

BENTINCK COUPLE 50 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. John Vessie and Family of the Rocky Saugeen Celebrated Joyous Event Last Monday.

Last Monday was an eventful one in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John Vessie and family of the Rocky, the occasion being the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of this venerable couple, both of whom still enjoy the best of health and are still able at their advanced age to enjoy the company of their many friends.

It is a long time back to October 26, 1875, but on that date were married John Vessie, then of Glenelg, and Miss Mary E. Kerr of Durham, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist church. Ever since the esteemed couple have been residents of Glenelg and Bentinck, living their whole married life within two or three miles of Durham, and at all times enjoying the respect and esteem of their neighbors, friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Vessie was born in Nassagaweya in 1847, and came to the vicinity of Orchard when quite a young woman. Mr. Vessie is a native of Penicook, Scotland, about ten miles from Edinburgh. He came to Canada with his parents when ten years of age and has lived his whole life in this vicinity.

When the Vessie family came up into the Queen's bush about 1854, they settled on the farm now owned by Mr. William Vessie, but after his marriage, the subject of this sketch moved with his young bride to the farm north of Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull's, where they remained for 25 years before removing to the one on which they now reside. To them were born a family of ten children, all of whom, with the exception of Andrew, who died 19 years ago, are still living. They are, John W., at St. Mary's; Mrs. James Buchan, Clifton Springs, New York; Mrs. John Watson, Manitoba; Mrs. John McKechnie, Glenelg; Mrs. Dugald Clark, Rocky Saugeen; Mrs. Walter Clark, Bentinck; Mrs. L. Sheildon, Chesley, and Miss Reba and Earl at home. All, with the exception of Mrs. Watson in Manitoba, were in attendance at the celebration on Monday.

The gathering on Monday was a most enjoyable affair, over one hundred and twenty-five relatives and neighbors being present, and of the whole number present, none enjoyed themselves more than the bride and groom, who entered fully into the proceedings and, with their minds on the happy occasion, fifty years ago, none could guess that they were so close to the four score mark. The occasion too was taken advantage of the express in which Mr. and Mrs. Vessie are held by their family and neighbors, the many beautiful presents in no uncertain way denoting an affection that few of us can ever hope to merit. Besides beautiful china, silverware, furniture and other useful articles, a purse of gold was also presented from their children and friends.

Among those from a distance who attended the gathering were Mrs. J. O'Neill, a niece, of Toronto, and nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Watson and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Harris and family of Mimico.

HOLSTEIN LADY DIED ON FRIDAY

Mrs. Geo. Ellis Passed Away From Heart Trouble. Interment Made Monday in Maplewood Cemetery.

Following a lengthy illness from heart trouble, Mrs. James Ellis, an esteemed resident of Holstein, passed away at her home in that village on Friday, and the funeral was held Monday afternoon to Maplewood cemetery, her pastor, the Rev. Wallace Johnston, having charge of the services at both house and grave.

Mrs. Ellis was about 70 years of age and was a sister of Mr. Andrew Stewart of Normanby. Another brother, Mr. Thomas Stewart, lives in the United States, and a sister, Mrs. Marshall, in New Ontario. Her husband, the late James Ellis, predeceased her some years ago.



ETHEL ILENE HORNE

of Radcliffe, Alberta, one of three Canadian babies to be granted Certificates of Merit as among the best babies of the Empire at the Empire Exhibition, Wembley, England.



M. ARMAND LAVERGNE

One of the sensational figures of the present political contest.

SOLD GLENELG FARM; MAY RETIRE TO TOWN

Mr. Thomas Davis Disposed of His Farm on the 4th Concession to Ernest Blodgett of Timmins, New Ontario.

An important real estate deal was completed last week when Mr. Thomas Davis disposed of his farm on the 4th concession of Glenelg to Mr. Ernest Blodgett of Timmins, who gets possession on the first of next April. The decision of Mr. and Mrs. Davis to give up farming and retire will be received with regret by their neighbors in the township, but as Mr. Davis feels that there is too much labor entailed in the running of the place for a man of his advanced years, he reluctantly made up his mind to dispose of the homestead where he and Mrs. Davis have spent so many years of their lives. Though the venerable couple have made no decision as to their immediate plan for the future, it is quite possible that they may retire to the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett will, we are sure, receive a warm welcome when they come to their new home, and Mrs. Blodgett especially being well and favorably known in that part of the township. Before her marriage, she was Miss Minnie Burnett, was born and raised within a few miles of her new home, and her return to the vicinity will be welcomed by a wide circle of friends.

