

## ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL HELD MONDAY NIGHT

Presbyterian Young Women Had Big Crowd at Their Annual Celebration—Progressive Crokinole Chief Feature.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church held their annual St. Patrick's social on Monday evening in the schoolroom and entertained their guests at a progressive crokinole party. There were twenty-one tables, and at times, one would judge by the racket that there were more.

When the tally cards were counted, it was found that Miss Barbara Ritchie had won the ladies' prize, having won every point, twelve in all. Mr. Cecil Blyth was the winner of the gentleman's prize, with eleven points. Varney must be a good crokinole centre, as both winners this year and last were Varney residents.

Miss Blanche Murdoch and Mr. Stanley Pust were consoled with prizes also, for not having better success in the game.

A short but select program followed the crokinole. Miss Winnie Blyth sang a solo, Miss Alice Ramage rendered an instrumental. Miss Jessie Bell, Mrs. Moore McFadden, Messrs. T. V. and George Bell gave two numbers, and Mrs. C. C. Middlebro' contributed a solo. Mrs. Guy Kearney and Misses Norah Barr and Alice Ramage were the accompanists.

Dr. A. M. Bell performed his duties as chairman most acceptably. Each number on the program was Irish and in keeping with the "seventeenth."

Everyone enjoyed the lunch at the close whether they claimed to be Irish or not.

## MILD WEATHER HAS RUINED SLEIGHING

Snow Gradually Giving Way to Old King Sol, and Roads Will Soon Be Opened.

The continued mild weather is having its effect on the snow, and in a few days, the motor traffic will be open on all the highways. For the past two weeks, there has been neither sleighing nor wheeling, except for a slight fall of the beautiful snow a few days ago, and travellers were hard put to it in making their way along the highway.

At present, east and west roads are fairly passable, but occasional drifts of deep snow in the low places still close the north and south roads to motor traffic. A few days more mild weather will, however, remedy this, and the squawk of the motor horn will soon be heard once more.

While more snow and considerable stormy weather may be expected, spring weather will soon be here, and Old Man Winter forced into retirement.

## KNOX CONGREGATION VOTE AGAINST UNION

Normanby Congregation Declines, by Substantial Majority, to Join Up With United Church of Canada.

The result of the voting on Church Union, which has been going on at Knox Church, Normanby, for the past two weeks, was made known Monday night. In the voting, 20 members of the congregation voted "for," while 49 voted against, leaving a majority of 29 in favor of remaining with the continuing Presbyterian Church. As Amos Church, Dromore, a sister church in the same circuit, voted 21 to 90 against union, a majority of 69 against, the combined vote on this momentous question totals 41 for and 139 against, a substantial majority of 98.

Rev. W. J. Burnett, pastor of these combined congregations for the past four years, has received a call from the Dixie and Islington non-concurring congregations, and the matter of his acceptance is being dealt with at a meeting of Presbytery held at Palmerston. Mr. Burnett today is a most popular pastor, and an excellent pulpiteer, and his congregations here are loath to lose him, so much so that there are a large number of his parishioners at Palmerston in an endeavor to have him remain as pastor of the local churches.

## SHOWING OF DRESSES MONDAY AFTERNOON

Though disappointed in the non-arrival of the Pullan Garment man, who was advertised to give a demonstration of Pullan goods in her store in the Middaugh House Block, Mrs. J. C. Nichol has received definite knowledge that he will be here next Monday afternoon and evening, March 23rd.

The ladies of Durham and the surrounding country are cordially invited to attend this spring display.

## BUILDING RESIDENCE

Mr. G. R. Padfield will erect a fine new residence this spring on the property recently purchased by him between the Lawrence and McLachlan residences on Bruce Street. Work will commence as soon as the weather permits.

## MANY PAPERS FEATURE W. M. S. MEETING

Held in Church Lecture Room Last Thursday.

The W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church met in the lecture room of the church of March 12th.

Mrs. A. Derby, the president, was in the chair. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayers for the missionary nurses and doctors. The roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture on "Faith."

Mrs. McCannel took the Bible reading. Mrs. W. H. Smith gave a splendid paper on "China," outlining the work of "Education, hospital, nurses and doctors," giving the encouraging and discouraging sides, drawing attention to the foreigners within our own town and asking what was being done for them. Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder gave a missionary story entitled, "The Overflowing Envelope," by Edythe Garland.

