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ST. PAT'S SUPPER HELD ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Big Crowd On Hand to Take Part in the Supper and Listen to the Program.—A Pleasant Time Spent.

For years the young people of the Methodist church have been giving a banquet and program on or about St. Patrick's Day. It has become an annual affair and the excellence of all past efforts have made it an event to which many look forward with pleasing anticipation.

Following the custom, a well-attended dinner was given in the church basement on Tuesday night and we are safe in saying it was the equal, if not the superior, to any of its predecessors. These events are under the control and management of the young ladies of the church and they spare neither time nor energy to make it a very pleasing function. The ladies were attentive and courteous in the discharge of their duties and did their work expeditiously. The viands, furnished by the ladies of the congregation were the very best procurable and the tables were tempting and appetizing in their artistic arrangements. The room also was fittingly decorated for the day.

At the close of the festivities all repaired to the body of the church where an excellent musical program was provided. Rev. Mr. Peters was in the chair and proved himself efficient and tactful in conducting the program. After a few preliminary remarks, which he was careful to announce were not to be regarded as the chairman's address, he called on the orchestra, consisting of Mr. George Yiirs, violin, Messrs. Padfield and Huggill, band instruments, and Miss McCrae, accompanist, on the organ. During the evening they appeared three times and were rapturously cheered after each number.

Miss Wilma Smith rendered a couple of solos in her usual style, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDonald gave an instrumental on mandolin and guitar. The male quartet, composed of Messrs. McCrae, Sanders, Benson, and Glass contributed several numbers. Mr. Benson sang a solo and in response to a determined encore he delighted the writer and the audience with his excellent rendering of "Mother Macree".

Miss Wilda Pedlar gave a very pleasing solo and was loudly applauded. The chairman in his address, which came in about the middle of the program, gave an instructive sketch of the life of St. Patrick, who was born in Scotland but afterwards went to Ireland, where he introduced Christianity. In referring to the credit given him for banishing the snakes out of Ireland, he would not yield in Newfoundland, he said they had neither snakes nor potato bugs, though numerous in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The meeting closed with a selection by the orchestra, followed by the National Anthem.

C. C. DOUGLAS IMPROVING SAYS LATER REPORT

Former Durham Man Seriously Ill in Stratford Hospital, Now Has Chance For Recovery.

Durham friends will sympathize with Mr. C. C. Douglas and family in his serious illness. Mr. Douglas is at present confined in Stratford hospital, and while on Saturday last he was given up, he rallied Sunday and at the last report was at least holding his own.

Mr. Douglas' ailment dates back about eleven years, when he was poisoned by acetylene gas while trying to blow out the hose or pipes in the acetylene lighting system then in use on all cars. He was ill from this for a long time and while he had never fully recovered the effects of the poisoning, was able to be around and attend to his work.

Some months ago Mr. Douglas located in Durham, opening a jewelry repair shop. A few weeks ago he left to take a position at Kitchener but had scarcely started in to work when seized with his present illness. For two weeks he was confined to the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearce at Stratford but was later removed to the hospital.

Mrs. Douglas, who still occupies their residence on Queen street, and daughter Dorothy, have been in the classic city since Mr. Douglas took ill and last week Mrs. E. W. Limin went down over the week-end, returning home on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. J. Douglas of Owen Sound, father, was notified on Saturday of his son's serious condition and left immediately for Stratford.

Friends here will sympathize with the stricken family and hope for the ultimate recovery of the patient.

ALEX. MCINTOSH, DORNOC, HAD RUNAWAY ON MONDAY

Aged Resident of Northern Village Hung On To Steed Frightened by C. P. R. Freight Train.

Mr. Alex. McIntosh of Dornoch, an old gentleman 84 years of age was the central figure in a runaway here on Monday and was lucky enough to escape injury.

Mr. McIntosh was driving along Garafaxa street in the neighborhood of the C. P. R. crossing at the foot of the hill when a young colt he was driving took fright at a passing freight and bolted.

Mr. McIntosh pluckily held to the reins and no serious damage, except to the cutter and harness, occurred.

