

MRS. MARGARET WELLS DIED HERE FRIDAY

Respected Bentinck Resident Passed Away at Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital—Interment Took Place Monday in Durham Cemetery.

After an illness of seven months, during which she was a patient at Durham Hospital suffering from a general breakdown, Mrs. Margaret Wells, a respected resident of Bentinck for many years, passed away on Friday of last week. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the residence of her son, Mr. John Wells, of the Gravel Road, interment being made in Durham cemetery.

The late Mrs. Wells was born in Weston 74 years ago and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Charlton. When quite young, she removed with her parents to Bentinck, and in 1874 was married to Mr. John Wells, who survives. For a time, the couple lived at Walkerton, subsequently removing to the vicinity of Hutton Hill, where she resided up to twelve years ago. Since that time, she has resided mostly with members of her family.

About three years ago, she was taken ill and gradually became worse, until about seven months ago, her condition became so serious, she was removed to the hospital here.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Wells is survived by three daughters and four sons: Mrs. Dawson (Margaret), Toronto; Mrs. Stevens (Mary), Chesley; Mrs. Swift (Carrie), Hanover; James Wells, Hanover; William, at Craik, Sask.; Robert, in Durham and John, near Allan Park, from whose home the funeral was held. One son was killed in France in 1917. She also leaves one sister and three brothers: Mrs. Trafford, Chesley; Robert and John Charlton of Chatham, and James Charlton of Bentinck.

The funeral Monday afternoon to Durham cemetery was in charge of Rev. Mr. Peters of the Methodist Church here, who preached a comforting sermon to the sorrowing survivors, who have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The pall-bearers were her three brothers, John and Robert Charlton of Chatham, and James Charlton of Bentinck, and three sons, John, Robert and James Wells.

Amongst the floral offerings laid on the casket were: Wreath, Mr. John Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Swift; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens; Pillow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dawson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wells; wreath, John and Robert Wells; spray, Durham Club, Toronto; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh, Toronto; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Froud, Toronto.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. John Charlton and Mr. Robert Charlton, brothers, Chatham; Mrs. Charles Trafford, Chesley, a sister; Messrs. William and Thomas Walker and Miss Walker, Sullivan Township, nephews and niece; Mr. William Dawson, Toronto, son-in-law, and Mr. William Corlett, of Sullivan.

FURNITURE COMPANY HAS BUILDING PROGRAM

To Erect Residences in Town to Offset House Shortage.

In the purchase of a tract of land on College Street last week, the Durham Furniture Company will this spring commence a well-thought-out campaign for the relief of the house shortage felt in Durham for some time.

Recognizing the need of good houses of the cheaper kind, those that the average working man can purchase and finance, the company's program opens with at least two new residences this summer, and with the knowledge gained, expects to be enabled to construct others at a minimum cost without sacrificing in any way the standard of housing accommodation to which the Canadian artisan has long been accustomed.

The buildings will be constructed wholly with the thought of supplying long-felt want, and will be sold at actual cost at a price, it is anticipated far below that at which they could be erected in the usual way. While this housing accommodation is intended primarily for the benefit of employees of the company, we understand that in the event of a sufficient demand, other workmen of the town desirous of acquiring homes will be given an opportunity to purchase. The buildings will be of frame, modern in every way, and contain modern toilet conveniences, electric lighting and other modern features.

FORMER RECTOR BEREFT BY DEATH OF MOTHER

Mrs. Hannah Barton Passed Away March 18th, at Home in Howick Township.

Mrs. Hannah Barton, one of the pioneers of North Huron County, died at her home in Howick Township on March 18th. She was ill only a few days.

Mrs. Barton was the mother of Rev. W. H. Hartley of Shelburne, a former rector of Trinity Church here, who friends here sympathize with him in his sorrow. Besides Mr. Hartley, ten brothers and sisters attended the funeral. Mrs. Barton was known by many in town, having visited here on different occasions with Rev. and Mrs. Hartley.