Collection was taken, a hymn sung and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

## EX-REEVE McEACHERN VICTIM OF STROKE

Last Year's Head Official in Egrement Township Reported Recovering.

We regret very much to learn of the illness of Mr. Gilbert McEachern of Egrement who suffered a paralytic stroke last week-end but who, we understand, is slightly improved at time of writing. While his speech is affected, his powers of locomotion were not affected, and we are glad to know his condition is not so serious as first reports would lead one to believe.

Mr. McEachern, who is in the neighborhood of 70 years of age, was reeve of Egrement for several terms, retiring last December after an active year in the County Council, where, as usual, he served his township faithfully, conscientiously and efficiently.

Friends in Egrement and the surrounding municipalities will be pleased to learn of his total recovery.

## SATURDAY LAST WAS DAY OF AUCTION SALES

No Less Than Two Held on Queen Street.—Good Prices Reported.

Last Saturday afternoon was Auction Sale Day in the southern end of town, when the lively outfit of Messrs. Even and Lawrence disposed of by Auctioneer MacDonald, and a bunch of farmers' cattle were knocked down to the highest bidder by Auctioneer Reuben C. Watson, the newest in our list of auctioneers.

Prices generally ruled fair for the cattle and horses, but the smaller articles in the lively business were knocked down cheap enough.

Next Saturday, Mrs. E. Orr is having an auction of her household effects at her home on Lambton Street and Mr. George Huggill, who is leaving town to reside in Toronto, is holding a sale on Saturday, March 28th.

## GARAGE MAN INJURED WHEN CUTTER UPSET

Alfred McCabe Had Shoulder Injured When Cutter Upset.

While driving down into Egrement last Wednesday afternoon Alf McCabe, a garageman, who is more familiar with autos than horses and cutters, got mixed up shifting gears on Tom Daley's hill with the result that the cutter upset and threw him out, fracturing his shoulder so badly that he will be laid off work for two or three weeks.

With Mr. McCabe was Mr. Fetterley of the Huron and Erie Loan Company, London, who was going down into the township to discharge his duties but who, we understand, escaped uninjured.

## MENINGITIS PATIENT IS RECOVERING

Shirley McIntyre, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre, Shows Much Improvement.

Last Friday night, Shirley, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre, was taken to the hospital suffering from meningitis, and so critical was her condition that for a time, it was not thought that she could recover, and Dr. Hanna of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, a specialist in children's diseases, was called in consultation with Dr. D. B. Jamieson here.

Subsequent developments have proven quite satisfactory and the little patient is now regarded as well on the road to recovery.

## MRS. BENJ. SHARPE SUFFERS BROKEN LEG

Mrs. Benjamin Sharpe of Elgin Street met with a painful accident on Monday when she fell while walking in her yard and fractured her ankle. We are pleased to report she is doing well, and though she will be confined to her bed for some weeks, her condition is satisfactory.

## VOKERS BODY COMPANY STARTS OPERATIONS IN JACKSON PLANT

Toronto Firm Has Purchased Property and Has Already Commenced Work—To Manufacture Commercial Truck Bodies.

The Vokers Body Company Limited of Toronto has purchased the plant of the Jackson Manufacturing Company, took possession on Monday morning and already has a gang of men at work cleaning up and getting ready for operation next week when twelve to fifteen men will be employed as a start.

The company already has a plant in operation in Toronto, but will move their whole plant to Durham early this summer and it is estimated that before the snow flies again, possibly 30 to 40 men will be employed.

The business of the company will be the manufacture of commercial bodies for trucks, and at present, the firm is in receipt of many large orders that will tax the capacity of both factories to fill.

Mr. O. W. Voile, the manager, was in town the first of the week getting things in shape but as he left for Toronto Tuesday afternoon, he could not be interviewed, and only a general idea of the company's plans are available for this issue.

The plant was recently purchased from the Town Council by Mr. W. A. McGowan who successfully concluded the deal last week whereby the factory was taken over by the Vokers Company. Needless to say, the citizens welcome this new industry to town and trust that every success may attend them.

## W. G. RITCHIE LOST SEASON'S CROP BY FIRE

Son of Mr. George Ritchie of Glenelg Heavy Loser When Barn Was Burned.—Other News of Edge Hill by Our Own Correspondent.

