

# Personals

Miss L. Corrie, of Guelph spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mrs. H. T. LePage, of Toronto, visited with Mrs. H. P. Moore at "Moorcroft," this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDonald visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDonald, at Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning and Mr. Eugene S. Macpherson, of Toronto, visited here on Sunday.

Mrs. M. Gervais left this week to reside with her daughter, Mrs. K. J. Currie, at Carleton Place.

Mr. Wm. Watson, of Toronto accompanied Reeve C. H. Harrison to Acton on Tuesday, and visited here during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Trowell and Misses Lily, Belle and Eva, of Toronto, visited with the Misses Ramshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jiggins.

Mrs. J. S. Williamson, Miss N. Williamson, Mrs. H. H. Bingham, Mrs. J. R. Gibson, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown on Monday.

Miss Isabel Cowie, who has been seriously ill at her home here for the past two weeks, is now improving. Many friends wish her a prompt recovery.

Mr. William Norton attended the Ford distributors' gathering at Detroit last week, when the Canadian and American representatives were guests of the Company.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th  
"WAY DOWN EAST"  
A great love story that can never grow old, starring Rochelle Hudson and Henry Fonda. Comedy, "Sturdy and Understudy," "Cartoon," "News."  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th  
Double Feature  
"LAST OF THE PAGANS"  
Drama of a noble race, vanishing before the white man's greed, starring Mala and Lotus.  
"YOUR UNCLE DUDLEY"  
Comedy drama, starring Edward Everett Horton, Melody Master, "Nick Lucas."

**INDIVIDUAL HAPPINESS**  
The beginning of all life is a search for individual happiness. We look upon the world as made especially for ourselves, and we expect with the utmost confidence that everything around us will minister to our pleasure. And in every case we experience a bitter disappointment. There are some instances in which the fortunes of life are unequally bestowed, but here the same lot falls impartially to all. There is not a man in this world who has not come to the conviction that his first conception of existence was a dream, who has not arrived at the knowledge that things were not created to minister to his own individual happiness.

**WOOL PRODUCERS ORGANIZE COMBAT SYNTHETIC PRODUCTS**  
In an effort to combat the inroads made by synthetic products, such as rayon, or artificial silk, wool-producing organizations in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Argentina are undertaking a research and educational campaign to develop and bring to the attention of consumers the natural advantages of wool. World production of artificial silk last year reached one billion pounds and Italy is experimenting in the production of synthetic wool from cashmere, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. At the present time, the world's wool clips are being absorbed without any undue carry-over.

**WHAT WILL MUMMY SAY**  
Mim Star (much married): "Well, dear, how do you like your new daddy?"  
Small Daughter: "Oh, he's very nice, mummy, but may I choose the next one?"  
"How's the wife, George?"  
"Not so well, old boy. She's just had quinsy."  
"Gosh! How many is that you've got now?"

# The Blacks of Eramosa

[Editor's Note—The following is one of three or four articles which will appear in this Press concerning history in the Township of Eramosa. They are compiled by Mr. Frank Day, Postmaster at Rockwood, and will be found very interesting to our readers, and full of historical data concerning the early days of Eramosa.]

The sudden passing of George Canson Black, in his 33rd year, a native of School Section No. 8, Eramosa, and the manager of a drug store in Montreal, will bring to the minds of many of the older residents of Eramosa Township, the wonderful record of service of the Black family for over 100 years.

No less than seven members of the family have been members of officials of Council, while church and school records in the eastern section of the Township team with the name of Black, from 1826 to 1936. James Black, familiarly known as Elder James Black, was born at Lochgilphead, Argyshire, Scotland, in 1798, he and his brothers, Donald and Hugh, came to Talbot Street, near desiring more liberty than was allowed by Colonel Talbot, James settled on lot 7, concession 7, Eramosa, and Donald on lot 8 alongside Hugh settled in later life, in what is now the County of Halton.

Elder Black was the first Disciple minister in the district, one of the first in Canada. In 1826 he was asked to preach in the Barrie Hill district, where quite a few settlers of Presbyterian persuasion had gathered for worship in the house of Mr. McCormick. It is probable that the original No. 2 School was used for worship, situated on the site of the recently improved McCormick's Cemetery.

These services were after a time, discontinued, because, while entertaining the greatest respect for Mr. Black personally, and highly appreciating his piety and labors, the great majority of the settlers were not in accord with his views on the ordinance of baptism.

The first building erected for a place of worship in Eramosa was built on Mr. Black's farm, in 1832. It seems to have been used by the settlers, regardless of denomination, until the Methodist Church was built at Dolmages, and the Disciple Church at Everton.

Elder Black officiated at most of the marriage ceremonies for the early settlers. The last Township record of a marriage ceremony performed by him was that of his granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Black, and Christopher Columbus Pomeroy, in June, 1875. In the earliest Township registrations his denomination is given as Disciple, later as Disciple of Christ, the name at present in use for the denomination is Church of Christ.

