THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Social and Personal

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. John R. Barr spent the holiday week-end visiting in Ottawa.

Miss Betty Grove of Toronto was visitor last week at Wildwood with Mr. and Mrs. Ern Balkin.

Mrs. James Doherty and Glenna spent a few days last week with relatives at Phelpston and Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Dodgson, Pat and John of Toronto spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Young and Jon Neil were in Stratford with his mother for the New Year holiday.

Barry and Bob Wenger, publishers of the Mildmay Gazette, were visitors at the Herald office one day last week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. McCorkindale and Miss Molly Campbell of Toronto were holiday guests with Mrs. G. Freure.

Carole Seddon spent the Christmas holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Caves in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson and son Bill of Oakville spent New Years in town with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shields.

Holiday guests with Mrs. Maude Robinson and Miss Marion Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dixon of Woodstock.

Mrs. Reg Wiggett of Kirkland Lake was a visitor in town last week with her sister, Mrs C. H. Barber and Mr. Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Finlay, Barbara and John visited in Toronto for the New Year holiday with her mother, Mrs. T. Humberstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scarlett, Jimmy and Gail were here for the New Years week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carter and their grandson Raymond Carter spent the Christmas holiday in Campbellford with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Eason.

New Year guests with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Binkley were Mr. and Mrs. William Ruttei, Mr. Douglas Rutter, and Mr. and Mrs. C. McClure of Toronto

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Burt at their home on the 7th Line were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray, Mrs. Foster and Tush of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Evans, Mary and Barbara and Mrs. William Frank spent New Years day with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frank in Nassagaweya.

Mr. and Mrs Bill Armstrong of Toronto and Miss Doris Armstrong R.N. of Brantford were New Years guests with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gribben and son Alex, Mr. and Mrs. James Graham and Mr. William Shelton, all of Toronto, were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hughes.

Recent visitors with Miss Dorothy Stone at her home on the Check Line were Councillor and Mrs. Walter Taylor of East York and Professor and Mrs. Wendell Lawson of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Prouse, John and Judith and Mr. and Mrs. John Inglis were holiday visitors in Little Britain with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Prouse and in Claremont with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prouse.

Mrs. L. J. Norton and son Jack of Glen Williams spent the New Years holiday in London with Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Densmore and sister Mary Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Allen and family.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. William McClements were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meredith and daughter Marie of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Russell McGrath of Burlington were here for New Year's Day.

A family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin on New Year's day included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin and daughter Pat of Orangeville, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coulson, Mary Helen, Jimmie and Barbara Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wills of Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Cavanagh spent Christmas in Woodstock with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mastel and Miss Phyllis Cavanagh spent the holiday in Windsor. Visitors at the Cavanagh home for New Years were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cavanagh of Port Erie and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cavanagh of New Hamburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith entertained at a family party on Monday their guests including Mr. and Mrs. Lyle MacDougall, Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Fields, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] all of Hamilton district.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

"The Great Commandment", an 80 minute sound film produced in Hollywood and portraying a powerful message of peace and good will is to be shown in the St. John's United Church Assembly Hall on Friday evening, January 13th at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the local Ministerial Association. This film is to mark the conclusion of the Week of Prayer Services which will be held on the other evenings of the week.

The moving story of the film centres around a leader of the youth and fiery zeals who wish to overthrow the Roman rule. For awhile terror reigns in Judea and the spirit of revolt is rife but finally seeking out Jesus in the hope of finding a king to lead his people out of the wilderness of Roman oppression. Joel, leader of the zealots, learns that those who live by the sword perish by the sword and that love is the only true key to the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. Annie Kennedy Long Resident Here

A well-known Georgetown lady, Mrs. Annie E. Kennedy died in Hamilton on Saturday, December 24th after a lengthy illness. The former Annie E. McKinley, she was born in Muskoka in 1868, a daughter of the late John McKinley and Margaret Ann Gilliland and spent her girlhood in Linwood where in 1869 she married the late William C. Kennedy, who died several years ago. She later lived at Port Sydney and Moorefield, then at Limehouse, moving to Georgetown in 1904.