Quite a serious loss befell Messrs. W. G. and Earle Ritchie of Bagot, Manitoba, formerly of Edge Hill, in the destruction by fire of their barn with all contents. They had gone with an early and knew nothing of the fire until awakened by a neighbor, but the flames had made such headway that not a thing could be saved. They lost 13 horses, 3 head of cattle, 7 pigs ready for market, 25 hens, their harness and a quantity of grain and feed. There was no insurance. These boys seem to have had rather luck as it is only a little over a year since their house was burned to the ground during the absence, and all their personal belongings excepting what clothes they had on went up in smoke.

Mr. James Puthurbough of London was visiting his uncles, Messrs. Joseph McNally and George Ritchie, Mrs. Archie Beaton of Glenelg Centre was the guest of Mrs. Adam Anderson last week.

Farmers are still a few cases of mumps round this vicinity. Farmers are busy these days getting their year's supply of fuel into shape. The regular monthly meeting of the Rocky Saugeen U. F. W. O. was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Edge on Friday. A number of the Edge Hill ladies were present and enjoyed a pleasant and profitable afternoon. The Rocky Saugeen correspondent will probably furnish a report of the meeting.

## LIDLAW-KERR

The following account of the marriage in Toronto of Mr. Robert E. Laidlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlaw of this place, is taken from Thursday's Toronto Globe:

Avenue Road Presbyterian Church was the scene of a pretty but quiet wedding yesterday, when Lela Ruth, daughter of Mrs. W. B. Kerr of Ingersoll, was married to Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Demson of Durham. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked charming in a smart pomegranate ensemble costume enriched with sand fur and small French hat. She wore a corsage bouquet of orchids and lily of the valley. Mrs. Kerr wore black satin clouded in black georgette and black hat. Mrs. Laidlaw, mother of the groom, wore embroidered black canton crepe and black hat, softly trimmed with feathers. The bride and groom left for California. They will return to town the latter part of April by way of British Columbia, and will live at 135 Belize Drive.

## MEN'S CLASS

Next Sunday we'll talk about something that every one knows more of and less than some others, "Dreams."

The very word calls up memories of pleasure and terror and stirs our curiosity as to whether they do have any significance. The Bible tells us of many dream experiences when God revealed His will to His servants. Students of history know they have often decided the destinies of nations, made many religious and changed social and political customs.

Is the real explanation materialistic or supernatural? Or, is there anything at all in dreams? What is the real difference between a night dream and a day dream?

## The Modern St. Patrick



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPPER DREW BIG CROWD

Methodist Young People Held Annual St. Patrick's Supper Tuesday Night.

There was a big crowd and a good program at the Methodist Young People's annual St. Patrick's gathering in the church last Tuesday night, and as a result, it must be counted as another of the very successful events so often put on by this congregation.

The entertainment this year was in the form of a banquet commencing at 6 o'clock, when an excellent supper of tasty Irish dishes was served by the young people, which everyone did full justice to.

Following the supper, a good program was rendered in the church auditorium which made up in quality what it lacked in quantity. The lighter part of the program was composed of selections by the orchestra, a trio by Mrs. E. McDonald, Mrs. B. Farrell and Miss Emily Smith, and a reading by Mr. G. R. Padfield.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. W. H. Smith of the Presbyterian Church, who entertained the audience for upwards of an hour in his usual brilliant manner. The Young People are to be congratulated on the excellent supper and program given.

## ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT PRICEVILLE

Loose Burglar Frustrated in Attempt to Enter C. P. R. Station Office.

Priceville had a real burglar scare Saturday night when a lone bandit attempted to gain admittance to the C. P. R. ticket office, but was frustrated by the watchfulness of the agent, Mr. E. Hogg, who occupies apartments in the building.

The attempted burglary took place shortly after the night train had left for Durham and Mr. Hogg had retired for the night. Gaining an entrance into the waiting room, the burglar attempted to jimmy the ticket office window, but the noise awakened the agent, and hearing him approaching, the robber took to his heels.

It was an amateurish job all through, and we are informed that there are good suspicions as to the identity of the guilty party.

## MIND ILLS PROVE FATAL, M. D. SAYS

Alienist Avers Physician Must Take Mental Factor into Account.

