

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Social and Personal

Judy Bonathan is spending the holiday week with relatives in Toronto.

Misses Nell and Olive Kennedy spent Christmas at Clarkson with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Squires.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Binkley were in Toronto for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rutter.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Coffin were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Smith of Port Nelson.

Miss Ellen Simms of Toronto was a Christmas visitor with her niece, Mrs. David Saxe and Mr. Saxe.

Misses Iona and Ethel Reiddell of Buffalo, N.Y. were holiday guests in town with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClure.

Mrs. L. W. Dann spent the Christmas week-end in Toronto with her mother, Mrs. E. Van Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Olney, Norma and Dorothy spent the holiday in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fairhead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Peterkin of Toronto spent the holiday week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green of Toronto were Christmas visitors in town with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDoald of Brampton spent Christmas day in town with Mr. and Mrs. John Cordaro.

Mrs. William Tyndall is holidaying in Florida with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tyndall.

Rev. and Mrs. John Smith and daughter Gladys spent Christmas day in Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Young and son Neil spent the holiday week-end in Stratford with his mother, Mrs. E. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hay and Elizabeth spent the Christmas week-end in Tara with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hay.

Miss Betty Grove was out from Toronto to spend the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Ern Batkin at Wildwood.

Mrs. Alfred Starwood and Miss Dorothy Cobbe of Lucknow spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wray and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wicks and son Brian spent Christmas day with relatives in Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen were in Toronto for Christmas Day which they spent with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waters.

Miss Freda Herbert of Toronto spent the holiday week-end in town with her mother, Mrs. D. L. Herbert, Edith Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alcott were here from Weston to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Alcott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weatherston and daughter Lynda of Toronto were holiday visitors in town with Mr. and Mrs. William Bonathan.

Mr. Murray Stamps of the Smith and Stone engineering department spent the holiday week-end with his parents in Toronto.

Mrs. Edith McNamara of Toronto spent Christmas in town with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McNamara.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Don Barrager were Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barrager, Tracey and Margaret of Aurora.

Miss Donna Frank of Campbellville is spending this week in town with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. MacCormick and Bill were in Hamilton on Sunday where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Calder.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Brethour and son Andrew spent Christmas Day in Preston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Renwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schultz and daughters Joan and Gloria were in Montreal for Christmas which they spent with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mackenzie, Sandy, Marva and David were in Seaford for Christmas with her mother, Mrs. John Cardno.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cowtan and sons, David and Billy were in town for Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. Chris Sargent.

Mrs. W. V. Grant and Miss Betty Grant spent Christmas Day in Toronto with Mrs. Grant's sister, Mrs. Ian Stewart and Mr. Stewart.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Grabb were her mother and sister, Mrs. J. T. Dudgeon and Miss Verie Dudgeon of Toronto.



THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: With this week's summary I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Date	Max.	Min.	Ern Batkin's
December 20	40	1	3"
December 21	36	25	1"
December 22	37	29	Flurries
December 23	30	16	Flurries
December 24	26	1	
December 25	14	4	
December 26	20	9	
Average	27.57	9.57	4"

George McMenemy Dies on Christmas Day

On Christmas morning, George McMenemy died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood at Ballinacree, after a short illness. Mr. McMenemy, who was in his 70th year, was born in Garrafrax Town and was a son of the late James McMenemy and Mary Ann Sloan. His father had come to Canada as a young man from his native Ireland. After his marriage, Mr. McMenemy farmed in Esquesing, then went to Manitoba for ten years. Returning to Esquesing in 1922, he farmed on the McKay farm until his retirement three years ago. Since the death of his wife, Wilhelmina Felker in 1945, he had made his home with his daughters at Ballinacree and Milton.

He leaves a family of three children, Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood of Ballinacree, Mrs. Gear Sheiher of Milton and Bert of Glen Williams. Three brothers of a family of seven boys and two girls also survive, Joseph of Glen Williams, David of Ballinacree and Henry of Brampton.

Rev. O. R. Flindall conducted the funeral service from the Kirkwood home on Monday with interment following in Glen Williams Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Wright, Richard Shortill, Norman Sinclair, James McKechnie, Alex McKay and Thomas Hill.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas! It may be a bit belated but we still wish you one. Last week we neglected to extend this greeting so now we are making up for it. While we are on the subject we wish you one and all a happy New Year and a shloppy Easter. We suppose everyone is now laden down with Christmas presents of all kinds and sort and is filled with Christmas cheer (not the liquid kind) and looking forward to a better time in '49. But enough of this idle chatter.

