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NEWS AROUND TOWN

For organs, pianos, Victor victrolas, gramophones, records, call on W. J. McFadden.

The members of the A. Y. P. A. held a very pleasant social meeting at the rectory last Monday evening.

Dr. Brown, eye, ear, nose and throat, will be at the Hahn House, on Saturday, February 17th, from 12 to 5 p.m. Eyes tested and glasses supplied.

Wanted—A middle aged woman to do light housework for a family of two. A good home to suitable person. Apply to Mrs. P. Eva, Bruce Street, Durham.

The members of the Durham Epworth League will meet as usual on Monday evening, February 19th. The topic will be on Fanny Crosby. Everybody welcome. Come and bring your friends.

For organs, pianos, Victor victrolas, gramophones, gramophone records, headstones, monuments, and all kinds of marble goods, call on W. J. McFadden, and get his prices before buying.

We had a brief call on Tuesday from Mr. Hugh McKinnon, of Baswood, Manitoba. Mr. McKinnon has been home since the death of his mother at Crawford, a few weeks ago, but intends to return in the spring.

"Crystal Palace Festival."—The Bell Ringers are a fine combination and were loudly applauded by the vast audience.—London Daily Mail. In the town hall, Durham, February 29th. Plan at Gun's Drug Store.

A box social will be held under the auspices of Varney L.O.L., in their hall, on Friday, February 23rd Good program. Admission 10c. and 15c. Ladies not bringing boxes, 25c.; those that do will receive 25c.

A concert will be given in Ritchie's school, near town, on Friday evening, February 16th. An excellent program of recitations, dialogues, choruses, and drills, will be rendered by the young people of the section. Admission 10c. and 15c. Everybody invited.

Re-upholstering done on short notice, and done right, by a practical man, at Kress's furniture warehouses. Any shabby or worn upholstered goods will be thoroughly repaired and renovated, so as to look as good as new, and at a reasonable price.

The Horbury Handbell Ringers have appeared twice daily in the variety concerts at the Scottish Zoo, where their contributions have met with unstinted applause. Glasgow Herald. In the town hall, Durham, February 29th. Plan at Gun's Drug Store. Opens February 17th.

The members of the Durham Epworth League held their meeting as usual on Monday evening, February 13th. The topic was carefully prepared by Miss Irene Latimer. It showed the need of missionary effort at home among foreigners, to educate them in the political life of our Dominion, in order that they may rightly value the privileges of the franchise.

Clearing sale of broken lines of boots and shoes.—We have finished stock taking, and find broken lines we are not stocking this season. We are offering these at and below cost for quick sale. Also substantial reductions in all winter goods. Call early and get first choice. Custom work and repairing as usual. At Durham's largest shoe store.—J. S. McIlraith.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the first day of the season of Lent. The main thought for Lent is personal consecration, or surrender to Christ, and withdrawal from the pursuit of the things of this world for their own sake, and without the thought of God. There will be Litany service held at 8 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, and on Friday of each following week until Easter. A short address will be given at each of these services, upon the subject of the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday. All are welcome to attend these services.

Take a look at your label.

The Middaugh House is offered for sale. See Mr. Ryan's advertisement on page 7, this issue.

Two more cars of damaged grain arrived at the C. P. R. station this Wednesday morning. Will be distributed this week.—W. Calder.

Rev. Mr. Hampson, of Varney, and Inspector Campbell, supplied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday.

We understand that Mr. S. F. Morlock has purchased a fine new auto, and intends to enjoy the summer season like the other wealthy men of the town.

Mr. Geo. A. Arrowsmith, local agent for the Massey-Harris Co., already has three cars of machinery on the ground for the spring work.

Mr. John A. McDonald, Priceville, has again been appointed assessor by the Glenelg Township Council, at their meeting on February 10th. This is Mr. McDonald's eighth appointment to the position.

We have only a few winter hats left, and in order to clear our stock out, we are offering them at very low prices. We invite you to call and see our display.—Miss Dick.

Rev. R. W. Wright is attending the annual Temperance convention of the Ontario Alliance, which is combined this year, the Dominion Congress, which meets in Massey Hall, Toronto, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Livingston, of Livingston's Corners, Bentinck, are mourning the death of their little seven months' old daughter, Dorothy Susan, who died on Friday last from bronchitis. Interment took place Sunday, to Durham cemetery.