DURHAM BEAT MT. FOREST IN FAST EXHIBITION GAME

Game Tied Up Several Times, But Locals Emerge With 8-7 Victory.

The best exhibition game this winter, and a whole lot better than some of the league stuff played here was the general verdict of a small (emphasis on the small) crowd of spectators who witnessed the argument between Mount Forest and Durham High school teams. The name, however, was a misnomer. Durham had intended playing a strictly High school team, but when the Mount Foresters appeared with some older players on the team, Elvidge and McGirr were placed on the local line-up to strengthen the Durham youngsters. And it is a good thing that this was done, for the Mount Foresters gave them battle over every inch of the going and the locals had to work hard to hold off defeat.

On the play, the visitors were a whole lot better team than the regular league team that played here this winter, but we are told that not a man on the line-up Tuesday was on the Northern League six.

The game commenced about 8.30 and for the first ten minutes was featured by end-to-end rushes, with no damage done, and both sides getting a share of the play. Durham's first goal was scored by Vollett on a pass from Lauder, who carried the puck down the left wing and shot it over to Vollett to score. Vollett missed another one shortly after, and McGirr shot in a hot one from centre ice that was neatly cleared by the Mount Forest goalie. Durham's second counter was also scored by Vollett from a face-off at left wing near the Mt. Forest goal. After the face-off, the puck was carried into the corner, but Vollett recovered and worked his way through McGirr to be banished for a trip in front of the Durham goal, in which he saved what looked like a sure counter for the visitors.

In the initial period Mt. Forest scored one goal, and the period ended with the locals pressing hard.

The second period opened as fast as the first. In this session, Durham outscored the visitors 4 to 3, and both teams played hockey all the way. This period ended with the score standing 6 to 4, and when the third period started not long in tying it up. First it was 6-6, then 7-7, but within two minutes to go Lauder got the winner for Durham on a pass from Elvidge.

The teams:
Mt. Forest.—Goal, Young; defence, Campbell and McNamara; centre, H. Ellis; wings, W. Edis and Allen; sub, Morrison.
Durham.—Goal, Snell; defence, McGirr and Kress; centre, Vollett; wings, Lauder and Elvidge; subs, Kearney, J. Elvidge, Wilson.

HANOVER HERE TO-NIGHT

To-night, the fast Hanover juniors play the locals here and a great game is looked for. Playing City League hockey all season, the Hanover youngsters are full of pep and can skate and play hockey for the whole 60 minutes. The locals will have to extend themselves a lot to beat these fellows, and the public is bound to see a good clash when these flashy juniors meet.

EDGE HILL AND NORMANBY DEBATE IS POSTPONED

"Home-and-Home" Debates, March 28 and April 4.

The semi-final debate between the Edge Hill and Normanby No. 7 teams which was to have been held to-morrow night and on March 28, has been postponed to March 29 and April 4. The debate next week will be held in Normanby, while the return will be held in the Edge Hill school a month later.

These two teams are good ones, and it seems too bad that some more suitable place could not be found to hold the oratorical contest than the ordinary school-house, where the accommodation at best is not at all adequate. Providing they were sure of gaining admission, this popular winter pastime would draw a big crowd.

THE MEN'S CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

There has been much discussion as to the possibility of a second chance of salvation after death, or whether there is an intermediate state. It is important to know just what the New Testament has to say about the future. So next Sunday afternoon we will discuss "Future Probation."

We feel sure that very many will be keenly interested in this question.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM BAD ATTACK OF CROUP

Mrs. (Dr.) Burnett of Burlington, who has been waiting on her father, Mr. Adam Robertson, had a bad scare on Sunday last when her seven-year-old son had a severe attack of croup. For a time it was feared the child would choke, and the doctor was sent for immediately. The frightened mother and relatives rejoiced over his recovery and his restoration to usual health in a few hours.

WILL OCCUPY BAPTIST PULPIT

Rev. Dr. Brown, of McMaster University, who preached the anniversary services in the Baptist church here recently, will again occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

LOST IN FRANCE; FOUND IN DURHAM

Alex. Graham Had Curious Experience Monday, Recalling Old Times on Battlefields in France.

