Parliament and dealt at some length with the customs and procedure of the House of Commons. Mr. R. D. Carruthers, former shipper for the Clubs of Markdale district, occupied the chair, and also delivered an address. A good program was given consisting of music by the string band, readings, and choruses by the young men, etc. A dainty luncheon was served by the ladies. During the evening the following poem, composed by a local resident, was read by Miss Annie Graham:

Who speaks from the platform in the east and the west, Who does for the people what she thinks is best, Who stands for the farmer no odds how he's dressed? Aggie McPhail. Who was the first woman to sit in the House, Who made Ball and Hastie look small as a louse, Who isn't ashamed of a plain simple blouse? Aggie McPhail. Who sits in the Commons for South-East of Grey, Who works for the people by night and by day, And only will take about half of her pay? Aggie McPhail. Who knows about tariffs from A. to Z, Who has her convictions and cannot be led, And hasn't got even a trace of swelled-head? Aggie McPhail. Who goes to the Commons and speaks out her mind, To the needs of the Country will never be blind, Oh, that the nation had more of her kind! Aggie McPhail.

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Holland Council Minutes

Holland, Nov. 5th, 1923 Council met on above date for transaction of Township business. All the members present. David Gardiner, Esq., Reeve, presiding. Minutes of October 2nd were read and confirmed. Letter was received from A. Findlay, Secretary-Treasurer of Holland Agricultural Society, thanking Township for grant of \$50 for 1923. George McNeely applied for \$25.00 reward for detecting dogs running sheep. Ritchie - Stewart - That we do not pay George McNeely the \$25.00 reward until we get legal advice on it. - Carried. Stewart - Davidson - That W. J. McLean be authorized to pay \$3.00 to Treasurer for timber sold from old bridge - Carried. McLean - Stewart - That the Clerk be instructed to have a By-law prepared to allow a vote on the Statute under question at the next Township election. - Carried. Mr. Stewart presented Report No. 5 of Road and Bridge Committee amounting to \$346.32. McLean - Ritchie - That Report No. 9 of the Road and Bridge Committee recommending payment of \$346.32 be adopted as read. - Carried. Mr. McLean presented Report No. 10 of Finance Committee recommending payment of accounts amounting to \$77.80. Stewart - Ritchie - That Report No. 10 of the Finance Committee be adopted as read. - Carried. Council then adjourned until Saturday, 5th of December, at ten o'clock a.m. JAMES P. HARE, CLERK DAVID GARDINER, Reeve

Holland, December 15th, 1923

Council met on above date for transaction of Township business. All the members present; David Gardiner, Esq., Reeve, presiding. Minutes of Nov. 5th were read and confirmed. The following were then read:—Order from Judge Stuberland, payment of cost Court of Revision, Voters' Lists, \$50.25; The Markdale Standard account for extra printing Voters' Lists \$32.00; Peter Telford account for the \$54.45; Report of School Attendance Officer for 1923; Report of Chairman of Board of Health; Report of Medical Officer of Health; Report of Andrew Gillespie, Sheep Valuer; Letter from H. G. Tucker re Mrs. Jackson. McLean - Ritchie - That the Report of M. O. J. and Chairman of Board of Health be adopted and entered in the minutes. - Carried. Stewart - Ritchie - That Geo. Davidson be authorized to pay to Treasurer the sum of \$2.50 received for old bridge timber. - Carried. McLean - Stewart - That the Treasurer receive from the caretaker \$31.85, being rent of hall for 1923. - Carried. Stewart - Davidson - That we refund 2nd. donors \$18.75 owing to error of \$200.00 in this assessment and loss of horse by fire. - Carried. Stewart - Ritchie - That we refund the following amounts owing to errors in assessment: P. Sewell, error \$200.00, refund \$2.50; E. Ritchie, error \$200.00, refund \$3.75; J. Douglas, error \$200.00, refund \$6.25; R. Coasey, error \$200.00, refund \$3.75. - Carried. McLean - Stewart - That the County Treasurer be instructed to assess taxes against part Lot 66, T. W. T. S. R., for 1922 in name of E. Hanna and the Township Treasurer be authorized to receive the sum of \$8.15 for same. - Carried. Ritchie - Stewart - That we refund J. Douglas \$3.75, road work performed and collected on Roll in 1923. - Carried. Stewart - Davidson - That Duke Abbey be refunded \$2.00 dog tax collected in error. - Carried. Stewart - Davidson - That Albert Ritchie be permitted to pay Treasurer the sum of \$45.00, gravel bills overpaid. - Carried. McLean - Davidson - That the Report of the Finance Officer be adopted and entered in the minutes. - Carried. Stewart - Davidson - That we refund Joe. Hamilton the sum of \$13.75, owing to loss through fire. - Carried. McLean - Stewart - That Geo. McNeely be re-appointed School Attendance Officer for the ensuing year. - Carried. Mr. Stewart presented Report No. 10 of Road and Bridge Committee, amounting to \$753.34. Davidson - Ritchie - That Report No. 10 of Road and Bridge Committee, recommending payment of \$753.34, be adopted as read. - Carried. Mr. McLean presented Report No. 11 of Finance Committee recommending payment of \$327.72, be adopted as read. - Carried. On motion the Reeve left the chair, which was taken by Mr. A. C. Stewart. Stewart - Davidson - That this Council express to David Gardiner Esq., Reeve, their hearty thanks for the cordials and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Council during the past year and we join in wishing himself and family many happy and prosperous years. - Carried. Mr. Gardiner, being recalled, the vote of thanks was tendered to him by Mr. Stewart to which he briefly and heartily replied. The Council then adjourned sine die. JAMES P. HARE, Clerk.

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