

The Atwood Bee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1920.

SALUTATORY.

With this issue we make our bow to the people of Atwood and surrounding locality and place them in possession of the initial copy of THE BEE, a weekly newspaper we purpose issuing.

Our object in coming here is to present the local and district happenings in a concise, correct and readable form; to boom Atwood and the interests of the section in general; and last but not least to secure enough of the "needful" to pay our way and put a dollar on our way for "a rainy day."

It will be an impossibility to accomplish these results alone, so we bespeak the cordial support of the people of this section in the matter of supplying news, subscribing for the paper, giving us all the advertising and job work possible, and by speaking a good word where it may be deserved on our behalf.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that THE BEE is not the organ of either of the political parties but will endeavor to take an independent course and lead the big dailies or weeklies hammer away at their political hobbies.

After a practical experience, extending over eight years, we feel justified in saying that we hope to turn out job work equal to that done in any of the surrounding offices and at reasonable prices.

We don't want our patrons to imagine that the name of our paper is suggestive of "sting," we rather desire that it may cause a hum in this district and be the means of fetching honey to more than one hive.

This issue is sent out gratis but we hope that intending subscribers will remit, or hand in, their DOLLAR at once, so that we will get things working as speedily as possible.

We hope to have the pleasure of shortly meeting with a great many of you and getting better acquainted.

Yours, etc., R. S. PELTON.

DOMINION Parliament opened on Thursday of this week. A lively session is anticipated.

The Portuguese are liable to get themselves into considerable trouble with England. A contingent of the British fleet is keeping a watch on them at present and are ready to defend their rights.

We hope the Elma Township Council will see their way clear, at their meeting on Monday, to take decided action on the very important question of a new hall. The Secretary of the Elma Agricultural Society in his report, which appears in another column, outlines the benefit it would be to that organization and that is only a small part in considering the general good.

We anticipate the pleasure of reporting in our next paper that a new Hall will be built as soon as seasonable weather arrives.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

DOMINION Parliament met yesterday. It is rumored that the Czar is in exile in Saxony.

The Princess of Wales has the influenza. Thirty deaths from smallpox are reported in Saxony.

Napanes had 500 cases of influenza and several deaths have occurred. A Cairo despatch says Emin Bay has had a relapse and is now in a critical condition.

M. Ephrussi, a rich banker of Paris has gained the \$125,000 prize in the Panama Canal Lottery.

Thomas Kane was sentenced to be hanged at Toronto on February 12th for the murder of his sister-in-law, Mary Kane.

Edward Walsh, mayor of Wexford and proprietor of the newspaper, The People, has been sentenced to two months imprisonment for publishing a boycott notice.

Eight women raided the "blind pigs," otherwise illicit drinking places, of Mayville, South Dakota, on Tuesday, and smashed the furniture and fixtures, because the husband of one of them had sold a mortgage to pay a whiskey bill.

At Chilliwack, B. C., on Tuesday George Rutherford shot and killed Edward Hall and John Segers and killed himself. He was dependent owing to disappointment in love, and accused Hall and Segers of tampering with his food.

A well-to-do farmer named Campbell Hanna threw himself into the Matfield river running through his farm, near Wingham, early Wednesday morning, and was drowned before assistance arrived. Three of his neighbors witnessed the act and rushed to assist him, but the river being very much swollen, they were unable to do anything. One of these men had a very narrow escape from drowning, strange coincidences in connection with this is that the very owner of Hanna's farm, named McCourt, drowned himself in the same spot and in the same manner some years ago. No cause can be assigned for the act.

JANUARY.

HOON WAMMO.—On Wednesday of last week the band and orchestra of dance of Mrs. B. Miller was the scene of festivity, joy and merriment.

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to hold. After a splendid supper had been partaken the music and a portion of the night, was spent in tripping the light fantastic. Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. O'Connell, of Brussels; J. Scott and wife, and Jas. Thompson, of Seaford, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of this town, were in Galt on Saturday followed by the best wishes of a host of friends for their future prosperity.