The Township was fortunate in securing James Black as a settler, his activities in religious affairs, and as a Commissioner for the Township, in which capacity he would deal with matters now covered by the Township Council and School Trustees, and part of the duties now performed in the police court, mark him as a man of extraordinary energy and ability; when the operation of a 200-acre farm is taken into consideration, and heaving it from the bush in those days, in addition to his public duties, some idea of the vitality and determination of the man may be gained, and it is not altogether surprising to find the name of Black written into the history of Eramosa to the extent of any other two families combined.

With all his manifold activities, James Black remained thorough and conscientious. About the only human hand that could rule him was that of his great wife. He was fond of his pipe, an indulgence to which his wife began to grow seriously object until the boys began to grow up in the home. Then, one evening he was leisurely filled his pipe, his wife also commenced to fill one, and despite her husband's protests, she shocked his complacency by lighting her pipe and announcing that thereafter they would enjoy their smoke together. Elder James Black smoked no more.

The story is told that the Elder went down into Nassagaweya to officiate at a wedding, and having to walk home, it was late when he arrived at his residence on lot 7, and his wife had retired for the night. He went to bed and proceeded to report to his wife, all the details of his experiences on the trip and at the wedding. Suddenly he declared, "But I forgot to pronounce them man and wife." Hastily donning his ministerial clothes, he walked again into Nassagaweya in search of the happy couple. With no car of that service, they could not get far away in that time, and they wanted to, and in the early hours of the morning Elder James Black awakened them at a farm house, and solemnly pronounced them man and wife.

He was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Township from 1841 for a number of years and was one of the original Trustees for School Section No. 4 when that section, comprising the eastern corner of the Township, and including Rockwood, was formed, in 1847. His fellow Trustees were John Harris and Alex. Burns, pioneers, who, with their descendants, have figured largely in the development of the church, school and municipal life of the Rockwood district. The Elder's brother, Donald, who settled on lot 8, now owned by ex-Warden Sims McLean, was a member of Council for the District of Wellington, in 1847-8-9. Mr. Black represented the Township of Eramosa. The District of Wellington covered what is now the Counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey, and part of Dufferin.

When the Township Councils Act became law in 1850, Donald was a member of the first Council for Eramosa. He was also a Councillor in 1851, 1853 and 1855; Reeve in 185, 1857-8-9-60, and 1861; and Assessor in from 1863 to 1871. Donald's son, Edward, was Assessor in 1862.

John Black, a son of Elder James Black, was Assessor from 1872 to 1883; and a Councillor in 1887, 1888 and 1889. Hugh Black, another son of the Elder, was Collector from 1854 to 1881; and Clerk from 1883 to 1909, a total of 45 years in the service of the Township. For 16 years previous to his resignation he was also Treasurer.

In addition to these offices he was Postmaster at Rockwood; Secretary-Treasurer of the Eramosa Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; Secretary-Treasurer of the Rockwood Cheese Factory; Branch Manager of the Bell Telephone Co.; and during his busy life held a host of other offices of greater or less importance, besides finding time to act as a conveyancer, and to preach an occasional sermon in local pulpits.

It was first introduced, to Hugh Black in 1908 by the late Reeve Charles McNabb, in the same office and at the same window at which I now pen this tribute to his diligence and efficiency. The occasion was the purchase, by myself, of Mr. McNabb's farm, and we had called on Mr. Black to draw up the deed. Both gentlemen teased me good-naturedly on the folly of a greenhorn Englishman settling on a farm without a wife; but when I informed them that I intended, in the near future, to marry the daughter of their mutual friend, Robert H. Wansbrough, their congratulations were forthcoming, and a friendship was established with the McNabb and Black families that has deepened with the years. The records of this Township are second to none in the County of Wellington, over 70 years of them printed and bound. Much of the credit for this happy state of affairs is due to the careful and efficient performance of his duties by Hugh Black, as Clerk, from 1883 to 1909.

Norris Humphrey Black, a son of Hugh, was for many years Secretary-Treasurer of School Section No. 8, and was an Auditor for the Township from 1916 to his death, at Rockwood, in 1929.

The late George Black, whose sudden passing in the prime of life a week ago, brought gloom over the community, was a son of Norris H. Black, and the sincere sympathy of the many friends of the family will be extended to his sorrowing wife, mother and sisters.

Another son of Hugh Black, former Clerk and Postmaster, was Herbert J. Black, familiarly known to us all as Herb; he, too, was a Trustee of S. S. No. 8, until his sudden passing on election day of 1936.