On Wednesday last as we prophesied the school's annual party took place. It was a weird sort of show with our ears still ringing from the numerous cap pistols that were fired. These were mostly in the hands of enterprising third, fourth and commercial class students. During the two films the names of which we gladly forgot as well as the contents of, these pistols were being shot at regular intervals reminding you of them (Billy the Kid to you - more or less developed dogs). After the films the various gifts were distributed by some of the fifth formers. No Santa Claus was present. These presents included under a tree which we hesitate to call a Christmas tree. It was a monstrosity about 10 or 15 feet high, pure pine from top to bottom. We will not repeat the names of the two fellows who fetched this thing - but they ought to be shot at sunrise.

The presents were another thing worthy of note. The greater percentage of these were cigars or chewin' tobacco. Other gifts included loaded cigarette, hand lotion containing CS2 (it stinks) flea powder, etc. This affair broke up about 11 o'clock and the kids started their holidays.

As they are on holidays this week we will have no news to report so we think we will sleep all day Sunday and neglect to write a column this week. We assure you it will be a welcome relief for both of us.

We would like to extend sincerest sympathy to Mr. Lambert on the death of his father.

Mr. Lambert was away Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with the exception of Tuesday morning at which time he returned to put out the death sentence for many of the kids (reports you know). Let no more be said except that we mourn with you in this time of deepest sorrow.

This is a 12 page Paper

No Election in Esquesing, Currie is New Reeve

Warden Cleave Retires—Walter Linham is New Councillor—Leslie Steps up to Deputy Reeve.

All offices were filled by acclamation at the annual nomination meeting of Esquesing Township, held in the new Township Hall at Stewarttown on Monday. One change took place on the council, when Reeve George Cleave retired. Deputy Reeve George Currie moved into the vacancy and Councillor George Leslie assumed the deputy-reeveship. Councillor Wilfrid Bird and Craig Reid retained their seats and Walter Linham retired from the School Area Board to become a councillor. A former councillor, R. N. Brown, was nominated for office but declined to stand for election. Hector Bird was re-elected to the school board and R. L. Davidson was elected as a new board member.

Reeve Cleave Retires
Following the nomination meeting a public meeting was held with the township clerk, Mr. Isaac Bennett acting chairman. Reeve George Cleave was first introduced and announced that he was retiring at the close of the year. He spoke of the township hall and garage as the major achievement of the 1948 council and said he believed it would be appreciated more and more as the years go by. It had cost somewhat more than originally planned, but council wanted to do a good job and one which would be permanent. During the year a new bulldozer had been purchased as well as a truck for the road superintendent. Because of these heavy expenditures, there had not been as much done on roads as in other years. The county, he said, had been in the same position. There was increased demand for road improvements, increased costs to do this and it could not be done on the old levy. The county still had three years to go before the remaining \$30,000 of what had been at one time over an \$800,000 debt would be retired. The reeve said that although he was retiring, he would retain an interest in township affairs in which he had been engaged for a long period in an official capacity.

Tree By-Law Reviewed
The new reeve, George Currie is no stranger to county politics. It is the second time he has held this office and in 1936, he served as Warden of Halton County. In his speech he reviewed the tree-by-law passed by this year's county council and spoke of the extreme importance of conserving existing woodlots and planting new trees to help stop soil erosion. He also said that a heavy expenditure of over \$13,000 last year for snow-plowing had been a contributing factor in funds not being available for graveling and that with better luck this year, more road work can be done.

Road Widening Favoured
George Leslie, who will be deputy-reeve next year, said that while the first obligation was paying for the new hall, road work was equally important. This year road work had been done in widening roads on the 8th, 9th and 10th lines and on 22 sideroad, and this would be a great help in snow removal this winter. There are several places to do yet including three or four jogs where ratepayers have offered land for this purpose. A new bridge had been built on the 6th Line and a new culvert on the 8th. He thought Esquesing roads were in comparable shape to those of any other municipality.

