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WISHING OUR READERS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

NOMINATION DAY PASSED OFF QUIETLY

Durham Council Gets Acclamation.—Elections To Be Held in Bentinck, Egremont, Glenelg and Normanby.

Nomination Day, generally speaking, passed off without any great amount of excitement in town and the four townships surrounding.

In Durham the nominations were held in the town hall from 7.30 p.m. and short addresses delivered by the retiring Mayor, Dr. J. L. Smith, and the nominees. Dr. Smith reviewed the town's municipal record briefly, referred to the fact that all our factories were working on full time, and expressed the opinion that it was a good thing to train young men for the higher council positions instead of allowing the older citizens to monopolize them.

Short addresses were also given by J. N. Murdock, Allan Bell, Thomas Allan, W. J. McFadden and O. S. Hunter. Mr. John Snell was chairman.

The financial report of the town was given by Reeve Calder, who stated that a rate of 55 to 60 mills would be needed this year to clean up a lot of the town's outstanding debts. Out of the whole 55 mills, the Council had control of only 13.9 mills, and if the tax rate was to be lowered, all street improvements and upkeep, the band grant, and grants to the fire brigade would have to be curtailed or cut off altogether. He did not think the citizens would desire this.

The only fireworks of the evening was between Councillor Bell and Reeve Calder but was of such a nature that general publicity would be of no benefit and might possibly give inconvenience or worse in certain quarters.

Councillor Hunter, in our opinion, gave the address of the evening, with sound and sane advice to the citizens generally to get together, help out our industries and in every manner possible, work for the upbuilding and general prosperity of the town. While there were many nominations, only eight qualified for the Council, but Messrs. George McKay and John McQueen later withdrew their names, and the remaining six whose names appear elsewhere with Mayor and Reeve, went in by acclamation.

The Bentinck nominations at Lamlash are reorted as quiet, and while there will be a run for the Council, Reeve D. J. McDonald and Deputy Reeve Grierson both go back by acclamation.

Reeve McDonald gave a good report of his stewardship during the past year, and explained many questions asked by the ratepayers present relating to township and county matters. He referred to such questions as the County grant of 25 per cent to money spent by urban centres on connecting links on County roads, the Provincial grant to townships, and also gave a lengthy explanation of the workings of the proposed new method of road building proposed by the Government in their scheme for the abolition of Statute Labor. Mr. McDonald showed that by voting to abolish Statute Labor, the township would receive about $2,000 in grant on the Government's 30 per cent basis.

Short Addresses were made by R. Grierson, C. Bailey, G. Magwood, J. Turnbull and H. W. Hunt, ex-Reeve.

In opening his address, Mr. Hunt thanked the people for their support in the past and stated that his belief in the economic administration of township and county affairs was his only reason for appearing before the nomination. He congratulated Mr. McDonald for the fine manner in which he had explained the Statute Labor abolition scheme, and then jumped into the fray. He was altogether opposed to increasing the County Clerk's salary, and showed that the township's balance on hand of $9,672 in 1921 had been reduced to $218 in 1924. He criticized the Bentinck Council for paying $150 yearly to the M. O. H. when Glenelg, a sister township, received the same service for $100. He criticized the manner in which a couple of charity cases had been handled last year, especially in one instance where the parties did not need assistance. Mr. Hunt criticized the postponement of the first County Council meeting this year because some of the members were not on hand. This had cost the Council $175 for nothing. The increase in the salary of the caretaker of the County Council rooms was another action entirely uncalled for, and not a protest had been made. Mr. Hunt placed himself on record as being in favor of the strictest economy in this period of tight money and serious business depression.

The speaker then referred to a rumor that had been going the rounds that he had said a Reeve was entitled to two terms. He said that if three men in the hall would say they had heard him make any such statement, he would drop out of the contest. As three of the ratepayers certified to this, he withdrew his candidacy for this year.