Mrs. Kennedy is survived by three sons, William of Clarkson, Thomas Mitchell of Niagara Falls and James M. of Georgetown. A son, John Elmer was killed in action in 1916 at the battle of Courcellette. There are five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A brother, Thomas McKinley of Georgetown and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Williamson of Toronto are the only survivors of an original family of seven.

Rev. C. R. Gower conducted the funeral service in the McClure Funeral Home last Wednesday with interment following in Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto. Pallbearers were Joseph Gibbons, J. J. Clobes, S. Wilson Horton, W. G. Marshall, Carson Winfield and Ern Thompson.

Fun for Everyone At Lions Carnival

A good time was had by all when the Lions Club and Recreation Commission staged a joint carnival in the area last Wednesday night. A novice hockey game between Canadiens and Bruins was refereed by Santa Claus. Novelty and speed races and prizes for costumes were awarded, with everyone joining in public skating afterwards.

Those receiving costume prizes were Bruce Denham, Lois Denham, Betsy Willson, Marna Mackenzie, Joan Cummins—and Sandra Scott. Winners of races were:

Under 9—Joan Cummins, Karen Scott, Catharine Smith, Paul Ward, Victor Millar, Tommy Forgrave, Under 11—Marna Mackenzie, Pat Richardson, Betsy Willson, John Hulme, Peter Pomeroy, Doug Richardson; Under 14 — Barbara Thompson, Joyce Denham, Irene Fogg, Ronald Breen, Don Jarvis, Ken McNeil, James Schenk; Under 20 — Dolores Herrington, Sandra Scott, Ann Hyde, Norm Young, Don Jarvis, Jim Timleck.

Novelty horse races were won by Barbara Thompson, Sandra Scott, Joyce Denham, June Crabtree, Ann Hyde, Marjorie Roe, Bob McGuigan, Bob Kidd, Francis Hulme, Bruce Denham, Ken Smith, Ken Richardson, Bill Richardson, George Grasby, Don Jarvie, John Hulme and Paul Marshall.

Bobby Kemshead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kemshead was the youngest skater on the ice and Mrs. Grover Norton won a prize for the oldest skater present. The Denham family won the prize for the largest family present on skates. An exhibition of jumping was given by Bruce Denham.

Miss Helen Devereaux has returned to her position on the staff of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne's, Quebec, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Devereaux.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

The arrival of 1950 was certainly shielded in fog. However, we will get a look at it soon.

The month of December was above normal; the maximum being 5 degrees above the average of 30 and the minimum 6 degrees above the average of 17. The rainfall for the month was nearly three times the normal of 1.26 and the snow was just half the normal of 12½ inches.

To conform with the weather Happy Easter would be more seasonable than Happy New Year.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Dec. 26	42	30	.14
Dec. 27	49	34	.12
Dec. 28	56	26	
Dec. 29	27	20	
Dec. 30	24	10	
Dec. 31	36	13	
Jan. 1	36	32	.20
Average	35.71	23.57	.46

— Ern Balkin.

Mrs. Sam Walker Heads St. George's Auxiliary

Mrs. Sam Walker was elected president of St. George's W.A. at the annual meeting held in the church basement on Wednesday, December 28th. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson presided at the meeting. The various reports presented by the respective officers showed good work done during the year and satisfactory progress made. The membership was increased, as was the average attendance at meetings, and the financial picture was surprisingly good, showing hard work, excellent returns and a comfortable balance.

Before proceeding to the election of officers the rector offered his commendation and appreciation to the branch and asked them to carry on with equal or increased vigour and consecration for the coming year, praying God's blessing upon them and their work.

The election resulted as follows

Hon. Pres. — Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson
President—Mrs. Sam Walker
1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. D. W. Baxter
2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. W. V. Grant
Sec'ty.—Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson
Treasurer—Mrs. G. G. McNicol
Dorcas Sec'ty.—Mrs. Syd MacKenzie
Educational Sec'ty.—Mrs. Grant
Little Helpers—Mrs. James Patton
E.C.D. Fund—Mrs. C. H. Barber
U.T.O. Offering—Mrs. W. Bullivant
Junior Supt.—Mrs. Harold Hancox
Living Message—Mrs. Nelson Cooke
Envelope Sec'ty.—Mrs. Grant
Rector's Rep.—Mrs. John Farmer
Pianist—Mrs. Patton

Golden Anniversary for the Oliver Shields

Wednesday, December 21st was a happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shields of Victoria when members of their family gathered at Meadowbrook Farm, Mayfield, for a family dinner in honour of their golden wedding anniversary. The bride and groom of fifty years ago receive a beautiful bouquet of fifty Sweetheart roses and a refrigerator from the family and numerous other gifts. Among cards and messages of congratulation were those of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Lyons, Georgetown, and the federal member of Parliament for Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graydon.

