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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Esteemed Durham Couple Quietly Celebrated Anniversary of Half Century of Married Life.

Mr. and Mrs. Zenus Clark celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day on the 27th of February, and in honor of the event a number of the members of the Baptist church assembled at the home to wish them much happiness and give expression to their kindly feelings. The marriage took place in Arthur village in the year 1874 in the Methodist parsonage, where the solemn vows were administered by Rev. Mr. Phillips.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Clark came at once to Durham, where Mr. Clark was engaged in the flour mill, now owned by Mr. J. McGowan. They resided here for ten years and then went to Varney, where the next twenty-five years were spent. Fifteen years ago they returned to Durham, where they remained up to the present. The union resulted in a family of four children: William and Florence (Mrs. B. Saunders), in town, Arthur, in Toronto, and Bessie, deceased.

The address given below was read by Mrs. T. McComb and at the proper time Mrs. Clark was presented with a handsome tea set and Mr. Clark with an individual soup set. Though taken by surprise, Mr. and Mrs. Clark made suitable replies, after which kind words were spoken of the worthy couple by Mrs. C. Brown and Mr. T. McComb. The remainder of the evening was spent in social chit chat, and participating in a dainty lunch. The address, which was signed by Mrs. C. Brown, President, and Miss Julia McLean, Secretary of the Ladies' Aid, follows:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clark.—We, the members of the Durham Baptist Church Mission Circle and Ladies' Aid have learned that this 27th day of February is the 50th anniversary of your wedding day and we have taken the opportunity to spend the evening with you in Christian fellowship, and to express the appreciation of the work you have done in the Master's Vineyard. If we look back to the early days we find you amongst the church workers. You have borne your crosses in joys and sorrows, in sunshine and in shadow, and always with true Christian patience. Through all the ups and downs of life you have ever stood on the side of truth and righteousness. Your good counsel has been a guide to many of us.

"You, Mr. Clark, will be remembered as an instrument in God's hands in leading many of us to the Saviour, and our hope is that you may be long spared to carry on the good work you began so many years ago; and you, Mrs. Clark, have always been an inspiration to the Ladies' Aid and Mission Circle. You have performed your work faithfully and we hope and pray you may be long spared as a faithful follower of Him who has done so much for us.

"We ask you to accept these small tokens of appreciation, not for what you have done for us, but for what you have been to us by the example shown in your good Christian lives. It is our sincere wish that you may be spared to see many returns of your wedding day."

COLLECTIVISM IS TOPIC FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MEN'S CLASS

A Study of Many Subjects Necessary to Understand This Subject.

Last Sunday the fellows discussed the meaning, virtues, and failings of Capitalism, and then decided they would like to discuss next Sunday "Collectivism" as opposed to Capitalism.

This will necessitate a study of communism, guild socialism, nationalization of industry and the various co-operative movements.

These theories are all being put in practice now and we have practical experience of the meaning and possibilities of some of them.

IMPORTANT LANDS DEALS MADE YESTERDAY IN GLENELG

A couple of important land transfers were made in Glenelg yesterday. Mr. Charles McClocklin has purchased the Alf. O'Neil farm, and Mr. O'Neil has purchased the John McVicar farm.

Both these farms are well-known Glenelg properties, the former being situated adjoining the Township Hall and the latter near St. John's church.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR YEAR

An adjourned meeting of the Durham Horticultural Society was held in the Library on February 23, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie; First Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Smith; Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. Thos. Petty; Secretary, D. Leith; Treasurer Mrs. T. Brown. The Directors of two years are: Dr. Smith, Robert Macfarlane, Mrs. McIlraith, Mrs. Ramage and Mrs. Henderson, Directors for one year—Mrs. George McKechnie, Mrs. Sherk, Mrs. D. McAuliffe, Mrs. W. Lawson, Mrs. S. Ritchie.

We understand this society has been discouraged at times lately at the lack of interest of the citizens as a whole in its welfare. Surely a society that has solely as its aim the beautifying of the surroundings of our homes should not be allowed to cease its existence because of the struggle to keep up the membership. Instead of having 50 or so members, which is required for the Government grant, we should have at least 150 in a town of this size.