At the nominations in Glenelg, Egremont and Normanby, we are informed these passed off very quietly and nothing out of the ordinary took place.

AFFIRMATIVE WON IN MONDAY'S DEBATE

Rocky Saugeen. "Live Wires" Had Good Discussion and Received Report of Delegate to Farm Youths' Convention in Toronto.

The Rocky U.F.Y.P.O. "Live Wires" met in the Rocky school house Monday evening, December 29, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the "Maple Leaf" which was followed by business discussion and the popular community singing.

The chief feature of the evening was the debate, "Resolved that a country depends more upon its natural resources than upon its people for its development." The affirmative was ably taken by Charles Weppler and Joseph Crutchley while the negative was upheld by Kathleen Firth and Stewart McArthur. Misses Mary Lamb, Esther McLean and Hazel Young were appointed the judges. The debaters left the impression that a country has to have its people to develop its resources to make them of any benefit and that resources are necessary to sustain man's life and give him material to develop. Miss Mary Lamb in giving the judges' award, said it was difficult to make a decision, but the affirmative won by the most points though the negative had better delivery. Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, the critic, pointed out where the debaters were improving, and also points on which they can still improve. Miss Marion Ewen read the Gazette.

Mr. Harold McKechnie, delegate from the Rocky to the recent Farm Youth Convention, gave a splendid report. He furnished a good outline of the program given and brought back the messages sent out to the clubs by the speakers at the convention.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The next debate will be a league debate between the Rocky and No. 7, Normanby, and will be held at the Rocky school on Friday evening, January 16.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Varney Methodist Sunday School Presented Excellent Program of Song and Recitation.

The annual Varney Sunday School Christmas concert was held Christmas night in the Varney Methodist Church. Though the night was cold, the church was well filled. A bright program was presented, part of which had been held at the Varney school the preceding Friday and was well prepared under the expert instruction of the teacher, Miss Norah Barr.

The concert commenced with a chorus by the children. Mr. Campbell Grant was an excellent chairman in the absence of Rev. Mr. West, the pastor, who was unable to attend.

Recitations were given by Misses Velma Blyth, Marjorie Kerr, Dorothy Bogle, Tilly and Florence Byrans and Evelyn Grant, and Masters Douglas Grant, Caldwell Kerr, Elgin Blyth and Clemen. Patterson. A duet by Dorothy Bogle and Elgin Blyth was a taking number, and the singing of "Shall I Have It Bobbed or Shingled" was quite amusing. Seven little girls dressed at witches entertained with a drill, and the children gave a dialogue, "Counting One Hundred." A dialogue was also given, "An Unwelcome Visitor," by Arthur McCabe and Harold Grasby. "Chirstmas Letters" and "What Might Happen" were the titles of two other dialogues by the children in which Charlotte Patterson, Jessie Grant, Irene Grasby, May Noble and Landels Wilton took part. Miss Katie Kerr was heartily encored in her rendering of a solo. Misses Florence and Jeanette Kerr were well received in a duet. A dialogue, "Assisting Hezekiah," given by James Leeson, Wilbert Blyth and Marjorie Caldwell showed Hezekiah's efforts to propose and how he was assisted. Two pleasing exercises were presented by the school children.

"Christmas At Finnegan's Flat" was a dialogue in which Finnegan was anxious to give all the children in the flat a good Christmas. Though he only had thirty cents himself, he was well helped out by other tonants of the flat. This number was very well presented by Elmer Fee, Cecil Barber, William Bogle, Mansfield Leeson and Misses Margaret Leeson, Tacy McCabe, May Noble and Winnie Blyth and five children who took the parts of the children of Finnegan's flat.

The closing number was a pantomime, "Good Night," by four little girls during which Misses Florence and Jeanette Kerr sang "Silent Night" which made a very fitting closing to the excellent program. Each child was remembered with a Christmas gift.

Nothing Personal in This

"Clarence," she called. He stopped the car and looked around.