The couple's five sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren were all present at the dinner — Miss Reble Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shields, Virginia, Eleanor and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shields, Janet and Norma of Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shields of Mayfield; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shields and Barry of Victoria; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shields and Brydon of Georgetown.

Also present were Mr. Shield's brother, Edgar of Streetsville and Mrs. Shield's three sisters, Mrs. Herbert Lindsay of Toronto, Mrs. James Duke and Mrs. Dick Speers of Caledon, Howard Speers of Caledon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Speers, Snelgrove and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Duke, Victoria.

LADIES ENTERTAINED AT LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Lions Club entertained their wives at a Christmas party last Tuesday at the Yellow Briar Inn near Brampton. Impromptu entertainment in songs and skits was presented and Lion Wheldon Emmerson made a big hit as Santa Claus, demanding a kiss from each of the ladies as they came forward to receive their gifts. Frank Murfin later gave an exhibition of roller skating and there was dancing to Whitlaw music.

Death Ends Long Merchandising Career

JOHN McBEAN DIES SUDDENLY WAS BUSINESSMAN HERE FIFTY-FOUR YEARS

Georgetown's oldest active businessman, John McBean died suddenly on Saturday, December 31st at his home on Queen Street at the age of 89. Mr. McBean had been at work as usual that morning, it being his custom to spend the mornings at his dry goods store which he had operated on Main Street for 54 years. His death closed a career unique in the annals of Canadian merchandising and it is doubtful if any man has equalled his record of actively participating in business for such a long period or at such an advanced age. Till the last he retained a shrewd business insight which has made the name McBean stand for quality merchandising in this district.

Mr. McBean was born on the estate of the MacIntosh of MacIntosh near the city of Inverness, Scotland, in December, 1860. One of a family of two girls and four boys, he was left motherless in early childhood. With almost no formal education, but with the ability to speak Gaelic and English, he entered a store in Inverness to learn the dry goods business. Having spent his five years as an apprentice, he secured employment in London and it was there that became dissatisfied with the lot of dry goods clerk. He was attracted by an advertisement in a London paper for dry good clerks for the Island of Barbadoes in the British West Indies at what was then an extraordinary salary and he immediately signed up and landed there in 1883 where he worked until the death of his employer.

The firm was sold and realizing that working conditions would be put back to conditions then prevailing in London he sailed for Boston, landing there in 1888. With money saved he travelled through Canada on a vacation and being impressed with this country, he formed a partnership and started the dry goods firm of Walker, McBean on Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

In 1894 he visited Scotland, but being dissatisfied with conditions there he returned to Toronto. In 1895 the partners bought the present Georgetown business from McLeod and Co. The partnership was dissolved, Mr. McBean taking the Georgetown business as his share.

Mr. McBean was brought up and lived a staunch Presbyterian and was a member of the church until his death. In politics he was a lifelong Liberal. During his early years he was most energetic in denouncing unfavourable working conditions and other faults encountered by young men in entering the various trade apprenticeships. That he would have become a scholar were it not for the hardships endured in his younger years is evident by his self education and love of history and classic literature which he bought from his meagre savings. He was thrifty in business and charitable to those less fortunate. His Main Street business was first carried on in the corner building which now houses the Bank of Commerce but was moved many years ago to the present location next door.

In 1899, he married Lena Cotton of Toronto, who predeceased him in 1942. Their son, James, an engineering graduate, lives in Arlington, Boston. One brother Michael lives in Marysville, Washington and his two sisters are still living in the Old Country, Mrs. Margaret Noble in Granton-on-Spey, Scotland and Mrs. Euphemia Barrett in Hertford, Herts, England.