McKECRNIE MILL DAM SUFFERED FROM FLOOD

Brush Floating Down Stream Jammed Above Structure and Did Considerable Damage.

Last Friday morning about six o'clock, the western gate of the McKecrnie dam went out when a quantity of brush floated down the river and wedged so tightly that a gang of men were employed for upwards of an hour before the water could be turned down the stream, and then only by sawing out the centre post of the gate and allowing it to go down with the current.

The brush was some that had been cleared away by the C. P. R. off its property near the pumping station, and though we understand the railway company had been notified of the danger, it had not been removed, with the result that when the river rose during the night, the whole mass came down the stream and wedged itself against the dam, backing the river up for a considerable distance and threatening to carry away the whole dam.

Mr. J. W. Ewen and Son had been at the mill about midnight, and everything was satisfactory, but when he arose about 5.30, the rise in the river at the Garafraxa Street bridge convinced him that something was amiss. His singlehanded attempts at clearing the brush were futile, and he hurriedly got a gang of men together in an endeavor to lift it, but without success. Finally the weight of water proved too much for one of the stringers, and it gave way, and Mr. Ewen and his son, Douglas, narrowly escaped being thrown into the river. It was finally decided that the only procedure was to cut the centre post and let the planks and other timbers down the stream, which was done.

The spring floods in this vicinity this year had, up to this time, done no damage, and so serious trouble was looked for until Friday morning. Besides the damage done to the dam, considerable additional expense will be incurred through loss of time and the necessary shut-down while repairs are being made. So far, there has been enough water coming through to keep the mill in operation, but with the subsiding of the waters, it will not be long before operations will be closed until the dam is repaired.

GREY ASSISTANT GOES TO NEW LISKEARD JOB

Mr. A. Gordon Skinner, B. S. A., Assistan Agricultural representative for Grey County, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the New Liskeard Experimental Farm, New Liskeard, Northern Ontario. His appointment takes effect April 1st.

Mr. Skinner, who came to the Grey County Branch, Department of Agriculture, Markdale, has been one of the best of many good assistants who have been in the county. Coming on September 1st last year, he has made many friends by his attentiveness to duty, his courteous manner and conscientious work. The best wishes of Grey County farmers are his in his new field of endeavor of which he is not an entire stranger having spent 19 years of his life in the Englehart district only 30 miles from his headquarters.

FORMER RESIDENT BEREAVED BY DEATH OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Sirrs Mourn Loss of Eleven-year-old Son.

Durham and Egremont friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sirrs of Unity, Sask., will sympathize with them in the loss of their eleven-year-old son, Ewart, who died on Sunday, March 21st, after a short illness from scarlet fever, followed by pneumonia.

Mr. Sirrs was a former well-known resident of this vicinity, and was born and brought up on the second concession of Egremont, near St. Paul's Church. Several years ago, he went west to Unity, Sask., and subsequently married a Chesley girl, whose name at time of writing we cannot recall.

EXPLAINED GOVT. TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM

J. H. Hawes of Highways Department Addressed Gathering of Councillors Here Yesterday.

Reeves, Councillors and other township officials of Egremont, Glenelg, Bentinck and Normanby were present at the Public Library here to an address by Mr. J. H. Hawes of the Provincial Highways Department on the new system of roadwork inaugurated this year by the Ontario Government. As Mr. Hawes' address was one of instruction to township officials in the appointment of superintendents, the policy of roadmaking and the requirements demanded by the government before the thirty per cent subsidy was given, Bentinck township was really the only one interested, although the representatives of the other townships present must have been favorably impressed with the knowledge gained.

Mr. Hawes very decisively stated that there was positively no chance of any township's getting the government's thirty per cent subsidy that did its roadwork under the old statute labor system, but said it was not too late yet for townships who wished to share in the government's new plan of roadmaking.