"I am not accustomed to calling my chauffeurs by their first names, Clarence. What is your surname?"

"Darling, madame."

"Drive on, Clarence."

MR. & MRS. C. L. GRANT FIFTY YEARS MARRIED

Golden Wedding Anniversary Quietly Celebrated by Members of Family Last Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day, the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grant gathered at their home to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding which will occur on January 20 next, and presented them with a radio set and a purse of gold.

Mr. Grant was born in Tallyho House, County Down, Ireland, his ancestors having gone there from Scotland.

Whe two years of age, he went with his parents to the United States where his father died, and at the age of ten, he came to Durham with his mother at the time when this section of the country was in the pioneer stage. He entered business life in his early teens, and for over fifty years has been one of the prominent merchants of the town. He is a veteran of 66.

Mrs. Grant is a native of Durham. Her mother, the late Mrs. Davidson, was a daughter of the late Arch Hunter, the first settler in Durham.

The following members of the family were present: Dr. J. F. Grant, Durham; Dr. C. L. Grant, Walkerton; Mr. Brock Grant, Welland; Margaret (Mrs. A. S. Muir), Ceylon; Kathleen (Mrs. Ralph Hayes), Edmonton; and Misses Alethea and Edith Grant, Toronto.

In 1864, Mr. Grant, then entering young manhood, entered the employ of Mr. Dalgleish, a merchant in Upper Town, and also clerked for a time for a Mr. Perry, who kept a store in the building now occupied as a residence by Mr. Dan McAuliffe. In 1875, Mr. Grant and a fellow employee named Hastie bought out the Dalgleish business which they continued for three and a half years at which time they dissolved partnership, and Mr. Grant started in business for himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant are pioneers of this vicinity in the real sense of the word, having watched its growth and development from a virgin forest to its present high state of civilization. On their journey here in 1854, Mr. Grant and his mother made the trip from the state of New Jersey to Glenelg in a lumber wagon, certainly not the most pleasant mode of travel, though the best and quickest available in those early days.

As a business man, Mr. Grant has had a successful career, and in his whole lifetime before the public of this vicinity, his integrity and honesty have been his strongest asset.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Grant on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and join their host of friends in town and vicinity in wishing them many more years of health and happiness.

DUNDALK MEMBER ATTENDED PARLIAMENT

South Grey's Member of Boy's Parliament Serving Second Term.

Wilfred Lockhart of Dundalk left last Friday morning to attend for the second consecutive term the Older Boys' Parliament in Toronto as the representative from South Grey.

Mr. Lockhart made many warm friends in Durham Tuxis circles when on an official visit here last winter in connection with the movement.

CHURCH UNION QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED HERE

Next Three Sundays in Presbyterian Church Will Be of Interest to Whole Congregation.

Next Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith will give an explanation of the basis of union now before the congregations of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches.

The following two Sundays the pulpit will be occupied by special preachers who will discuss the situation from both a union and an anti-union standpoint.

The Chronicle has not been informed as to the identity of the men taking part nor the stand on this vital church question that they will uphold. The union question is a live topic here at present and it is expected large congregations will be in attendance at all services.

On Monday, January 19, at 2.30 p.m. a congregational meeting will be held to decide on the taking of a vote.

DURHAM RESIDENT BEREAVED BY DEATH OF FATHER

Mr. J. W. Piefer Passed Away Suddenly at New Hamburg.

Mrs. A. G. McComb received word last Thursday of the serious illness of her father, Mr. J. W. Piefer of New Hamburg, and left Friday morning for his bedside, arriving only a few hours before his death.

Mr. Peifer, who was 75 years of age and an esteemed resident of the town for many years, was up and about in his usual health on Christmas Day, partaking of the usual Christmas festivities with apparent good spirit. Shortly afterward he was seized with a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered.

The funeral was held Tuesday of this week to New Hamburg cemetery, Mr. McComb of this place being in attendance.