The membership fee is one dollar a year and for this dollar each one who pays it gets at once full value for it in trees, shrubs, vines, plants or seeds.

The premium lists are now ready and can be secured on application to any of the officers or board of directors. Join up now and get the best of what the nurseries have to offer. Let the slogan for 1924 be "Every Householder a member of the Horticultural Society."

GEORGE NEWELL CLAIMS LARGEST LOAD OF LOGS

Brought 1,330 Feet Into Local Yard on Monday of This Week.

Mr. George Newell claims the honor of bringing the largest load of logs of the season into the yard of the Durham Furniture Company. It was delivered on Monday and scaled 1,330 feet. This is just 150 feet more than Bill Vessie brought in a couple of weeks ago and is a record for 1924.

Since The Chronicle published the news of Vessie's big load, The Owen Sound Sun-Times has been telling about some loads of nearly 2,000 feet going into the Scenic City this winter, and ends up a few days ago with an account of someone pulling in over 5,000 feet 27 years ago.

The loads of both Vessie and Newell, however, were soft elm, which weigh heavy, and were taken over ordinary country roads.

Monday's record, however, contains a little further history that may be of interest to our readers. The tree from which the Newell load was taken was cut on the farm of Walter Ball, on the second of Glenelg. The tree, an elm, was four feet across on the stump and fourteen logs were cut from it in all, as follows: From the main tree he cut three logs 12 feet long and one 10 feet long, and from the top he cut two logs 12 feet long, four logs 10 feet long and four logs 8 feet long.

Nowadays, a tree from which you can get three 12-foot and one 10-foot logs before reaching the first limb, may be rated as big ones in this country.

Last week our Traverston correspondent told of a Washington State tree which his brother had helped fell containing 25,000 feet of lumber. A day or so afterwards we read of a big Redwood tree being cut in California that was over 70 feet in circumference, 300 feet high, and contained upwards of a quarter of a million feet of lumber. These stories may seem hard to believe, but they are true, nevertheless.

NARROW ESCAPE YESTERDAY WHEN FELLING TREE

While engaged in felling a tree yesterday afternoon about 5.30 in his bush near Dornoch, Mr. Charles Mortley had a narrow escape when swiped by a big limb as the tree fell to the ground. Mr. Mortley and son Bob were working together at the time and we understand that the tree lodged against another. It was while trimming it up that the tree slipped off the other tree and fell, striking Mr. Mortley on top of the head and knocking him out for a time. While the victim is rather inclined to make light of it, it was a close call, and while he was able to come to Durham last night and get the wound dressed, it took several stitches to dress it up properly.

TOWN COUNCIL MET DID LITTLE BUSINESS

Meeting of Town Fathers Marked by Brilliant Oratory From All Sides.

While an account of the meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening might make good reading, the session was devoid of very much business and wound up with a deluge of words between Reeve Calder and the rest of the members. This was over the payment of an extra bill charged to the town amounting to around \$5.00 in connection with the recent McManney affair. The majority of the Council are in favor of paying the bill and getting done with it, but Reeve Calder objects to seeing his two friends, W. Laidlaw and H. A. Falconer getting so much money without a struggle. A history of the transaction was given in a recent account of town council procedure, and a repetition is not even interesting.

Mrs. J. H. Sherk, was the spokesman (or was it woman?) of a deputation from the Women's Institute asking that some means be taken to get the children off the streets at night at a reasonable hour. She also took up the matter of cigarettes to minors and also minors being allowed in the local pool rooms. The decision of the Council was that the constable be instructed to look after the matter and use his own judgment. As for the loitering of minors in pool-rooms, the Council said that the penalty for that was severe, and that any infractions would be dealt with. However, the Council was not prepared to admit that minors were allowed to loaf in the pool-rooms. Both the Reeve and Councillor Murdoch stated they had no knowledge, nor had they seen, any of the offences complained of.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. D. McKelvie and A. S. Hastie appeared before the Council asking that the cigarette license be reduced, and also that a reduction be made in the license for pool-rooms. Mr. McKelvie as spokesman showed what the licenses for similar institutions were in other towns. The Council reduced the cigarette license to \$25, but as it could be easily determined, the majority of the Council were not in favor of a reduction in the pool-room license, and the matter was not pressed further.