It's a long way from here to France, and then again it isn't. That the world is not so big after all was forcibly brought home to Mr. Alex. Graham of this place last Monday, when a water-bottle holder, lost by him at Passchendaele, was placed in his hand here, and is now in his possession, a treasured keepsake.

Some time ago Mr. C. P. Kinnee, harnessmaker here, and brother-in-law to Mr. Graham, purchased a job lot of Government leather supplies, consisting of these water-bottle holders and such like. He got them at a right price, and being Government stores they were of the best material that money could buy. Mr. Kinnee bought them more for the snaps that were on them than for anything else.

On Monday, while cutting some of them up, he noticed the name of "A. Graham" written on one of the straps and shortly afterward when Mr. Graham was passing he called him in and showed him the holder. Mr. Graham was not long in recognizing it as his, he having lost it at the battle of Passchendaele on Nov. 6, 1917, when he was wounded. It is quite needless to state that the memento of former days in France is now in a safe place where it will never again stray far from home.

CROKINOLE LAST MONDAY IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Young People Spent Pleasant Evening on St. Patrick's Night.

While it is doubtful if even the good St. Patrick ever knocked his finger-nails galley west playing the elusive game of crokinole, this fact detracted none from the enjoyment of the young people of the Presbyterian congregation who celebrated the "Sixteenth of Ould Oireland" in the school-room of the church last Monday evening.

The crokinole played was of the "progressive" variety, though right here it must be understood that while a considerable racket pervaded the whole event, it had nothing whatever to do with the party represented by the girl in the old serge skirt. It was Progressive Crokinole, not Progressive Politics. The game over, and after finger-nails had been doctored up and the score slips compared, it was found that Miss Winnie Blyth and Mr. Kenneth Kerr, both of Varney, held the highest batting averages in their respective classes, while the prizes for being the worst players in the tournament went to Miss Jean Moriack and Mr. Edward Kearney.

The crokinole over, a program was given, in which the following appeared: Piano instrumental, by Miss Mary McKechnie; reading, by Miss Esther Firth; a violin instrumental, by Mrs. Clifford Howell; a reading by Master Eben Cameron and an instrumental by Miss Bessie Smith.

Following the program was a real old Irish supper, enjoyed by all.

CLARK METALS EMPLOYEE LOST FINGER YESTERDAY

Crushed In Press and Had To Be Amputated.

Miss Eliza Caldwell, daughter of Mrs. Charles Caldwell, had the misfortune to have the index finger of her left hand so badly crushed in a press yesterday morning that it was found necessary to have it amputated. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock in the morning and the patient was rushed to Dr. D. B. Jamieson, who performed the operation.

TWO ELK COMING FOR JAMIESON ZOO

Two From Farm of Sir Henry Pellatt Expected Here This Week.

Dr. Jamieson is still greatly interested in his wild animal farm at Wilder's Lake and this week two elk from the farm of Sir Henry Pellatt, near Toronto, are expected to arrive and augment the collection already there.

The western bison have wintered well, and so have the deer, and with the approach of spring, a large number of English pheasants will be turned loose and allowed to breed.

We understand Dr. Jamieson intends enlarging his wild animal enclosure next spring so that the additions made will not crowd the animals too much.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Arch. Hunter of Hanover, who has been an inmate of the hospital here for some time, where he is being treated for some internal trouble, was operated on last week by Dr. D. B. Jamieson with the hope of relieving his condition.

Mr. Roy Matthews, operated on last week for appendicitis, is doing nicely and will be able to be around again in a week or two.

Dr. C. McLeelan of Holstein had a couple of patients up to the hospital last week for minor operations.

The Chesley Presbyterian congregation of 639 members passed a strong resolution against submitting a plebiscite on the temperance question.

EGREMONT LADY WAS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. John Weir, Passed Away at Her Home in Egremont Township on Sunday Afternoon.