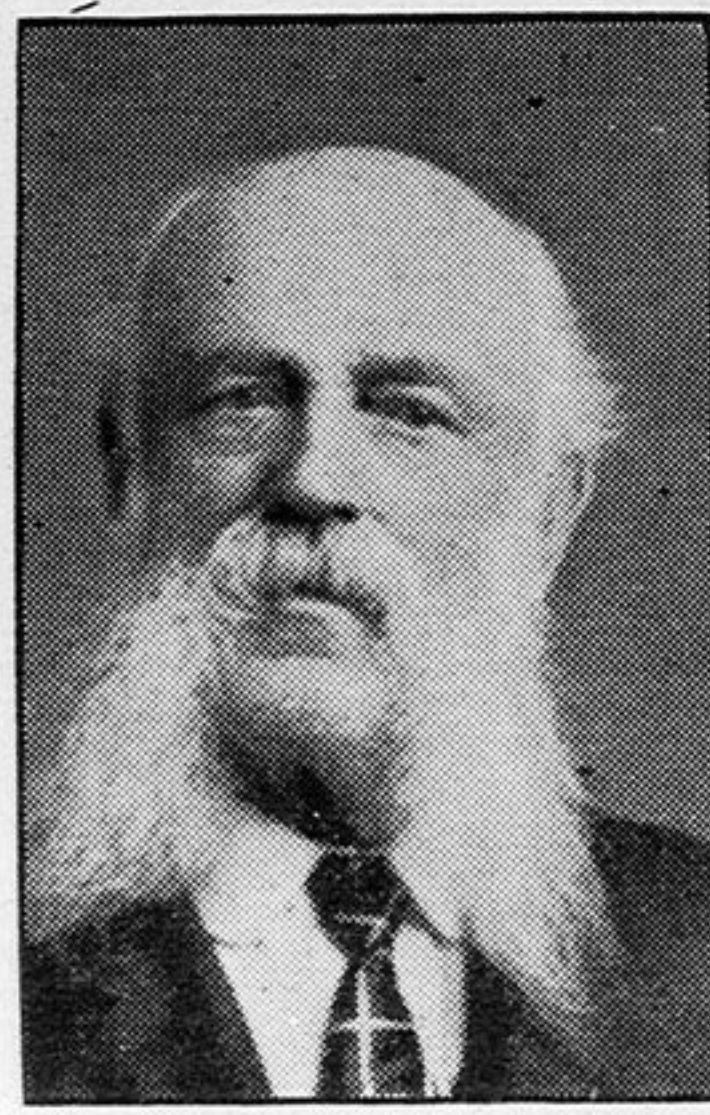
The Young People's Society of the Baptist church will give a "Penny for Your Thoughts" social on Monday evening, February 26th, in the Sunday school room of the church. A good program will be rendered, also part of the time will be devoted to purely social, and a light lunch will be served. Admission 10 cents.

On Monday, February 20th, at 4:14 p.m., in the Methodist church, a meeting to re-organize the Junior Epworth League of Christian Endeavor will be held. The Junior League is inter-denominational in its service, every junior in town has a right to a place in its ranks. A cordial invitation to all juniors, with their friends, is extended, February 26th, 1912.

Eighty people met and enjoyed the program of music and recitations provided by the members of the Epworth League, in the Methodist church, in honor of St. Valentine. One feature of the evening's entertainment gave pleasure to each guest,—the tasty little lunch which was daintily served by the social committee of the League. Those who didn't attend missed something good.

Mr. R. J. Hewitt, of Montreal returned Wednesday, after spending a couple of weeks with his many friends and relatives in town and vicinity. He is engaged with the Great North-Western Express Co., and is delighted with the work. For some years, he was our valued correspondent at Darkies' Corners, and rendered good service. Bob is a worker at anything he takes in hand, and we wish him all kinds of prosperity.

The Methodists of Newmarket, made improvements on their church last year amounting to \$23,500. The re-opening took place on Sunday last, and the announcement was made that \$32,500 had been subscribed and paid, which leaves the church entirely free from debt, with a substantial balance of \$4000. With the balance, they intend to erect a brick shed. The congregation is to be congratulated for the enterprise they have shown, and they have every reason to be proud of their beautiful edifice, which will stand as an evidence of the business enterprise and practical Christianity of the congregation of 1911. Additional opening services are to be held on the next two Sundays.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS. FIRTH who on Friday last quietly celebrated their Golden Wedding at their home here. Both are still "hale and hearty."

Mr. J. D. Main, of Hagarsville, is in town buying hay. Farmers having any to dispose of, may see him at the Hahn House any time this week.

A burning chimney on Mrs. Currie's house on Albert street caused a ripple of excitement in the rink on Tuesday night during the hockey match. The report was first spread that the house was on fire, but was subsequently denied, and quiet restored.

An interesting social evening was spent by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Catton, on Friday night last, but owing to the extreme cold, the attendance was not large, and the bank account of the society hasn't swollen very much in consequence of the event.

On Friday night, owing to a freight train being off the track near Laurel, the up train for Owen Sound was unable to get through till Saturday forenoon. The Walkerton train from Saugeen Junction left there about eleven o'clock at night, but became snowbound between here and Hanover, and didn't reach Walkerton till about ten o'clock Saturday morning. They made the afternoon trip pretty well on time.