FAIRBAIRN CHURCH HAD BIG CROWD

Annual Anniversary Services Held Sunday and Monday With Good Attendance at All Meetings.

Fairbairn Presbyterian church, eight miles east of Holstein in Egremont, celebrated another milestone in its history last Sunday when the annual anniversary services were held at which excellent sermons were preached by the Rev. Mr. Little of Hanover. There was a good turnout of the members of the congregation, and the 1925 anniversary will pass down in history as among the very best enjoyed by this congregation.

On Monday evening, a fowl supper was given, followed by an entertainment in the church. Despite the worst kind of weather, with a rain, snow and sleet falling, accompanied by a high wind at times, over 200 were in attendance, and though this is only about half the number which usually turns out for this annual function, the auditorium of the church was comfortably filled when the time came to go on with the entertainment.

The chief entertainer of the evening was Miss Pearl Newton of Toronto, elocutionist, and she provided a most versatile program, through feeling the pulse of the audience, she confined herself quite a lot to numbers of a lighter and humorous vein, which the crowd evidently enjoyed, judging by their applause. During the evening, she gave two or three heavier numbers, the best one in our humble opinion being the trial scene in "The Merchant of Venice." Miss Newton is a gifted entertainer, possesses marvellous voice control, is a perfect mimic, and from her first number, captivated the audience. Being the only entertainer, she quite naturally had a heavy evening's work, but responded cheerfully to every encore.

A local orchestra played at intervals during the program, providing excellent music which was much appreciated by the audience.

PURCHASED MAIL ROUTES

Two of the Durham mail routes have changed hands during the past month, the purchasers being Messrs. Harold and Thomas Morton.

Mr. Harold Morton, who for the past year or so has been in charge of Durham route No. 2, has purchased it from Mr. Finnigan and took it over on the first of the month.

Mr. Thomas Morton has purchased the town route from Mr. Harry Burnett and while the necessary transfer has not yet been approved by the Government, it is expected that it will be completed in a few days, when Mr. Burnett will relinquish the work.

BURIED SATURDAY IN DURHAM CEMETERY

Funeral of Late David Smith From Queen Street Church Largely Attended, Many Being Unable to Gain Admission to Building.—Many Beautiful Floral Tributes Laid on Casket.

A drizzling rain, which continued most of the afternoon, and a cold, damp wind did not deter Durham and vicinity citizens from turning out en masse last Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral service of the late David Smith of the firm of Smith Bros., whose death was reported in our last issue. The service was held in the Queen Street United church, and shortly after one o'clock, friends and sympathizers began to gather in the building, and by two o'clock, the hour set for the funeral, the building was filled to capacity. During the service, the basement of the building, too, was filled, and many others stood in the aisles, at the back of the church and on the steps leading into the building. It was a remarkable demonstration of the sympathy felt for the deceased and the family in the sudden taking off of one of the town's prominent business men.

Shortly after two o'clock, the funeral cortege left the residence on Queen street and slowly made its way to the church building where the service was in charge of the family pastor, the Rev. J. E. Peters, assisted by Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of Knox United church.

Rev. Mr. Peters, in delivering the address, referred to the splendid tribute paid to the character and reputation of the deceased by the large gathering that had assembled to render this last tribute of respect. Some of them had been his friends of his boyhood and young manhood, others had had business relations with him, while others had grown to know him and respect him for his sterling worth as a citizen and a friend in his maturer years. He had lived through a serious illness that lasted for ten weary years, he had survived several serious accidents, and it had been hoped that he might be able to struggle through this time, but it was not to be—the end had come suggesting the words of 1 Corinthians 15:24 "Then cometh the end."

We cannot rule these words of our human life. No matter who the person may be or what his achievements, the end cometh. It is true beyond our human life, for the words were written regarding the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. His life had been given for mankind. His redemptive work was now being carried on, but by and by, the end of this will come and something new will take its place.