Mrs. McComb's many friends in Durham will deeply sympathize with her in her bereavement.

RECEIVED CALENDAR FROM WESTERN SUBSCRIBER

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a calendar for 1925 from Mr. Fred J. Tilt of Fort River, Manitoba. Mr. Tilt is in the farm lands agency, and insurance and loan business. He is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James Lloyd here, having married Miss Emily Lloyd before going West.

We are pleased to learn of Mr. Tilt's success in the West and glad also to know that Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are doing well and enjoying good health.

SEASON'S CURLING COMMENCED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The local curlers got off to a good start on Christmas Day when over twenty are said to have disported themselves during the afternoon at their winter pastime. The ice is reported to have been in regular mid-winter condition, and from present prospects a lot of curling will be indulged in this winter.

Whom the gods would destroy, they first equip with the notion that they could lick the world.

FIRST HOCKEY OF SEASON PLAYED HERE SATURDAY

Walkerton and Durham Teams played Exhibition Game Before Fairly Good House.

Walkerton and Durham junior teams furnished the first hockey thrill of the season on the local rink last Saturday night when the local aggregation was victorious 11-4. The Walkerton boys, handicapped by the fact that the big Bruce County capital cannot afford a skating rink, while not a very hard proposition for the locals, nevertheless put up a good argument at times, and have some promising players in their lineup.

There was a fairly good house present, considering that it was Saturday night and the stores open.

The original intention was to have the Mount Forest Junior O.H.A. team oppose the locals, but the roads were so badly blocked that it was impossible to get through and the Walkerton boys, with practically no notice, came over on the afternoon train and returned home that same night.

SATURDAY NIGHT COLDEST SO FAR

Mercury Registered Four Degrees Below Zero.—Much Milder Now.

Last Saturday night was the coldest so far this winter, and while the theremometer registered only four degrees below zero at The Chronicle office, the damp, humid atmosphere and a light wind made it appear many degrees lower, especially to those compelled by necessity to be out for any length of time.

While The Chronicle theremometer, which is supposed to be the best manufactured by the Taylor Instrument Company, registered only 4 below, we are informed that other thermometers registered anything up to 14 below.

The lowest temperature reached during the same period at Owen Sound, according to the Sun-Times, was 5 above zero on Friday night.

MRS. ROBERT BRIGHAM DIED ON TUESDAY

Passed Away in Hanover Hospital After Long Illness From Cancer.

After an illness of about three years from cancer, Mrs. Robert Brigham, wife of the well-known Bentinck auctioneer, passed away Tuesdy in Hanover Hospital where she had been a patient for the past month. Mrs. Brigham was 51 years of age.

Three years ago, when her ailment, cancer, first developed, she was placed under the care of the best physicians and cancer specialists obtainable, and underwent an operation at the famous Mayo Bros.' Institute at Rochester, Minnesota. Notwithstanding all this, she gradually grew weaker, and her death has been expected for some months.

The late Mrs. Brigham, whose maiden name was Mary Emke, was born in Bentinck Township, near Louise, and spent practically all of her life in that Township. She was married to her now sorrowing husband twenty-six years ago and up to two years ago, lived on the Brigham farm just west of Allan Park, when she and her husband moved to Hanover.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Harry and Carl. A daughter, Edna, died six years ago last October from influenza contracted while training as a nurse in Stratford.

The funeral is being held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon to Hanover cemetery.

Mr. Brigham and family have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL AT JANUARY SESSIONS

W. D. Connor Appeared Before Magistrate Creasor at Hanover Last Week on Theft Charge.

Magistrate Creasor of Owen Sound held court at Hanover on Monday of last week where he heard the charge against W. D. Connor of this place who is alleged to have stolen a quantity of wood from the Hutton Hill school in Bentinck.

The hearing was a preliminary one, and at its conclusion Mr. Connor was committed for trial at the sessions to be held at Owen Sound some time this month. He is out on bail.