James Black, a grandson of Elder James Black, and son of John Black, previously referred to as Assessor and Councillor, was also active in municipal and school affairs. James entered the Council in 1905. He was a member in the art of electioneering, and delighted in telling a side-splitting story. He was Councillor in 1905-6-7-8-9; and Reeve in 1910 and 1911. He was defeated by Charles McNabb in 1912, in a three-cornered fight with the late William Parkinson.

Charles McNabb died in the fall of 1914, and a battle royal between James Black and John Griev, both ex-Reeves, took place for the Reeveship for the remaining two months of the year. When the smoke had cleared away, the Clerk, Col. Wm. Head, declared James Black elected by a majority of one vote.

James was re-elected at the new year, but died in February, 1915. His successor, Wm. Parkinson, died in March; so that the Township lost three Reeves by death within six months.

Adam Wood was elected Reeve in April, and continued until after the war, but died while again holding the Reeveship in 1932.

William Black, a son of Reeve James Black, resides at lot 8, concession 7, and John Black, a son of Herbert J. Black, resides on lot 8, concession 6. These are the only adult male members of the family now resident in the Township. The total in years of service as Reeve, Councillor, Clerk, Assessor, Collector and Auditor, without counting the 16 years during which Hugh held the office of Treasurer, amounts to 114, which is probably a record for Ontario.

When it is remembered that the office of Reeve or Councillor is only for one year, at the pleasure of the electors, and the other offices are held only during the pleasure of Council, it will be agreed that not only in years have the Blacks excelled in service, but also in quality. It is given to few families to produce such a record, and to few Townships to be favored with such service.

# SPORTS

**More Rambling Round in a Runabout**  
Badminton is still to the fore in sports locally. Acton visited in Guelph last night.

The boxing and wrestling group at the Y. were organized last week and now have the ring in use twice a week.

A boys' tumbling class at the Y. is also in the formation process, with a good group.

Matter of fact, just now all the sports activities are being centred at the Y., and Mr. George Emery is having a busy time keeping a place for all.

The hockey boys are due next week to start their pre-season training activities there.

Then every Wednesday night, Mr. Emery leads a group of those of that age who don't usually take any more strenuous exercise than that on the benches at hockey games.

It's remarkable how agile some of them have been.

The annual O. H. A. meeting is booked for Saturday, November 28th, at the Royal York in Toronto.

O. H. A. certificates are now available for clubs on payment of the annual fee. There's always a catch, in it some place.

Georgetown, we understand, is to have an intermediate entry in the O. H. A. under the management of ex-Warden Harold Cleave.

If the former Warden puts the same zest into hockey that he did in municipal politics, Georgetown Hockey Club may reach the top of the County, just as he did.

Again, we've been on fishing trips with him when the big fish weren't on his line. But we'll have fun.

# Fire Briade and Cemetery Board Matters Uppermost

had an equal responsibility in caring for this drainage problem. The Beardmore Company only desired to be assured that the drain should be properly constructed and the track protected from a washout and filling from the bank.

A committee of Councillors Mason and McCutchen were appointed to co-operate with Eramosa Council committee and meet the Beardmore Co. representatives to have the problem settled satisfactorily to all. The committee was to meet at the property at two o'clock on Thursday.

The nineteenth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

R. M. McDonald, Secretary for Direct Relief	\$125.00
Theo. Dunn, labor at bridge	6.00
Evan Jones, teaming	7.80
Symon Hardware, supplies	3.93
South-end Garage, care of Fire Truck	17.85
E. Beswick, watchman	4.80
W. D. Talbot, supplies	3.25
J. B. Chalmers, box for shipping milk bottles	2.75
Georgetown Lumber Co., supplies for park fence	25.75
C. McElin & Son, labor, etc.	13.20
J. Bell, repairs at Town Hall and on streets	64.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375.13</b>

The report was adopted. Council decided to supply the articles as requested by the Fire Brigade, with the exception of the hose, which item was to be left over until the Council inquired into the allowance made for fire protection in the tax rate.

A letter from Mrs. W. G. Cullen notified the Council that she could not accept the appointment on the Welfare Board. She thanked the Council for the appointment and in view of the fact that the work was so important she regretted her inability to accept the position. A letter from the Town of Mimico enclosed a monthly bulletin of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. It was felt this organization could, by a united front, receive greater co-operation from governments. The letter was filed.

Complaint was made of the drainage on Church Street, between Willow and Main Streets.

Mr. George Soper requested that a light be placed on Wallace Avenue, opposite their property. The matter was left in the hands of a committee to report after due investigation.

Councillor Nelson reported that a tree on Frederick Street was in a dangerous condition and should be removed. Chief McPherson was requested to investigate. The Municipal Officer was instructed to purchase a stove for the committee room and a quantity of kindling.

# IS ONE NECESSARY

Professor—"Before long we may expect an invention that will enable us to do without sleep altogether."  
Student—"What's the matter with the saxophone?"

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