

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Just at the turn of the midnight.
When the children are fast asleep,
The tired Old Year slips off by him,
Glad of a chance to be laid on the
shelf.

And the New Year takes a peep.

At the general world that is waiting
For the hours that he will bring.

For the wonderful things in his pocket;
What's all sorts, there will be no

And many a marvelous thing!

Flowering by boats and ardens;
Stars and sunshine and rain;

The happy times and the sorrowful

Times; the jingle and jangle and

Quackiness;

And the weaving of joy and pain.

When the children wake in the morn-

ing.

Shouting them "Happy New Year,"

The year will be started well on his

Swinging along through his first white

With the path before him clear.

Twelve months on for his journey;

Fifty-two weeks of a month fly by;

At the end of it all will slip out by

At himself.

That's the chance to be laid on the

shelf.

At the stroke of the midnight bell,

Neighborhood News

MILTON

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cochran are in Chicago for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. P. Hartleman, of Timmins, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hartleman.

Mr. R. C. Featherstone, of Toronto, formerly of Milton, was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Geo. E. Hawkins, of Bradgate, is spending the winter here with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Walde, Refiner.

Major J. R. Peacock has purchased the office of the late Judge Gordon on Victoria Avenue.

Mr. H. D. Salter, of Hornby, left last week on a four-months' visit to Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Galbraith and little son of Orangeville, are visiting Mrs. Galbraith's mother, Mrs. George Hill, at Guelph.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. R. D. Warren, of Toronto, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Clifford Creelman, of Detroit, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mrs. H. L. O'Strander and Mr. E. O'Strander motored to Arthur one day last week.

Dr. Campbell Laddish, of Ottawa, spent the weekend-end with Rev. Dr. and Miss McTavish.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brownswell, of Esquimalt, have moved into town and are now settled in their new home on Maple Avenue.

Chief Jackson has asked us to request you to note that these meetings are securely locked at night and all money removed from the till.

The work of cutting down the hill and widening the road around the post office Stewartstown has been finished. It is a good road for the shape it's in.

BURLINGTON

W. Whiting, C. P. R. agent, reports that W. Jennings is leaving on Thursday for Liverpool, England.

Mr. Earl Emerson, of New York, is home. He and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Emerson, Locust Street.

Mrs. W. H. Ford, who has been on a trip to Newfoundland, has returned home.

Mrs. Hilda Craibster, of the Nurses' Training School of the Buffalo Hospital, is home for two weeks' holidays.

Police Magistrate Barr and Miss Anna MacLean, who were recently married in St. Paul's Anglican Church at Dunnville, on Saturday last. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordon Head, M. A., nephew of the hon. Mr. George Head, residence in Burlington on Pearl Street.

Mrs. A. Stephenson had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk at home of Dr. James McTavish, 111 Main Street, Burlington Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, lost and break her arm and injure her hip. Dr. Speers was summoned and ordered her removal to the Hamilton Hospital, where she is now recovering as well as can be expected.

ERIN

We understand that Mr. Wm. Murray, who has been ill at the Guelph General Hospital, is convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Austin, who have been away with their son, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. James McColl, who spent the summer with their sons at Scugog Island, have returned to Erin recently to spend the winter.

Little Miss Bessie Neville, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Neville, underwent a serious operation at the Guelph General Hospital on Thursday last. At least report she was making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

We are pleased to note that Master Alexander Tarzwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tarzwell, of Guelph, has been confined to the Guelph General Hospital for some time, the result of a motor accident, was able to return to his home.

Mr. Banister Overland suffered a terrible accident last Friday while working in McLeish's bush, third line, Westfield. He was hit by a falling tree, both legs being fractured below the knee and one knee badly crushed. He was removed to the Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville, and it is feared one leg will have to be amputated. Advocate

OAKVILLE

Mr. A. D. Chisholm is the censor of government representative in the office of the brewer's warehouse that was opened in Oakville on Saturday last.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Shaeffer, 1999 Street, in the sad death of their three year old daughter, Agnes, from pneumonia, on Friday last.

It speaks well for the general stability and prosperity of the town when at this season there is only one family requiring assistance from the town's exchequer.

During the last few days Chief of Police Kerr has had the pleasure of meeting his son, by phone, in San Francisco, Calif. The voice came through distinctly as if the speaker was close at hand. Report

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, station wagon, was in Oakville on Monday afternoon for the regular monthly clinic in the Central School.

W. H. Green is greatly improved in health and she will be well enough to take Christmas dinner with the family.

Miss and Mrs. Chase Green and Miss Laura Green are taking the Mediterranean trip this winter. They sail about the middle of January. Their many friends wish them an enjoyable journey. Star

The Free Press' Short Story

KING OF THE ICICLES*

BY HARRY DALRY

JOEL BIRD had loved the lake since childhood. The forest and the lake had been his earliest playground. In winter when he was miles away from the old lake, he was homesick for the woods.

Mr. Bird had attended that boy when he was ten. The father had depended upon the lumbermen to work for him.

"The old lake has not changed since I was a child, but its setting had a small, growing city now encircled the lake, and the inhabitants claimed the old playground for their winter sports." For the privilege, Mr. Bird had attended that boy when he was ten. The father had depended upon the lumbermen to work for him.

"The old lake is still decorated upon today, but it's different," reported Wanda. "It's become the best skating in the college."

"But where is he to-day? Is he right in the middle of the ice?" They ought to give a title, King of the ice," said Wanda.

Joel pretended not to hear. In fact he walked out onto the ice and adjusted one of the flags that had been knocked from his wooden boat by a skater.

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