It is our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. John Weir at her home on Sunday afternoon. She was sick just one week with pneumonia, and in spite of the family, doctor and nurse, her heart was not strong enough for the severe test and she passed peacefully away surrounded by her husband and family.

Mrs. Weir's maiden name was Agnes Binnie. She was born in Scotland in 1859 and came with her parents to Egremont when she was a year old. In 1886 she married Mr. John Weir and they have had continuously on the farm in North Egremont, where she lived happily and usefully in health, happiness and usefulness. Here she raised her family, and here she would like to have stayed a while longer, but it was not to be.

Mrs. Weir was a woman of the best Christian character and qualities and was beloved and respected by all who knew her, both old and young. She was a member of Priceville Presbyterian church and took an active interest in every good work in the community. She will be very much missed by her friends and neighbors, and most of all by her lonely husband and family, in whose memory she will ever live. She had three sons and three daughters: Belle, in Toronto; Will in Jersey City, N. J.; Bessie (Mrs. Edgar Ritchie), at home, and Jim and Tom, and Jean (Mrs. Clarence Harrison), near Priceville. There are also six little grandchildren who were all present at the old home except Will, who was unable to come.

Three brothers and three sisters, also mourn her death: Mr. George Binnie, Glenelg; Mr. Thomas Binnie, in British Columbia; Rev. James Binnie, Parry Sound; and Mrs. W.L. Dixon, Egremont; Mrs. Thomas McGirr, Durham; and Mrs. John Edge, Glenelg. A sister, Mrs. Dan Edge, and brother, Mr. Alex. Binnie, predeceased her some years.

The funeral was held yesterday at one o'clock in McNeill's cemetery, Egremont, and was very largely attended. The services at the house and grave were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Curran of Priceville, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Burnett of Dromore and her brother, Rev. Mr. Binnie of Parry Sound. Rev. Mr. Binnie read the scripture, and the Rev. Mr. Curran preached the sermon from the text Matt. 24:44, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Rev. Mr. Burnett closed with prayer. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Thomas Nichol and Colin McLean, representing Priceville Presbyterian church; George Hargrave and John Calder, near neighbors; and Thomas Bell and Joseph Dixon, nephews of the deceased.

They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind,
In those whom they have blessed
They live a life again.

SCARLET FEVER FATAL TO GLENELG CHILD

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Beaton Died on Tuesday.

A sad death occurred in Glenelg on Tuesday of this week when Florence, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Beaton, passed away after a short illness with scarlet fever. The child was also a sufferer from chronic Bright's disease, and this made a complication that the little sufferer was not strong enough to combat successfully.

Interment was made in Durham cemetery yesterday, the funeral, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Taylor of the Baptist church, being taken by Rev. Mr. Smith of this place.

We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Beaton in their loss.

SOLD PROPERTY EAST OF TOWN; MOVES SHORTLY TO ALLAN PARK

Mr. Archie Park Disposed of Property Last Week and Is Holding Sale on the 29th of March.

Mr. Archie Park sold his house and property, consisting of 27 acres, just east of town, to Mr. Gordon Geddes of Egremont and gives up possession about the middle of April. Mr. Park will sell his effects by auction on the 29th inst. as advertised in this issue, and will move to Allan Park, where he recently purchased a house and lot from Mr. Richard Hopkins.

HYDRO BILLS INTRODUCED

In the Legislature on Tuesday Sir Adam Beck introduced four Hydro bills that will be of local interest.

One proposes to co-ordinate the Severn, Wasdell, Muskoka and Egan systems into one general system. Another bill makes provision for municipalities to collect hydro light bills through the ordinary municipal tax collection channels. A third bill is intended to deal with a situation that arose in this county when the hydro brought an action to collect \$2,764 for expenses on the removal of poles, and it was contended that the hydro had no authority to have their poles on the highway.

The American Bison As He Is To-day

By WILLIAM T. HORNADAY, in "The Youth's Companion."

"POCAHONTAS" GREETED WITH PACKED HOUSE

Presbyterian Choir Made Hit In Rendering Famous Operetta.