The W. Francis Firth Concert Co. will appear in the town hall here on Monday night next, February 19th. Mr. Firth is no stranger to Durham audiences, as a baritone soloist. He will be assisted by Mr. S. Homer Eaton, who, we feel safe in saying, is the best character impersonator that ever appeared before a Durham audience. Many who heard him a year ago, will, we believe, give the same opinion. What could be more realistic than his humorous portrayal of "Reuben Ketchum" and "Widder Green." Miss Mazie Jackson, soprano, will appear for the first time, and comes highly recommended as a cultured musical artist. We feel quite sure the concert will be first-class in every particular. It will be held under the auspices of the Horticultural Society, an institution worthy of the liberal support of every citizen. Admission 25c, reserved seats 35c. Plan at Macfarlane's Drug Store.

When February started in, it seemed for the first day as if we were to have an improved weather condition, but the mild state didn't continue long, and up to date it has been cold enough to suit most people. It has been a hard time on fuel, and the end is evidently not yet. On Friday last, the weather was very cold, notwithstanding the beautiful sunrise, followed by sunshine for the greater portion of the day. Saturday morning was the coldest day of the season, if not the coldest day on record in this town. The local thermometers read from 32 to 40 degrees below, the actual temperature on a reliable glass being 35 degrees below at eight o'clock in the morning, and it stood from ten to twenty below all day. Jack Frost found his way into many places he never visited formerly, and his influence has been felt, especially where the broken water pipes will have to be replaced. It was cold, and we felt it.

FIFTY YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Firth of this town, were fifty years married on Friday last, February 9th. There was no public demonstration nor a family re-union in honor of the event, but many congratulatory letters were received, as well as presents from distant members of the family and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Firth was born in the little village of Whixlow, in Yorkshire, England, on the 14th day of August, 1835. This he considers the most beautiful spot on earth, and it has been noted for hundreds of years for the production of black cherries, which seem to be indigenous to the soil and climate of the place.

In infancy, Mr. Firth attended one of the old original Dame schools. Later, and when still a child, he attended a Roman Catholic private school, which was maintained by Lady Stourton. His teacher a Miss Rothwell, he considers the finest lady teacher he ever met. After three years in the private institution he attended the remainder of his school boy days in the national schools.

In early boyhood he worked on the farm, in the brickyard, and on the railroad. He then spent one year with his father as an apprentice in the shoemaking trade, but finding the occupation was not congenial, he jumped the job and became apprenticed to a painter and art decorator in the city of York, and served five years before he was considered sufficiently proficient to take work on his own account. Five years was the usual term required as an apprentice in nearly all trades in those days, and we believe the same term is yet the usual term of apprenticeship.

During his apprenticeship in the old cathedral city of York, he was a night student in the School of Art and made considerable progress.

At twenty-one years of age, just after finishing his apprenticeship he married Eliza Bowes, who died about two years afterwards, leaving a year-old son, now engaged in Toronto, as manager of the Adams Harness Company.

Three years after his wife's death February 9th, 1862, and on the fourth anniversary of the birth of his son Harry, he married Elizabeth Humphrey, who still survives.

This second marriage resulted in a family of ten children, nine of whom are still living: William, in Escanaba, Mich.; Louisa, (Mrs. Turner) in Detroit; Christopher, in Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Alex., Principal of the Orangeville Public school; Kate, at home; Jesse, deceased when he was about twenty years of age; Mary (Mrs. Mitchell), in Toronto; Joe, Sam and Ben, in British Columbia.

In 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Firth and seven children came to Canada and settled in Hagarsville, in the county of Haldimand, where they lived for five years, before coming to the township of Glenelg, and settling near the Rob Roy. Two years ago they retired from farm life and have since been residents of this town, where they intend to spend the evening of their lives.

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New Spring Goods



Snow on the Ground but Spring in the Store

WE ANNOUNCE with pleasure the daily arrival of New Spring Goods, including a wonderful assortment of Dress Goods, Prints, Gingham, Cottons, Laces, and Embroideries, and we are really glad to show them to you, even though you have no immediate intentions of buying. The patterns and styles are so attractive,—the qualities are so good, and the prices so reasonable, that we know you will come again to buy.

New Embroideries and Laces

have arrived just in time for your spring sewing, Exquisite effects in Valenciennes, and the popular Torchons,—wonderful values in embroideries. 1912 promises to be a banner year in this line of goods. — Come in and see them —

S. F. MORLOCK

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In Fur and Heavy Goods

These Must Be Cleared Out before Taking Stock

Men's Fur and Fur-Lined Coats, regular \$22, \$35 and \$52, for \$17.79, \$27.00 and \$46.89

Men's Fur Gauntlets and Heavy Mitts Special prices in all lines

Ladies' Fur Coats, regular \$37 for \$31.69

Men's Heavy Woollen Top Shirts, our regular price \$1.25, for 89c.

J. & J. HUNTER