We look for the end of our lives with mingled feelings of pleasure because none of us would "live all ways." We long to get away from the troubles, sins and sorrows of this life; of dread, because the soul naturally shrinks from change. We prefer to go on as we are; we do not want to venture on the unknown—the "great mystery of the un-lived," as Bishop Phillips Brooks phrases it. Fortunately, it is not left to us to decide when the end shall come; that is for a wiser will than ours. God sends the end. If we follow out His plan for our lives here, we shall find that which we call the end is but the beginning of the life more abundant that Jesus came to make possible for us.

Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox church offered the opening prayer and pronounced the benediction. The male quartet sang "There's a Beautiful Land on a Far Away Strand."

Many beautiful floral offerings were laid on the casket among which were a Gates Ajar from mother, brothers and sisters; wreaths from the Durham Stone & Sand Company, the executive of the London branch of the Ford Motor Company; sprays from the Ladies' Aid of Queen Street church; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Carleton and family of Toronto; Messrs. Jean and Margaret Derby; Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Manson Larler and sister, Miss Mabel Larler, all of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Farrell; Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDonald; Mrs. James McDonald and family of Disley, Sask.; Miss M. Derby, Edmonton; the Garage staff, Durham, and Miss Jessie Reid, Durham.

The pall bearers were all old friends and relatives of the deceased, Messrs. A. McClocklin, W. Glass, H. McGee, W. Derby, J. Milligan, J. Park, H. W. Hunt and W. H. Hunter.

Following the service in the church, interment was made in Durham cemetery, the service at the grave being in charge of the Rev. Mr. Peters.

O. H. A. AND NORTHERN HOCKEY THIS WINTER

Durham to Be Represented in Two Leagues This Winter in Canada's National Winter Pastime.

At a meeting of the executive of the Durham Hockey Club last Monday night it was decided to enter two teams in hockey this winter, an intermediate and junior. The intermediates are to be entered in the O. H. A. series, while the juniors will be placed in the Northern League.

Hockey prospects in town this winter are exceptionally bright, and with plenty of players to choose from, it is felt that two good teams can be entered, and the public treated to some good sport during the winter months.

DAY DREAMS



ROBERT ALLEN DIED TUESDAY IN GLENELG

Passed Away After Two Weeks' Illness From Pneumonia.—Was Resident of Township Since 1845.

We regret this week to chronicle the death on Tuesday of Mr. Robert Allen, who passed away Tuesday night at the home of his son, Mr. George Allen, on the fifth concession, in his 87th year. The deceased, who was a man remarkably well preserved and active for one of his years, contracted a cold and took to his bed a week ago Tuesday and from the first never rallied, but gradually sank until death intervened.

Mr. Allen, who had lived the most of his life in Glenelg Township, except when engaged in the lumbering business in various parts of the country, came to this country in 1845 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, who emigrated from Ireland in 1841 and spent the first four years in Vaughan Township near Toronto. The family settled on the Garafra Road two miles north of here on the farm opposite to where Mr. Dan McArthur now lives, subsequently taking up land in Glenelg, where Mr. Allen now owned by Mr. W. J. McFarlane.

Upwards of 50 years ago, Mr. Allen married Miss Eliza Brandon of Aliston, who died in Durham about nine years ago. To them were born four sons and two daughters: John, in Minnedosa, Man.; Joseph, in Gull Lake, Sask.; Herb and George in Glenelg, Mrs. Hiram Dean, Durham, and Mrs. H. Haws in Meaford. Following the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Allen took up farming in Glenelg on the farm now occupied by his son, Herb, but, retiring ten years ago, he has not been actively engaged since.

Five brothers and three sisters are still living: John in California, James in Toronto, Joseph in the West, and David and Hamilton in Durham. The sisters are: Mrs. M. Davis, Glenelg; Mrs. J. Hanna of Mount Forest, and Mrs. W. J. McFarlane of Glenelg.

Mr. Allen was, too, we have been told, the oldest Orangeman in Durham District, having been a member for over 60 years, a record of which he was exceedingly proud.

The funeral, in charge of the Rev. J. E. Peters, of Queen street, church, will be held from the home of his son, Mr. George Allen, Friday afternoon, interment taking place in Trinity church cemetery.

RED CROSS BAZAAR WILL BE HELD NOV. 7

Annual Bazaar in Aid of Red Cross Memorial Hospital Takes Place at Armories Week From Next Saturday.