This plan, the speaker said, had been adopted after an exhaustive study of the subject, which demonstrated that the old statute labor system was obsolete, and the townships received no fair returns for the money expended. Under the new system, with regularly appointed superintendents, the townships, working under the provincial department, would be able to build better roads at less expense than heretofore. To prove this assertion, Mr. Hawes read letters from the councils of Yarmouth and Dereham Townships which had abolished statute labor several years ago and which besides building more and better roads, had materially reduced the tax rate.

Owing to the short time at our disposal, we are unable to go into the address in full, but hope in the near future, possibly next issue, to give a more comprehensive report.

McCRAE—ATKINSON

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Rectory, by the Rev. J. H. Whealen, on Tuesday, March 31st, at one o'clock, when Emma May, third daughter of Mrs. Atkinson and the late Joseph Atkinson was united in marriage to Raymond McCrae, youngest son of Mr. Robert McCrae and the late Mrs. McCrae of Inverness, Quebec.

The bride wore a becoming dress of electric blue canton crepe and hat and coat to match. They were unattended.

The happy young couple left on the afternoon train for a short honeymoon trip to Toronto and other points. On their return, they will reside in Palmerston.

DEPARTING BANDSMAN PRESENTED WITH PEN

Mr. George J. Hugill, Removing to Toronto Saturday, Given Fitting Farewell by Fellow Musicians.

At the regular band practice of the Durham Citizens' Band on Tuesday night, Mr. George Hugill, for the past few years snare drummer with the organization, was presented with a Parker duofold fountain pen by his fellow musicians, and an address was read expressing the regret of the boys at his intended departure next Saturday when he removes to New Toronto to accept a lucrative position.

Mr. Hugill, since coming to Durham, has been in the front in sporting and music circles, being a member of the lacrosse team when it came within one game of winning the intermediate O. A. L. A. championship three years ago.

Since coming to Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Hugill have made many warm friends who regret their departure but who will join with The Chronicle in wishing them success and prosperity in their new home.

Little Pen-o-grams



HAND BADLY LACERATED IN SAWING MACHINE

Robert Wilson Suffered Painful Accident When Sawing Wood Yesterday.

About noon yesterday, Mr. Robert Wilson, who owns and operates a sawing machine, suffered a painful and serious injury when his hand came in contact with the revolving saw, badly lacerating his right hand.

Mr. Wilson, who lives at McClintock's Corners, two miles south of here, was sawing wood for Mr. James Finnegan, near Orchard, when the accident occurred, and little is known as to how he came to get his hand into the machine. As a result of the accident, he suffered the loss of the index finger of his right hand which had to be amputated at the second joint. The other fingers were also badly cut, a portion of the bone of his thumb is missing, and the back of his hand cut. It required several stitches to close the wound.

Immediately following the accident, Dr. Bell was summoned, the injured man taken to Durham hospital, and the wounds dressed by Drs. Bell and Jamieson.

While serious enough, the accident might easily have been more so, as it is miraculous the whole hand was not amputated. His friends here will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

ATTENDED FUNERAL OF RELATIVE AT WESTON

William Turnbull Passed Away at Weston Thursday of Last Week.

Mrs. N. Whitmore of Glenelg and sons, Messrs. Thomas and Nassau, were at Weston over the week-end and on Monday attended the funeral of Mrs. Whitmore's nephew, William Turnbull, who died on Thursday following an operation for appendicitis. He was 28 years of age.

Though the deceased was not known here, his father, William Turnbull, resided in this vicinity up to thirty years ago, and at one time, we understand attended the Bunesan school. He subsequently lived for a time near Dornoch, and later moved to Walkerton where he married a Walkerton girl and where the subject of this sketch was born. The family have been residents of Weston for some years.

FOUR REAL ESTATE DEALS WERE CLOSED YESTERDAY

Clark, Morrison, McIntyre and Legate Properties Change Hands.

Yesterday morning negotiations were completed whereby Mr. W. E. Clark disposed of his residence on George Street, formerly the A. A. Catton home, to Mr. John Snell.