Taxes Not Too High
Councillor Wilfrid Bird, who also will serve a third term, referred to an editorial in the Herald which had said that a candidate for office should state what he had done and what he intended to do in the next year. One thing he was interested in was the paying of a bounty on foxes, which was done in several neighbouring townships. He made an interesting comparison of taxes compared to wheat prices, to show that present taxes were not so high comparatively. In 1929, when wheat was \$1.35 a bushel, sale of 100 bushels left him \$60 after paying \$84 taxes. In 1932, with wheat at 50c, he had a deficit after taxes of \$15. This year, although taxes had increased to \$94, 100 bushels at \$2.05 left him \$111 surplus.

Reviews School Affairs
Walter Linham, new councillor, said that he couldn't promise straighter roads and lower taxes, but only that money allotted (continued on Page 6)

Reeve:
GEORGE CURRIE (acclamation)
moved by Spencer Wilson and Charles E. Cutts
George Cleave
moved by F. O. Hunter and Wm. Alexander

Deputy- Reeve:
GEORGE LESLIE (acclamation)
moved by R. H. Hunter and Hector Bird

Council:
WILFRID BIRD (acclamation)
moved by Wm. Alexander and Wm. Cromar
WALTER LINHAM (acclamation)
moved by Charles E. Cutts and W. J. Ritchie
H. CRAIG REID (acclamation)
moved by Nels Robinson and F. O. Hunter
R. N. Brown
moved by M. M. Coles and G. R. Somerville

Trustees School Area No. 1:
HECTOR BIRD (acclamation)
moved by Wilfrid Bird and Wm. Alexander
R. L. DAVIDSON (acclamation)
moved by W. J. Ritchie and Charles E. Cutts
Walter Linham
moved by Hector Bird and R. H. Hunter

Mrs. William Everson Dies in the Glen

A resident of Glen Williams for the past 38 years, Mrs. William H. Everson died at her home there on Wednesday, December 22nd. Formerly Margaret Baron, she was born 75 years ago in Lancashire, England, and had lived in the Glen ever since coming to Canada. She was a member of St. Alban's Church of England. Mrs. Everson had been in ill health for several years.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, John T. Everson and William H. Everson, both of Toronto, and one grandson.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thom's conducted the funeral service from the home on Friday. Pallbearers were Robert Armstrong, Reg. Williams, James Williams, John Fry, Charles Black and Montagu Merryday. Interment was made in Glen Williams Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas party for the children of the Sunday School of Union Presbyterian Church was held last Wednesday. A supper was served to the children and their parents by the church ladies before the concert. After the showing by Wilfrid Leslie of two movies, the children presented their concert which included carol singing, two playlets and recitations by Tommy Lee Leslie, Keith Leslie, Hugh Hunter, Douglas Starret, Murray McKane, Bill Hunter and David Anderson. Bill Shanks sang a solo and monologues were given by Marlene Berry, Danny Mossop, and Betty Jean Anderson. A display of tumbling and pyramids was also included in the program by pupils of the Union school. Santa paid his visit later in the evening and presented gifts and awards to the children. F. L. Thom, S.S. superintendent was in charge of the program and Rev. J. L. Self acted as chairman.

ASHGROVE

Happy New Year to all.
On Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd, the S.S. concert was held in the basement. The first part of the evening the Young People conducted a Christmas musical concert with trios, duets and solo parts while Clayton Dick Jr. read the story of the White Man between musical numbers. Following this all went downstairs where the children presented their recitations and songs and then Mr. J. Hunter gave out the seals and prizes to the Sunday School children for their year's work. Barbara Cunningham was the star pupil for last year. Cookies and ice cream were served at the close.

Mrs. Malcolm McNabb was rather unfortunate two days before Christmas when she slipped on the door step and broke her left wrist. Her many friends' hope it will soon mend and wish her better luck in the New Year.

CHECK LINE FORUM CHRISTMAS PARTY

(intended for last week)

Thirty-five members of the Check Line Farm Forum gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. DeVries on Monday evening, December 23rd for a Christmas party. A delightful evening began with the singing of carols, followed by a solo by Mrs. DeVries and piano selections by Julia DeVries. The youngest in the family, Bill, recited "The Night before Christmas". One of the highlights of the evening was a duet sung by those well-known singers, Denny Charles and Joe Ross. "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" and their effort met with great acclaim. Joan DeVries led in folk dancing and Santa arrived to distribute gifts, after which supper was served. The DeVries family is to be congratulated on the festive decorations in their home for the occasion and on the talent which made the evening such a success.