Both Councillors Bell and McFadden, spoke of the dog nuisance, and said that the recent by-law prohibiting dogs running at large should be either enforced or annulled. Councillor McFadden said he was receiving complaints every day about dogs running at large. Councillor Bell said that something should be done. Either the dog by-law should be enforced or the merchants required to take their goods in off the sidewalks out of range. Nothing was done Monday night, but it is more than likely it will come up again at the next session of the town fathers if dog-owners are not prepared to at least go half way in abating this nuisance. Citizens, and not all of them dog-haters, either, are complaining.

Quite a lot of oratory was used in getting the pros and cons of the old market building and fire hall. The firemen requested it for an office and the hydro wanted it for a store-room and office. They were willing to fix it up and pay the town a small rental for the use of it. The Council decided they would let the hydro have it at a rental of \$5.00 a year. The passing of the usual batch of accounts by the Finance Committee, and a varied assortment of opinions on everything from the matter of the Bell Telephone Company erecting poles down Bruce street to placing the fire engine on runners was discussed.

The Council adjourned about 11 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR CONCERT

Under auspices of Durham Presbyterian Choir, 40 performers will present the Indian Operetta "Pocahontas," on Friday evening, March 14. The choir are spending much time in the preparation of this play and the costumes, music and plot are such that they feel confident that it will be a night worth seeing and hearing. The play is historical and dates back to 1608 when the Indian tribes roamed the land. Plan at McFadden's Drug Store.

Chinese general baptized 1,100 soldiers to celebrate his wedding. The soldiers hope he never gets a divorce.—Peterboro Examiner.

LAST NIGHT'S CARNIVAL WAS POORLY ATTENDED

Crowd Was Slim and Maskers Few, and Rink Will Lose Money On It.

The masquerade carnival in the rink last night drew the poorest house, we think, in even the remembrance of the oldest inhabitant. Several features, of course, helped to keep the attendance down. The weather for the past couple of days has been too mild, there were a good many counter attractions such as house-parties, and, too, it was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

That as it may, though, the principal thing from the standpoint of the rink management is that the receipts will barely, if at all, pay the expense of the prizes, band and advertising.

While there were some good costumes on the ice, they were few, and in a good many cases they did not enter for prizes. Possibly the best costume seen on local ice in years was on display last night when a masker, name unknown to us, appeared in a Western cowboy parade suit, hat, coat, pants, and all made of buckskin.

There were some good events, too. The farmer boys' race was a real one and caused a whole lot of fun. There were several entrants and the winner, Lorne Mountain, won out. The race has demonstrated one thing and that is that the farm boys will enter any event cast for them and it is more than likely the race last night will be continued at future carnivals in the rink here.

The chair race, too, caused heaps of merriment. This race was run on chairs. The contestant had to sit on a chair, with his hands on the back, and in this position propel himself around the rink with his skates. It was a whole lot harder than it appeared on the surface, as some of the contestants found out. Sherwood Rowe won this event.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

- Fancy Costume—Lady—Mrs. W.R. McGowan; Gent—Graydon Moorhead; Girl—Lizzie Hind; Boy—Eric Clark.
- Comic—Lady—Mrs. Moorhead; Gent—W. Prev; Girl—Norma Gagnon; Boy—George Hahn.
- Mechanical Trades—H. Cross.
- Open Race—C. Buschlen; Boys' under 14—Freddie Vollett; Farmers' Race—Lorne Mountain; Chair Race—Sherwood Rowe.
- Judges—Mrs. P. Gagnon, Miss A. Ramagay.

YEARS SIT LIGHTLY ON THIS WROXETER PIONEER

Mr. Thomas Henderson, 87, Visiting With Old Friends In Durham and Surrounding Townships.