Rev. Alex Calder conducted the funeral service on Tuesday at the McClure Funeral Home and interment took place in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were John Bingham, R. B. Foulis, Jack Williamson, Everett Cole, Victor McDonald and Delmer Laird.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR HALTON CHAPTER

Walter Rigg was elected to head Halton Chapter, RAM., No. 234, GRC, when the election of officers took place at a meeting in the lodge rooms a week ago Friday night. Mr. Rigg succeeds Ex. Comp. Elmer Dron, the retiring Principal.

The 1950 officers are:

I.P.Z.—Ex. Comp. Elmer Dron
Z—Ex. Comp. Walter Rigg
H.—Comp. Jack Lucas
J.—Comp. Jack Addy
Treasurer—Ex. Comp. John D. Kelly
Scribe E.—Ex. Comp. E. L. Arnold
Scribe N—Comp. William Cromar
P.S.—Comp. Kenneth Whitworth
Sentinel—Ex. Comp. Campbell Sinclair
S.S.—A. Hunter
J.S.—Harold Burrows
M. of 1st V.—W. B. Hamilton
M. of 2nd V.—J. Reid
M. of 3rd V.—L. Tassey
M. of 4th V.—J. Millidge

BALLINAFAD

Miss Eleanor Cook, R.N., of Port Arthur General Hospital is spending her holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook.

Last Friday Ballinafad took a 4-3 verdict from Cedar Valley in Hillsburg arena. The close hard fought game saw Cedar Valley use six forwards in a last ditch effort to no avail. All the boys played a sound game and thoroughly deserved to win. Merriam gained the scoring early in the first period and Kirkwood made it 2-0 before the period ended. Cedar Valley came back strong in the second and Cunningham with 2 and Rowell scored without reply. In the last frame the Beals came out determinedly and Kirkwood tied it up on a nice pass from Brown and seconds later pushed in the winner from a scramble.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the congregation on Wednesday evening, January 11th. Rev. John Smith of Georgetown will preside.

The local hockey team played the second game in the schedule against Shiloh a week ago. A very one sided game saw the boys rack up nine goals to Shiloh's lone reply which came seconds from the end of the game. Five goals were scored by Jim Kirkwood, while F. Shortill, G. Price, D. Brown and Reg French accounted for the other four.

LIMEHOUSE

A committee of W.I. ladies were in charge of an enjoyable evening of cards for adults, and games for the children in the Hall on Tuesday, December 27th. Treats provided by the W.I. were distributed to the children of the immediate community. Lunch brought the evening to a close.

The girls project group held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Cisby on Thursday evening. Following dinner and exchange of gifts they were joined for games and dancing by a few guests.

Recent visitors include:

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Campbell of Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. A. Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henderson of Orangeville with Mr. and Mrs. Russ Thompson.

Mr. Wm. Grieg, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grieg and daughter of Brantford at Miss Ivens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hyland of Mattawa district with Miss Reamsbottom and Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of Minola, Alberta, with the A. Spitzers.

Mrs. Geary Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson with the Gearys.

The A. Spitzers spent New Years with the Adams at Weston.

The Mitchells and Sanfords spent Christmas and New Year's together.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliere spent New Year's in Georgetown.

Mesdames Roberts, Acker, Grieg and Brethour of Toronto at Mrs. Mitchells.

ASHGROVE

Did you all make New Years resolutions? May 1950 be the happiest and best for you all.

The annual Young People's Party was held in the school-house on Thursday, December 29th with seventy young people attending. Euchre was played, the winners being Clayton Dick Jr. and Mildred Reed. After lunch dancing was enjoyed until the early hours. The committee responsible for the pleasant evening was Viola Brigden, Jessie Alexander, Herb Wilson and Cliff McDonald. The committee for 1950 are Irene Fisher, Mary Ismond, Howson Ruddell, and Frankie Wilson.

Congratulations to Bob Alexander and his bride, Miss Norma May of Milton, who were married last Saturday.

Mrs. George Nurse and her brother, Mr. William Beer, spent the Christmas week in Toronto.

Miss Gladys Ruddell of the Hamilton Business College was home with her parents for Christmas.

Miss Lula Reed of Toronto spent Christmas with the Wingfield family.

Miss Barbara Cunningham spent Christmas week with her grandmother in Toronto, returning home New Years day.

