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General News & Views

Make sure that you write it, 1937.

How are your New Year resolutions standing up under the test of time?

Reeve A. Wideman and members of the 1936 council were re-elected by acclamation in Markham village. This will be Reeve Wideman's fifth term, and in that time he has received four acclamations.

These are days when a lot of folks talk "cold turkey."

To encourage outdoor decorations and thus help to strengthen the Xmas spirit, the Owen Sound Public Utilities Commission offered prizes for these decorations, some of which are reported to have been exceptionally good.

Something very remarkable has happened in Fergus, according to the News-Record. At a recent meeting in a "Fairgus" church the men outnumbered the women two to one. We'll wager there was no collection that night.

Diplomacy has reached the deplorable condition where each nation tells the other nation how well it is equipped for war. As The Milwaukee Sentinel observes, it's like a small boy asking other small boys to feel his muscles.

The editor of an exchange says that the saddest sight to him is the person who thinks he or she can sing. But the Listowel Banner opines that the saddest sight, on an occasion of this kind, is not the person who thinks he can sing but the audience upon whom the singing is inflicted. These comments bring to mind the saying of Artemus Ward, American humorist, who remarked, "I'm saddest when I sing—and so are other people."

The Charlottetown Guardian points out one peculiarity of the nightshirt which should appeal to every Scottish heart. It is a one-piece item at the laundry, while pajamas "is" two. Or should we say "are"? Historic researches conducted by the International Night Shirt Club have disclosed evidence that some of the greatest men in history from Nero to Napoleon, and from Gladstone to Lincoln, wore nightshirts, while Louis XV thought so much of the night-shirt that he had three nobles to assist him with it every night—one to warm it, another to hand it to him, and another to put it on.

In its final year the Henry government had a deficit of \$30,600,000. Last year the Hepburn government had a deficit of less than \$13,350,000, and when it prepared its budget for the present fiscal year, it budgeted for a surplus of \$597,000. To date the revenue has been greater and the expenditure has been less than this budget allowed. It would seem, therefore, that the prospects for a balanced budget are good.

"Now Willie, you must not be selfish. You should let your brother have the sled half the time."
"Yes, mother," replied the lad, "I do. I have it going down the hill and he has it coming up."

If times are hard and you feel blue, Think of others worrying, too. Just because your trials are many, Don't think the rest of us haven't any.
Life is made up of smiles and tears, Joys and sorrows mixed with fears, And though to us it seems one-sided Trouble is pretty well divided, If we could look in every heart We'd find that each one has it part, And those who travel fortune's road Sometimes carry the biggest load.

JANIVEER
The nights are long in Janiveer, The frostiest month of all the year; Bright hearths we need and thatching stout
While Janiveer he storms without, Old Janiveer, New Year he brings, And the glad Feast-Day of the Kings Maid Agnes, snow-drop garlanded, And Charles, for England's faith who bled.
The Kings across the snow-bound plains Haste with their glittering bride-reins, And swift rides Saul, the Pharisee Hence forth the Lord's Apostle he. The Kings from coffers all a-gem Spread forth their gifts at Bethlehem And to Damascus Gate draws near The blessed Paul in Janiveer.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

Forty Years Ago

From our Issue of January 7, 1897
The four councillors elected on Monday last are John Sanderson, John Palmer, Ashford Wright and Wm. Innes. These, together with Peter G. Savage, who was elected Reeve by acclamation, will be the council for 1897. The Trustees elected for the Union School Section are David Lynett, George McDonald and Dr. Hutchison. For County Councillors, Alexander Cameron, George W. High, W. H. Pugsley.

A pretty wedding took place on the afternoon of New Year's Day in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, when Miss Carrie Ellston, second daughter of Mr. John Ellston of the Dominion House, was wedded to Mr. Fred Coles, one of Toronto's popular young men. Rev. W. W. Bates, M.A., Rector of the Parish, officiated.

In York Township W. J. Hill, was on Monday elected reeve over John Macdonald by a vote of 874 to 240. R. J. Fleming has been elected Mayor of Toronto for the fourth term. His majority on Monday over Mr. McMurrich was 1604.

The entertainment given in the Masonic Hall on New Year's night for the benefit of the firemen is said to be the best ever presented here by an amateur company. The affair, which turned out so pleasing to all concerned, was strictly local, and much credit is due Mr. J. H. Sanderson and other members of the committee who engineered it to so successful an issue. Some six weeks ago a committee was appointed to get up an entertainment for the brigade when it was thought advisable to depart from the usual custom of holding a concert, and to prepare a drama instead so they selected "Uncle Tom's Cabin". The receipts amounted to \$70.00.

Thirty Years Ago

From our Issue of January 3, 1907
Reeve Slater of Markham who at the annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Curling Club was appointed patron, has kindly donated a sum of money for the purchase of a medal for the club.

The residence and land on Richmond Street, part of the Estate of late H. F. Hopper, has been sold to Mr. George Reaman of Concord, who, having disposed of his farm, will take up residence in our Village on the 1st of March. The price paid was over \$2500, and Mr. H. A. Nicholls, real estate agent, put through the deal.

Mrs. McLean, wife of Mr. Archibald McLean, died New Year's Day, after an illness of two weeks, in her 60th year, following an attack of la grippe and pneumonia. Besides a husband she leaves a family of four sons and six daughters to mourn her loss.

A quiet wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith on Wednesday evening, December 26, when their eldest daughter, Edith May, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Kerswill, youngest son of the late James Kerswill, Elgin Mills. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. H. Kirkby, Aurora, in the presence of a few nearest friends and relatives. At 5.30 the bride entered the room leaning on the arm of her father. She was neatly dressed in a blue cloth dress, trimmed with cream satin and lace, and carried in her hand a bouquet of roses and carnations. The groom was supported by Mr. Thomas Burnett. After the ceremony all sat down and did justice to a well-filled table, which was prepared with great taste for the occasion. After the usual toasts the couple left, amid showers of rice and best wishes, for a trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Montreal. On their return they will reside in Toronto.

Mrs. Julia Ann Carver who suffered a paralytic stroke about ten days ago died last Saturday. The funeral to Victoria Square on Tuesday was conducted by Rev. A. P. Brace.

ADJALA TOWNSHIP
Wilmer Palmer was re-elected reeve by acclamation along with last year's council.

Teacher: "My goodness, Willie! How did you get such dirty hands?"
Willie: "Washin' my face."

The man who lets greed block up the windows of his soul always talks about this as a dark old world.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET FOR QUICK SESSION JANUARY 14

Premier King Hopes for Prorogation Before May First


Parliament will assemble Jan. 14 for what is hoped will be a quick session ending the last of April so that members of the government and of both Houses may attend the coronation ceremonies in London on May 12. Prime Minister Mackenzie King upon announcing the opening date, said he could see no reason why the work of Parliament could not be completed in three and a half months.

"If we are unable to prorogue be-

fore the coronation we will have to adjourn and come back for a mid-summer session," the Prime Minister said.

Immediately after the coronation there will be an Imperial Conference which will take up the greater part of June if not longer.

Everything will be in readiness for rapid despatch of business, so far as the government is concerned, the Prime Minister said. According to the rules of Parliament, a large part of the first month of each session is given over to private members. It is possible this privilege may be curtailed or suspended on this occasion; but only on general agreement of all members.



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