MEN'S CLASS

Next Sunday the discussion will be on "The Problem of the Church." The Church has ever been a problem to the man a member of it and to the man without.

What is a Church?
Which is the right Church?
Should I join it and why?
Can I be saved outside it?
What is my duty to it?
What ought it to do for me?
How should the Church face the world problems of the new day?

Of course you are interested in these questions. Come and ask another one.

NORTHERN LEAGUE GROUPS ARRANGED

Executive Met Monday at Palmerston.—Mount Forest Juniors Refused Reinstatement.

Durham hockey club is this year grouped with Mount Forest, Hanover and Chesley according to a decision handed out Monday by the league which framed up the groups at a meeting at Palmerston on Monday. This, however, is not satisfactory to the Chesley and Hanover clubs who do not want Mount Forest admitted, and already the telephone bells are working overtime. Hanover and Chesley want to go through with a single schedule with their two teams and suggest that Durham and Mount Forest do the same. The Durham club, however, does not want this. A single schedule in a two-team district is just about as popular with the local club and fans as pork sausage at a Jewish wedding. Linked up solely with Mount Forest, it is not known what the outcome might be. The action of the executive in refusing to reinstate Mount Forest's junior team places a new light on the situation, and the local management are wondering at present if this ban on the younger aggregation will affect the playing status of last year's juniors who have this year graduated into senior company.

The Durham club, we understand, is holding out for a full four-team schedule as arranged by the executive, and it now remains to see whether that body sticks with its guns or backs down to the pleadings of Hanover and Chesley.

C. B. Hacking is the convenor for No. 5 District and will meet at Hanover. Though the local club has not as yet been notified, this meeting will have to be called soon, as according to an executive ruling, schedules must be drawn and in the hands of Secretary Bridge of Wingham by Saturday, and all groups must furnish a winner by January 31 at the very latest.

Hanover and Chesley, we understand, have already drawn up a single two-team schedule, but it is not likely that this will be allowed.

UPPER TOWN RESIDENT PASSED AWAY TUESDAY

Donald Campbell, Former Resident of Glenelg and Bentinck Townships, Died After Long Illness.—Interment Made Friday at Latona Cemetery.

Mr. Donald Campbell, for many years a respected resident of Bentinck Township, passed peacefully away at his home in Upper Town on Tuesday evening of last week after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Campbell was about 77 years of age and was born in Tiree, Scotland. When two years of age, he came to Canada with his parents and settled in Mariposa. The family subsequently moved to Proton Township in the early 70's where the deceased was married to a Miss Carradice, who survives. Shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Campbell moved to near Traverston in Glenelg and later to Welbeck in Bentinck, where they lived upwards of 38 years. About seven years ago they retired to Durham to live with an only daughter, Mrs. Mills.

In the early days before the railroad, Mr. Campbell did considerable teaming from Guelph to Durham.

Besides his wife and daughter, three sons, Donald in Bentinck, Oliver in Vancouver and Clarence in Toronto, survive. One brother and three sisters also survive: John at Woodbridge, Mrs. Robert Barclay and Mrs. James Stewart at Owen Sound and Mrs. Goodall at Woodbridge.

WALKERTON WINTER FAIR REPORTED A SUCCESS

The eleventh annual Christmas Fair held in Walkerton on Thursday December 18, was featured with about the best all-round exhibit in the history of the association. The attendance from outside places was estimated between 1500 and 2000.

The showing of horses was especially heavy, with the quality in the driving class of such order that Mr. Williams, the Government judge of Toronto, pronounced them better than anything seen at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Many were surprised at the quality in the live stock exhibit. The inside exhibition was the largest and best in years. This fair will likely become one of Walkerton's permanent features.

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.
Dec. 25	23	8
26	12	3
27	22	9
28	12	*4
29	12	9
30	19	11
31	22	11
Jan. 1	10	0

(*) Below Zero.