Don't forget Farm Forum meets on Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ruddell.

NORVAL

The Annual Christmas Concert of Norval United Church was held in the church auditorium Friday evening, December 23rd. The Sunday School staged a Nativity play and there was also a presentation of the prizes won during the Sunday School year. Supper was served by the ladies.

The Christmas edition of chicken pox arrived in the village in time to curtail some of the usual activities of Small Fry over the week-end — one Small One was heard passing along a perfectly legitimate grudge to another of the same size — "Your brother went and got the chicken pox, so he did, and if Santy Claus comes to your house first HE'LL catch them before he even comes down our chimney."

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. John Rawlingson and Miss Ivy Rawlingson arrived safely in England in time to spend Christmas with their relatives and friends.

The Annual Christmas Party sponsored by St. Paul's Church Guild was held on Wednesday, December 28th, in the Parish Hall with a splendid attendance. Euchre was enjoyed in the early evening and Mr. Percy Leslie and Miss Minnie Campbell had the high scores. Doris Hulls' Orchestra provided excellent music and Mr. Wes Louth of Norval was the capable floor manager. Mr. Don Milton won the door prize. Our thanks are extended to the Decoration Committee of the Saturday Night Club who very kindly assisted in decorating the Hall so nicely for the occasion. The supper tables were arranged with candles and greens. Mrs. A. Barnett and Mrs. E. Burton were in charge of the lunch. Those assisting Mr. Michael Rushmer, the President of the Guild, were as follows: Mr. Dennis Brown, Misses Doreen Hazell Eileen Sedore, Mr. Warwick Coupland, Miss. Prairie Maguire, Dr. Forbes, Don Lawson, Dick Weller, Henry Peacock, Don Jarvie, Maureen Needham, Arnold Hazell and A. Burton. The Committee have planned a special Valentine dance in February with the same orchestra and floor manager, —watch Locals for further notices.

A large crowd attended the concert in Norval Presbyterian Church the Thursday before Christmas when pupils of the Sunday School appeared in various plays and recitations, after which supper was served and movies taken by Mr. Sholto Buck were shown. Among the items on the program were a song by Mrs. Oliver Hunter's class, a piano solo by Ken Richardson, and piano duet by Mrs. J. L. Self and Jamie Cunningham, piano solo by Shirley Fendley and vocal solos by Joyce McLean and Pearl Louth. Mrs. James Harston's class sang a carol and recitations were given by Ken Robinson and Arthur Davis. Ann Davis played a piano solo and Marlene Dixon and Pearl Louth sang a duet. Pupils of Dorothy Oldham and Jack Harston also sang a carol.

HORNBY

The Annual Congregational Supper and Sunday School Concert of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, was held in the Orange Hall, Hornby, on Friday, December 30th with nearly one hundred members present. A most enjoyable supper was served by the ladies of the W.A. under the leadership of Mrs. Foster Brain, following which a vote of thanks was extended to the ladies by Mr. Irving Thompson. After the supper Christmas Carols were sung in the main hall with Mrs. Ernie Price at the piano, Miss Evelyn Course, president of the AYPA, took charge of the concert which consisted of recitations by Lorne Ellis, Bruce Pewtress, Jeannie Hunter, Donnie Chisholm, Carole Hunter, and a play entitled "Playmates from Fairyland." Several members of the AYPA also took part in the program, presenting a play entitled "Wanted, a Housekeeper", starring, Messrs. Henry Peacock and Jack Marchment, and also a pantomime, read by Miss Course and including Messrs. Jim Ingram, Richard Course, William Brain and Robert Crowe. The closing song was sung by a chorus from the Sunday School Carole Hunter, Alisen Harrop, Marie Harrop, Gordon Brain, and Tommy Hunter. Mr. Frank Chisholm doubled for Santa Claus and distributed the many gifts. The evening closed with the singing of God Save the King.

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On Tuesday evening, December 27th the members of the Hornby AYPA attended a theatre party in Oakville and saw "Come To The Stable" following which they returned to Hornby for a pleasant social hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Saunders. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of several pieces of costume jewellery, carefully wrapped in a large parking case, by Miss Edna Bradley. Refreshments were served and the evening closed with the distribution of [illegible]