Death may be caused by ills of the mind almost as directly as by bodily disease, and the modern physician must take the mental factor into account in his study of the ills of man, according to Dr. William A. White of Washington, D. C.

Dr. White, an alienist, who took a leading part in the Leopold-Loeb trial in Chicago, told the American Congress of Internal Medicine here that mind and body are not separate and distinct. He cited cases of death attributable primarily to mental conditions.

Death usually follows the halting of an active life as in the case of an old man retired from his work to idleness. Young women, disappointed in love, careless of diet and neglectful of exercise, are liable to develop tuberculosis, which should be attributed to the mental rather than physical cause.

Treatment in such cases must start with the mind, Dr. White believes. "Mind is but one way in which the organism responds to life situations, of which the psychological and chemical and metabolic are simply other aspects," he said.

And model husbands, girls, are not built for speed.

## MISS KATHLEEN MILNE WINS PRAISE IN ORGAN RECITAL WORK

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milne, Durham, Took Part in Choir Concert in Brantford Church.—Walkerton Talent Also Made Excellent Showing.—A Varied and Pleasing Program.

An organ recital and choir concert took place on Monday night of last week in Brantford which will be of much interest to Durham residents, in which Miss Kathleen Milne of this place most creditably took an important and pleasing part. Miss Milne is a pupil of Mr. Frank Weaver, Mus. Bac., formerly of Walkerton but now of Brantford and her friends here will be delighted to know she is meeting with such outstanding success in her musical career. Included with Miss Milne on the program were members of Prof. Weaver's former choir at Walkerton, many of whom were heard here a year ago and created a most favorable impression. Commenting on the performance, The Brantford Expositor of Tuesday says:

"A concert of uniform excellence was given last night in Alexandra Presbyterian church, under direction of Mr. Frank Weaver, Mus. Bac., musical director. A large, well trained choir, whose share in the evening's entertainment might well have been larger, contributed three anthems with much good taste, tonal purity, balance and precision.

"Mr. Weaver and Miss Kathleen Milne of Durham sustained the organ numbers. Mr. Weaver's most popular effort, his own composition 'Variations on a Scotch Air,' in which, both as to power and sweetness, he brought out all of which the big organ was capable, charming the ordinary music-lover no less than the Scotsman to whom the sweet strains of 'Annie Laurie' are a national classic. Miss Kathleen Milne contributed Stainer's 'Fantasia,' Duncan's 'Ava Maria,' Lee's 'Festival Postlude,' and gave a good display of technique and sympathetic interpretation. Among the vocalists were Miss Lucy Wetlaufer, Walkerton, mezzo-soprano; Miss Marie Swindt, contralto, Walkerton, and the ladies and choir men who ably sustained the solo passages in the excellent anthems.

"Miss Swindt, in 'Consider the Lilies,' was at her best, giving evidence of a pure-toned voice of considerable range, true and quite pleasing throughout, supplemented with considerable technical attainment. Miss Lucy Wetlaufer is a mezzo-soprano from whom much may be expected, as she is already an accomplished artist.

"Alexandra choir, by last night's concert, did much to enhance their high reputation as an aggregation of enthusiastic and capable choristers and entertainers."

## MAYOR MURDOCK SUSTAINS ANOTHER PAINFUL INJURY

Finger Badly Injured When Caught Between Sleigh and Coal Car.

The old saying "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" is being exemplified to Mayor Murdock of this town, whose experience as head of the Town Council and a member of the Coal Barons has been anything but pleasant this winter.

Two weeks ago, Jack attempted a Palm Beach dive from the top of a coal gondola, and striking his head on the side of the car, had to take it to the doctor for repairs. On Monday of this week, while going about his work at his coal yards, he was so unfortunate as to get a finger crushed between the sleigh on which he was riding and a coal car, the result being that the flesh was stripped to the bone, and it required six stitches and the ingenuity of the doctor to get it back into shape. While quite painful, the injured digit is doing well, and Mr. Murdock will soon be in shape for more adventures.

A man is settling down in life when he wants a pair of shoes just like the last ones.

## Smilin' Charlie Says



"Th' silent man never makes any promises he can't keep" ---

## CONN MINISTER GETS CALL TO ST. MARYS

At a largely attended meeting of First Presbyterian Church held at St. Marys Monday, Rev. W. J. Walker of Conn, Grey County, was extended a unanimous call to that church which he has intimated he would accept.