Mrs. R. G. Morrison of Harriston has sold her property on Bruce Street, better known as the James Davidson property, to Mr. George Gray of Glenelg. The deal was put through by Mr. George McKechnie. Some time ago, Mr. H. D. McIntyre, who has purchased and will move shortly to the Thomas Allan cottage on Bruce Street, disposed of his property on Countess Street to Mr. R. E. Richardson who, we understand, has already rented it. Mr. McIntyre has erected a large apiary building on his lately acquired property near the C. N. R. depot.

In Upper Town, Mr. John Legate has sold his residence to Mrs. P. Hepburn of Bentinck and will return to the farm.

DIED NEAR LUCKNOW

The death of Mr. Robert Everett, a brother of the late Mr. George Everett of this place, occurred at his home about eight miles from Lucknow, on March 16th. Interment was made on March 18th.

STONE AND SAND CO. COMMENCED SEASON'S WORK YESTERDAY

Full Staff Now Employed, With Bright Prospects for Banner Year.

The Durham Stone and Sand Company's plant commenced the season yesterday with a full staff of workmen and present indications intimate that 1925 will be the banner year of this institution, known all over the province for its excellent product of crushed stone, sand and stone dust.

Last year, while not so good as some other seasons, was ahead of all expectations, but this year, the horizon looms bright with anticipated business, and with building trade better than usual throughout the province, a season of activity may be expected. Besides supplying all of the stone and sand for the big million-busht elevator at Owen Sound, a matter of some 20,000 tons, the company is also supplying material for the new Ontario Government building in Toronto, and the big viaduct, work on which will commence shortly.

Added to this the increased activity in road building proposed for this summer, and the resurfacing of hundreds of miles already built, prospects are exceedingly bright for the local stone-crushing plant.

GOVT. SNOW PLOUGH WAS HERE YESTERDAY

Making Return Trip to Toronto Clearing Out Snow Banks.

The big Provincial Government snow plough, which has been spending the past ten days or so in this section of Ontario, came into town Tuesday night and left yesterday afternoon for Guelph and Toronto.

The plough started out from Toronto on the Toronto and Owen Sound line, and after a week's battle with the drifts to Owen Sound, is making the return trip on the Guelph-Owen Sound highway.

Wednesday morning it started in to clean up the big ice- and snow-bank on Jackson's hill north of town, but breaking some bolts in the front of the machine, had to come into town for repairs, completing its work in the afternoon.

The plough, a big affair, is built on a four-wheel-drive truck and is used extensively on the highways in the southern part of the province for keeping the roads open in winter.

FORMER CEYLON RESIDENT DEAD AT REGINA

Interment Takes Place Tomorrow Afternoon to Flesherston Cemetery.

James Hemphill, for many years a resident of Ceylon, died at the home of his daughter at Regina, Sask., on Sunday, in his 75th year.

While in Ceylon, if our memory serves us right, Mr. Hemphill was section foreman on the C. P. R. and a much respected resident. He moved to Toronto over twenty years ago. Mrs. Hemphill predeceased him twenty-four years ago.

Three daughters and five sons survive: Mrs. Thomas Whitecock, Mrs. Chester Murdoch and Mrs. Lorne Murdoch, all of Regina; William and Joseph of Toronto; Walter, of Regina; Kilborne, of Vancouver, B.C., and Fred of Churchbridge, Sask. Three brothers and three sisters, all residing in Artemesia Township, also survive.

The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of his brother, Mr. Sangster Hemphill, in Ceylon, to Flesherston cemetery.

Camouflaged

Chief of Police: "What! You mean to say this fellow choked a woman to death in a well-lighted cabaret in front of over a hundred and fifty people? Didn't anybody interfere?" Cop: "No, cap, everybody thought they were dancing."

Smilin' Charlie Says—



"If you don't believe that all the world loves a lover, just try to make a date with one o' our modern flappers" — — —