We had a brief call Tuesday from Mr. Thomas Henderson, a resident of the vicinity of Wroxeter since 1845. He has long been a personal friend of Mr. Andrew Derby and other members and connections of the family and has been amongst them as a welcome guest and visitor for the past three weeks, but leaves shortly to return to his home in the village of Wroxeter, where he has lived since retiring from activities of the farm some four or five years ago.

Mr. Henderson is a Scotchman, and he makes no attempt at concealment. In fact, he pretends to like it. He was born in Dumfriesshire in 1837 and though in his 87th year he is quite young in spirits. He has a clear mind and his tongue is as free as in his boyhood. He is one of these young old men and carries a smile that won't come off. He's not a bad-looking old chap, and no person would imagine he would live so long and escape Cupid's dart. That he is a bachelor seems about the only thing he is shy in admitting. Yet he says he has fared well even if he has passed through life without being tied up to a woman.

He came to America in 1845 and for some years lived in Pittsburg, where he was a school-mate of Andrew Carnegie, but Andy beat him out in the chase for gold. Andy is dead, he died rich; and "Tom" looks like a man who might outlive Methuselah. He's well off, too, and though he hasn't as much of the filthy lucre as Andy died possessed of, we'll bet a dollar against a doughnut he's as happy as ever Andy was. Though third of a family of eight, he is the only survivor. He has good eyesight and can hear like an eavesdropper.

It always gives us pleasure to meet a cheerful old man and we certainly enjoyed his brief visit.

APPEAL IS MADE FOR STARVING SCOTSMEN

Blight and Failure of Crops Causing Untold Distress in Scottish Highlands.—Assistance Sought.

The following letter from the Lord Mayor of London, appealing for help for starving Scotland is self-explanatory. The plight of Scotsmen in the Old Land will no doubt find ready response from their descendants here. The Chronicle is prepared to accept donations which will be duly forwarded and credit given in our columns, or donations may be sent in as requested in the following appeal:

The population of the Hebrides, who have been suffering for some time a distress unparalleled for severity in the memory of the present generation, are now approaching the climax of their ordeal. It is generally recognised that the next two or three months will be the most trying time of their cruel experience. Their supply of home-produced foodstuffs will be completely exhausted in many households, especially in Lewis, the Western Isles, and parts of the mainland, in the course of a few weeks, and they will be driven to depend in increasing degree upon the charitable funds which are being raised for their relief. Their plight is already very acute and threatens to become desperate. Families are having to subsist to-day almost entirely on bare meal scones and tea or cocoa, and so economical have they to be in the use of that limited fare that children are obviously suffering from inadequate nourishment. School masters out of sympathy with the pupils under their care, have been organizing mid-day meals for school children from funds raised by public subscription. So dire is the poverty that parents are at their wit's end to provide sustenance for their little ones, and many pathetic stories are told of normally proud, self-reliant islanders appealing in tears for succour to keep away starvation from the domestic circle. Relief is being provided, but it is not at all commensurate to the need and will be less so in another month unless the assistance is increased in measure and speeded up in application.

It is estimated that at least \$25,000 will be required for Lewis alone in eleemosynary aid, apart from the relief afforded by the promotion of road-making work by Government departments, in order to tide the Lewis community over the period of distress. Relief funds have been set on foot by both the Lord Lieutenants of Rosshire, Invernesshire and by the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and fairly generous support is being given in response to these appeals, but the need is so great that some accentuation is called for of the gravity of the position and the claim upon the country's benevolence of a community who have contributed in eminent degree to the service of the nation and who are suffering now through no fault of their own, but simply as the victims of harsh economic conditions. The poverty which is being experienced to-day is due to the depression in the fishing industry, which is the staple resource of the Lewis islanders in earning money, and to the signal failure of the crops on the island caused by exceptionally bad weather. In a statement issued recently by the Meteorological Office in Edinburgh it was pointed out that the weather in the Hebrides last year was in certain respects the worst ever registered, rain falling five days out of six instead of a normal of four days, and the sunshine showing a great deficiency during the six months, May to October. The effect of the adverse weather on the crops is illustrated by a statement of the Board of Agriculture showing that in Lewis the yield per acre of oats was only 11 bushels in 1923, compared with an average yield in former years of over 20 bushels, and that the yield of potatoes was less than a ton per acre, whereas the average yield is four tons. In addition to this shortage of produce the lack of fuel, the wet weather having made it impossible to dry the peats which are commonly used. With reserves of peat running low, and with supplies of potatoes and meal almost exhausted, the islanders are confronted with a period of great privation. Many are already overtaken by it, and their number will be multiplied enormously in another month or so. Unless their fellow-