"One of the best things seen in Durham in years" must be said of the comic operetta, "Pocahontas," presented in the Town Hall last Friday night to a packed house. There is at least one thing, "Pocahontas" is a play that there is "something in," especially to those who have any interest in the dramatization of some of these old historical and folk-lore stories of the days of long ago.

From the first minute to the last, we think the big audience enjoyed every minute of the operetta, and, besides exceptionally good characterization of parts, the costumes were good and in most cases true to the period of the time they were intended to represent. The operetta, while generally true to historical facts, has quite a lot of modern humor running through, some of it so ludicrous that the audience is always on the qui vive to get what's coming next.

The part of "Pocahontas" was taken by Miss Vaddie Caldwell in her usual acceptable manner, while the portrayal of the character, Powhatan, her father, was excellently portrayed by Mr. Thomas V. Bell. Other leading characters were: John Rolfe, the English lover of Pocahontas, Peter Ramage; John Smith, a friend of Rolfe, George Bell; Ah-Hum, an Indian Medicine Man; Usher at Queen's Court, John McKechnie; Ah-Moek, mother-in-law of Powhatan; Lady Bird, Mrs. T. M. McFadden; Wah-Tay-See, Miss Winnie Blyth; Queen Anne, Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder.

The parts of Indian Maidens were taken by Misses Florence Kerr, Jessie Bell, Sadie MacDonald, Norah Barr, Beulah Stonehouse, Esther McCoombe. The Indian Braves were: Clarence Robinson, Walter Kerr, Kenneth Kerr, William Vollett, Harold McFadden, Eddie McQueen, Ladies of the Court: Mrs. D. B. Jamieson, Mrs. T. M. McFadden, Mrs. G. S. Kearney, Mrs. (Rev.) Smith, Miss Annie Macdonald, Yeomen of the Guard: T. M. McFadden, A. G. McCoombe, John McGirr, Stewart McCoombe, Harold McKechnie.

The Queen's Pages were Marjory Noble and Jack Lauder, while the Queen's attendants were Bonnie Grant, Louise Jamieson, Mary Pickering, Elsie Hunter, Jim Henderson, Norman McIntyre, Laddie Grant and Don Croft.

Miss Margaret Hunter was the accompanist for the evening. To say that the audience was delighted with the operetta would be indeed putting it mildly. They were more than delighted. All seemed to fit well into their parts, though if we were to choose, we would have to pick Mr. Thomas Bell, Miss Alice Ramage and Mr. Martin Lauder as those having the most to do, and doing it well. Miss Ramage especially, had a hard part to carry, and to a considerable extent her portrayal of the mother-in-law of Powhatan was the success or failure of the play.

The work of the smaller performers too, was good, showing careful training in each and every movement of the Queen's attendants. Never since "The Nautical Knot" some years ago has anything of the magnitude of Pocahontas been attempted by local talent, and the choir, performers and congregation generally of the Presbyterian church are to be congratulated on the talent displayed by their musical organization.

THANK YOU

We are pleased with the prompt response from many to whom subscription accounts were sent recently. There are some, however, who have allowed the matter to slip their memories and we hope this will serve as a reminder and prompt immediate action. In most cases it is simply a matter of neglect, in fact, many have told us so. It is now our shall we do so willingly, but we have completed arrangements to have accounts placed in other hands for collection, when additional costs will be incurred. We prefer direct settlement and urge all interested to let us hear from them at once.

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:

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The weather for past week:

- March 13.—Fine and clear all day.
- Mar. 14.—Cold and dull.
- Mar. 15.—Clear and sunny.
- Mar. 16.—Clear, with bright sun, but raw wind; thawing in sun.
- Mar. 17.—Bright and fine all day, turning cloudy at night; warm in sun, but cool breeze blowing.
- Mar. 18.—Fine, clear and sunny.
- Mar. 19.—Slight snow falling at 8 a.m. with sky overcast all day.
- Mar. 20.—Bright, sunny and warm.