The annual bazaar of the Durham Red Cross Society is announced for Saturday, November 7, and, like its predecessors, the ladies are hoping for a big turnout at their annual affair, the proceeds of which go to the local Red Cross Memorial Hospital.

The bazaar this year will be much the same as in former years in the matter of articles offered for sale, as well as the quantity on sale, as well as the quality, is considerably in advance of anything yet attempted. There will be fancy work, home-made baking, home-made candy, potted plants and cut flowers offered for sale, as well as many other articles.

With the bazaar only a week away, any persons having work out are requested to return the same to Mrs. George Jucksch, and any others having donations are asked to notify any officer of the society. All donations will be thankfully received, and as everybody in the vicinity is in sympathy with the Red Cross movement, there is little doubt of the success of the bazaar this year.

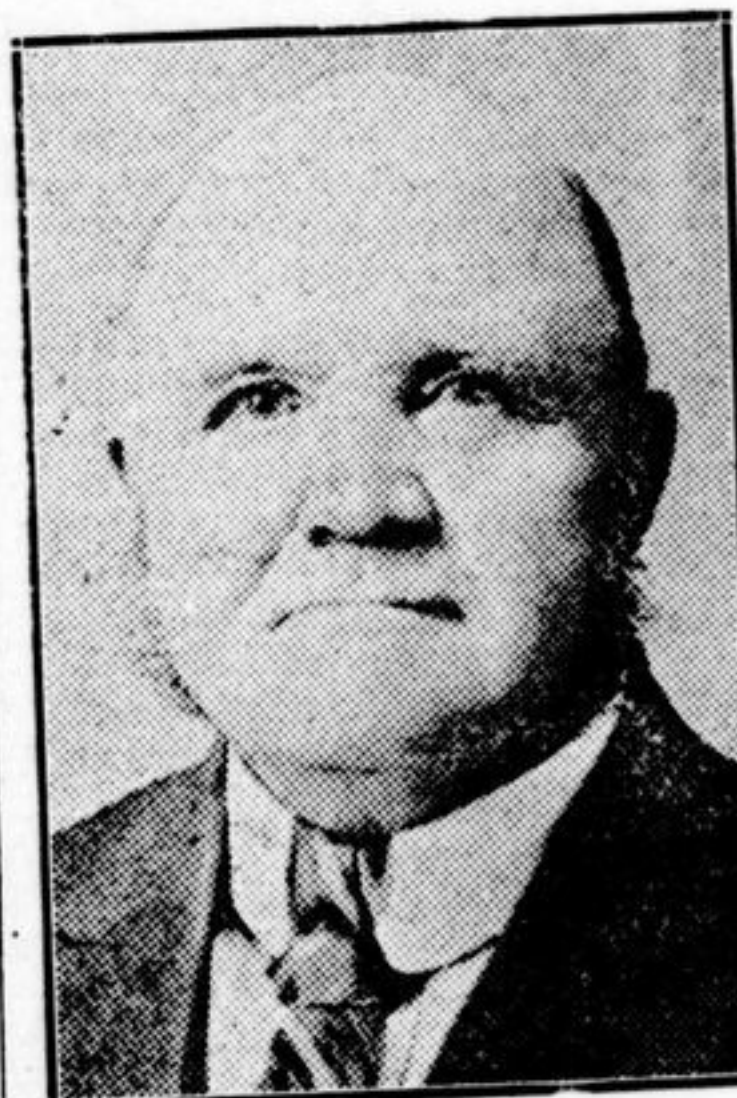
ORGAN RECITAL WAS REAL TREAT

Boys' Choir of St. George's Church, Owen Sound, Were Big Surprise to Durham Audience Tuesday Night.

"Real good and then some" was the verdict of those who were in attendance at the organ recital and choir concert in the Knox United church Tuesday evening. The talent, Mr. R. G. Geen, organist, and the St. George's Church Choir Boys of Owen Sound, with Mr. F. Higham, baritone, and Mr. C. Boorman, tenor, also of Owen Sound, were all that could be desired, and the I.O.D.E., under whose auspices the recital was put on, are to be congratulated on having secured such excellent talent.