countrymen come to their aid quickly and generously the Hebridean population seems destined to endure in many cases the extremest hardship.

Contributions towards The Distress Fund are received and acknowledged at the Mansion House and will be forwarded to the recognised quarters for allocation.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL GIVES THANKS FOR DONATIONS

The Red Cross Hospital desires to express its thanks for recent donations. They acknowledge receipt this week of \$10.00 from Mr. Hugh McLaren of Toronto, \$10.00 from Mrs. John Burgess, Durham, and \$100.00 from the Women's Institute at Dro-more.

These are generous contributions for which there is sincere gratitude. The hospital is filling a long-felt want, doing excellent work, and even at this early period of its existence we are beginning to wonder how we did so long without it.

To keep it going needs funds, and we hope there may be many similar contributions from kind and generous givers.

TWO BIRTHDAYS IN EIGHT YEARS

Durham Boy Won Toronto World Cup Eight Years Ago by Being Born On the 29th of February.

Clarence Bailey Adlam, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Adlam, who have just moved to town from Bentinck township, was eight years old on the 29th of February, when he celebrated the second anniversary of his birthday. It will be remembered that the Toronto World eight years ago donated silver cups to all children born on that date and Clarence happened to come along at the right time and will cherish the cup in memory of his luck. Mr. and Mrs. Adlam and two children of a family on nine living arrived in town last week and are now residents here. We extend them a hearty welcome.

SERIOUSLY ILL IN HOSPITAL; SLIGHTLY IMPROVED THIS A.M.

Mrs. William Burnett In Hospital and Her Condition Causing Much Concern to Friends and Relatives.

Taken to the Durham Hospital last Sunday night, the condition of Mrs. William Burnett at 11 o'clock this morning is reported as slightly improved.

Mrs. Burnett, who has been a resident of Durham for only a few weeks was taken down with a cold on Saturday last, which rapidly developed into pneumonia, and she was removed to the hospital Sunday night. Since then she has been in state of coma more or less ever since, and even at time of writing not much hope is held out for her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have been here only a short time, coming after the purchase of the Hamilton Allen blacksmith business last December.

ZION METHODISTS ENDORSE O. T. A. RESOLUTION

The congregation of the Methodist church at Zion endorsed on Sunday last the resolution regarding the O. T. A. that was passed in the church here the previous Sunday and published in last week's issue.

TEMPERATURES FOR LAST WEEK

Thermometer readings made each morning at 8 a.m. and are for the preceding 24 hours. The following are the maximum-minimum temperatures for the week:

	Max.	Min.
Feb. 29	22	20
Mar. 1	27	18
2	27	19
3	33	21
4	34	32
5	34	30
6	29	27

The weather for the past week: Feb. 28—Dull, but fine, clearing toward noon with bright sun.

Feb. 29—Fine and clear in morning, dull afternoon and evening.

Mar. 1—Cloudy and dull, but fine.

Mar. 2—Dull and fine all day, but turning stormy towards evening.

Mar. 3—Cloudy in morning, clearing toward noon, becoming quite mild in evening and night.

Mar. 4—Dull and cloudy in morning, turning to rain afternoon and evening, with thunder and heavy rain during night.

Mar. 5—Colder towards morning, but still fine and mild.

Mar. 6—Cloudy, with not much change in temperature; recent soft spell considerably reduced the snow.

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