We are asked to put the American bison on the map as he is to-day. In the first place we are at last able to say that as a species that great beast is no longer in danger of extermination by man or beasts or by the elements that make for the destruction of wild animals. The men of the United States and Canada have, as effectively as was possible to them, atoned for the wicked slaughter that shocked the world from 1870 to 1884,—the period of organized extermination,—and that has kept it shocked ever since that bloody time. It was the wanton wastefulness of it all that struck people as particularly wicked and horrible.

In 1908, when we were laying siege to Congress for the creation of the Montana National Bison Range, at an initial cost of forty thousand dollars for land and a fence, at a very critical moment the conference committee of the House (in opposition) asked me doubtfully, "Will these proposed national buffalo herds yield any practical or economic benefits to the people of the United States?"

I replied with emphasis, "No, they will not. Their value will be wholly sentimental. They will represent the very least that we can do to atone for some of our sins against the bison millions of the past."

"Well," said the chairman after a short pause, "that is all right." And the bill passed.

Whenever a wild-animal species is at the point of extermination and disappears its ability or inability to multiply and thrive in captivity becomes a matter of life or death for that species. The species that is ignorant and foolish, that is too fussy about its food and water and too nervous about its neighbors, is doomed to go down and out. We cannot coax or compel the wonderful prong-horned antelope to live, breed and mature in captivity, and so that species is likely to become extinct within fifty years from this date or less. The outlook is both discouraging and exasperating.

But the great American bison is different. He is an animal of steady nerves, serene temper, good appetite and persistent habits. Although occasionally he fights and kills some other bison, or at long intervals a man, he flourishes mightily in captivity and believes in the survival of the fittest. In fact in comfortable captivity he breeds with wonderful persistence; and in the big national ranges wherein he roams and lives as a wild animal, inbreeding has no bad effect upon him whatever. It is the domestic animals that suffer so much from inbreeding, by transmitting their weaknesses and diseases.

In 1887 the American bison species was at its lowest ebb, actually at the door of oblivion and ready to enter. Of the three and a half millions that were alive in the United States in 1870 there remained only two bands consisting of two hundred in the Texas Panhandle, and two hundred and fifty in the Yellowstone Park forests, at an elevation of seven thousand feet. In all Canada not one wild bison remained except some five hundred and fifty head in the wild and uninhabited region south-west of Great Slave Lake.

All the bison of the Texas Panhandle except a few caught alive by "Buffalo" Jones were killed for their hides before 1890. In the Yellowstone Park, which had increased by 1890 to nearly three hundred head, all except about thirty were slaughtered by rascally poachers for their skins and heads. There were two hundred and fifty-six bison in captivity, for breeding and exhibition, and these with five hundred and eighty in a wild state represented the entire remaining stock. The grand total was only eight hundred and eighty-two head. The Canadian remnant was in constant danger of extinction by wolves and Indians, and few persons believed that any members of it would long survive.

A BLACKFOOT LOVE STORY

At this point we come to the history that tells us how the American bison was saved. I will begin with the strange story of a love story. To-day the greatest herd of bison in the world is the Canadian national herd at Wainwright, Alberta, where about seven thousand, four hundred and eighty-nine head are kept in a huge buffalo park of one hundred and sixty square miles under fence. That great herd was founded away back in the seventies on the love of a young Flathead Indian named Coyote for a Blackfoot Indian girl.

Coyote was an enterprising chap, and in a certain springtime he decided to make the journey from the Flathead country to the Blackfoot reservation, east of the Rockies, and pay a visit. On that reservation he fell in love with a Blackfoot maiden, and she fell in love with him. They were married; and then Coyote began to remember things. Finally he remembered that he had a wife back home, that it was against Flathead law to marry out of his tribe, and that it was against the law of the Jesuit fathers of the St. Ignatius Mission for him to have more than one wife.

Now in that glorious springtime the Blackfoot Indians were gayly careering over the buffalo plains of the Cut Bank and the Milk River country, killing buffaloes on their summer range, drying meat and curing hides. Sandy-haired buffalo calves were plentiful and cheap. In the midst of Coyote's dilemma Mrs. (Continued on page 5.)