About the only fault to be found was in the smallness of the crowd, the auditorium of the church being only about half filled. This, however, cannot be attributed to anything but the disagreeable night and the fact that with so much going on this week, nearly everyone had advance engagements that could not easily be broken.

The program in its entirety was one of the best musical offerings presented here in a long time, and the singing of the Boys' Choir, some of whom were not over eight years of age, was a revelation.



SAMUEL LACOMBE

Internationally famous agriculturist of Birtle, Manitoba, who is reported to have discovered a new wheat which promises to resist black stem rust. If this is confirmed, it will be a great boon to Canadian farmers.

SERIOUSLY ILL IN TORONTO HOME

Mr. James Atkinson, Formerly of This Place, in Critical Condition From Kidney Trouble and Pneumonia.

We regret to learn of the serious condition of Mr. James Atkinson, a former resident of this vicinity, who is ill at his home in Toronto from kidney trouble and pneumonia. Mr. Atkinson has been ill for the past two weeks and so serious was his condition at one time that his family, Messrs. Herb and William J. of this town, and Mrs. Ben. Coultis, of Bentinck, were sent for and motored down on Friday. The two former have since returned, but Mrs. Coultis is remaining.

Last week-end, the patient's condition had improved somewhat, but it was expected that an operation would have to be performed before permanent relief was obtained. Mr. Atkinson, who formerly farmed in Glenelg Township, near town, has been a resident of Toronto for some years past, where he entered the contracting business, and we understand, was doing well. We trust that he may soon recover his usual health.

BENTINCK LOSES TWO OLD RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. S. Putherbough Removing to London Shortly.—Held Sale of Effects Tuesday.

The Township of Bentinck loses two of its oldest residents shortly when Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Putherbough remove to London, where they will retire from active life and be near their son, Mr. John Putherbough, one of the leading contractors of that city.

Mr. Putherbough has sold his farm on the second concession to Mr. Jacob Willis of Wroxeter, who gets possession on November 1, but owing to the fact that he has other interests to occupy his time this winter, will not likely occupy his new property until next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Putherbough have lived at lot 26, concession 2, Bentinck, for the past 40 years, during which time they have been among the most respected and esteemed residents of the township, and their decision to remove to London is a matter of regret among all their old neighbors. Previous to coming to their present residence, they lived for four years on the 8th concession of the same township, and for seven years in Normanby, near Varney.

Mr. Putherbough came up into this country over 50 years ago with his parents, the family coming from Vaughan Township, York County. Mrs. Putherbough is a sister of Mr. John McNally in town, and in company with their neighbors, The Chronicle, on behalf of the citizens of Durham, expresses regret at their departure.

Mr. Putherbough held a successful sale of his farm stock and implements on Tuesday of this week.

COLD AND STORMY THE DAILY PROGRAM

Very Little Pleasant Weather Experienced During Past Week.—Western Canada, Too, Has Been Suffering From Cold Spell.

From the behavior of the weather during the past week, it looks as if the winter was upon us and that this year would go down in history as one that had no Indian Summer. For the past week, there has been scarcely a day in which snow or rain has not fallen and already the country roads are in quite poor condition from the continued wet weather, with the chance that they will not improve very much before winter sets in earnest.

Possibly the biggest hardship is felt among the farmers, many of whom have not yet harvested their root crop, and if a few days of fine weather does not show up soon, the chances are that many will lose a lot of money through their inability to harvest the crop. Already potatoes are reported to be rotting in the ground, and the weather man still predicts rain or snow.

PRICEVILLE CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES

St. Columba United Church to Hold Anniversary Services November 8 and 9.

The date set for the anniversary services of St. Columba United church, Priceville, is November 8, with a thanksgiving supper on the evening of Monday, the 9th. At the opening of the services, the special preacher for the day will be the Rev. F. N. Bowes, of Markdale, who will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The supper on Monday will be served from 6 to 8 p. m., and will be followed by a program provided by the choir of Knox United church, Durham, consisting of musical numbers. Short addresses will also be given.

It is to be hoped that there will be a good turnout for these anniversary services.

MORNING SERVICE ONLY IN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Next Sunday there will be morning service only in Trinity Anglican church, the evening service being cancelled owing to the Harvest Services at St. Paul's, Egremont.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"There are few things more pathetic than success almost attained ---"