CELEBRATION.—On Thursday of last week the annual meeting of the 17th concession of Grey was disturbed by a crowd of boys, who think themselves men, forming themselves into a "gang" and "party."

The boys marched in grand array style down the concession a mile and a quarter and were joined by fresh recruits from the 16th con., and then they marched back again to the centre of attraction.

Along the march the captain could be distinctly heard giving the word of command, "address his company in the following manner: 'Right! left! right! left!'"

It was quite noticeable that he had served one or two terms as the volunteers. The more stalwart ones were the "gridders" and mouldeers, while the ladless in stature vigorously shook the belt and did the pounding.

The night previous, but as that night was quiet and cold only a few gathered, and it is thought that there would be more "shiver" than anything else unless they got "grippe."—Com.

Belgrave.—The "La Grippe" has got over nearly all the residents here. There are more in the village complaining of the mumps. This seems to be a winter of diseases.

Since last week there has been slighting in Belgrave, but it has gone and now there is only the hard frosts to brag of. Jas. Timmins is going to Winchester to see about his new stores there again. He leaves in the afternoon and will be gone for a month or so.

Rev. A. Y. Hartley preached in the Methodist church last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. His text was "The wind on Monday was so strong that it blew down the smoke-stack of Duff & Stewart's saw mill."

It also took the chimney of the Freshwater church and a great many fences gave way before it.

Belgrave.—The annual meeting of the members of the East Wawanosh Society was held in Goodrest's Hotel on Thursday of last week.

A large number of members were present. Rev. Robert Brown was in the chair. The Auditor's report was read showing receipts to the amount of \$399.42, payments, etc., \$500.35, leaving a balance in treasurer's hands of \$90.07.

The balance exceeds previous years, showing the Society is prospering under the present management. The following officers were appointed:—President, John Robertson; Vice President, Chas. Prester; Director, R. Stonehouse; J. Scott, R. Currie, Thos. Bieley, James Owen, R. Stirling, R. Corley, D. Geddes, J. A. Harrison; Auditors, J. Stewart and Jas. Bone; Treasurer, C. McClelland; Sec. ety, Finlay Anderson.

Walton.—Willie Torrance is on the sick list. Several in this vicinity are suffering from severe colds.

Rev. Mr. Forrest was confined to the home during the early part of the week. Wednesday morning word was received here that Harry Estlin, well known in this vicinity, had died near Paisley, of typhoid fever.

We are pleased to report that all from here who wrote at the Entrance Examination were successful. One of them, Miss Mary Smith, had 65 marks for the County with 633 marks. The others who wrote were, Misses Lizzie Hishop, Miss Mary Beattie, Miss McDonald and John W. Morrison. May they always be as successful.

Dim.—On Wednesday morning of this week the Rev. Mr. James Macdonald of Thomas Row, of McKillop, was called to her eternal home. The deceased contracted a cold about three years ago which resulted in consumption, but she was able to get about hardly until about a month previous to her death. Miss Row was a lively, happy temperament and her faith in the Friends of sinners remained true until she was called to meet the rest of the saints in the people of God. The funeral on Thursday afternoon was largely attended.

Clinton.—Messrs. Johns and Scott were elected trustees for 1920.

Miss Jessie and Miss Ermengole, both of whom are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

Rev. Mr. Stewart spoke at the Young People's meeting in the O'Neil's church Tuesday evening.

Miss Wilson, artist, was called suddenly home, to a broken heart. Her brother was taken very ill.

Rev. Mr. McDonald of Seaford, preached morning service in the Wesleyan church, on Sunday last.

The Band serenaded the town on New Year's day to the tune of "The Boys" as they were well and will not forget the kind folk of Clinton.

Robt. W. Coats and brother left for the west on Monday. May succeed in their venture.

Mr. Coats has been well known in the jewellery business here and his many friends will regret to see him.

The officers retained to teachers of the Freshwater Sabbath School in the lecture room on Tuesday evening. The following officers were:—Mr. Swallow, Superintendent; Mr. Carr, Asst. Supt. Mr. Jackson, Secretary; Mr. Fair and Mr. Johnson, Librarians. With the past year has been successful. May success crown their efforts.

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