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"THE ANGELIC CHOIR" WONDERFUL CANTATA

Queen Street Choir, Under Leadership of Miss McCrae, Excelled Itself Sunday Evening in Choral Offering.

In spite of the zero weather that prevailed last Sunday, the Queen Street United church was crowded at night to hear the choir render the cantata, "The Angelic Choir." Miss McCrae and her choir rose to the occasion and showed all through the evening that they had made every preparation to make their singing worthy of the day and the subject.

The cantata itself was a skillful arrangement of the events of the first Christmas and of the joy that it has brought to the world, and was varied by solo, duet, trio, quartette and chorus that there was no trace of monotony.

The first number was by the full choir, "Hark, Hark, What Music Fills the Sky," opening with a beautiful light movement, growing stronger and more vigorous as it progressed. Then followed a baritone solo taken by Mr. Bert Saunders, accompanied by the male quartette, singing the well-known "Silent Night," which was blended with the solo. A cantata recitative was rendered very sweetly by Mrs. Hay, after which the choir vigorously broke into "Good Tidings of Great Joy," followed by a ladies' quartette, "Glory to God in the Highest." Here a pause was made while the collection was taken during which Mr. Yiirs rendered a cornet solo. A mixed quartette sang "Bethlehem," which was followed by a very pretty soprano solo, "Mary's Manger Song," very expressively sung by Mrs. McDonald. The next number was by the full choir entitled, "Night All Nights Excelling," which was arranged in choral style, followed by the male quartette in "All My Heart This Night Rejoices," and a ladies' trio entitled, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," with tenor obligato which gave the audience the chance of hearing Mr. William Benson to great advantage.

Then came a closing chorus by the choir, the vigorous, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." The Queen Street church is happy in having a choir that in individual and concerted singing can render such efficient service in the workshop of the sanctuary. We heartily congratulate Miss McCrae and her worthy band of vocalists upon the success which they have achieved in this their gift of praise to the Babe of Bethlehem.

CITIZENS' BAND HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Elected Officers for Year, Appointed Managing Committee and Completed Other Important Business.

The annual meeting of the Durham Citizens' Band was held on Wednesday evening of last week in the band room over McLachlan's store, when the following officers were elected:

Honorary President, Dr. D. Jamieson; President, P. Gagnon; Financial Secretary, H. R. Koch; Band Secretary, C. Buschlen; Committee, H. E. Phipps and E. McDonald.

At the meeting, H. Bugill was re-elected Bandmaster, and with a whole winter's practice ahead of them, the boys expect to emerge next spring for the summer series of band concerts in better shape than ever before. We understand that arrangements have been made between the Band and the Durham Amusement Company whereby the former are to supply music at the local arena two nights a week during the skating season.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS INSTALLED OFFICERS

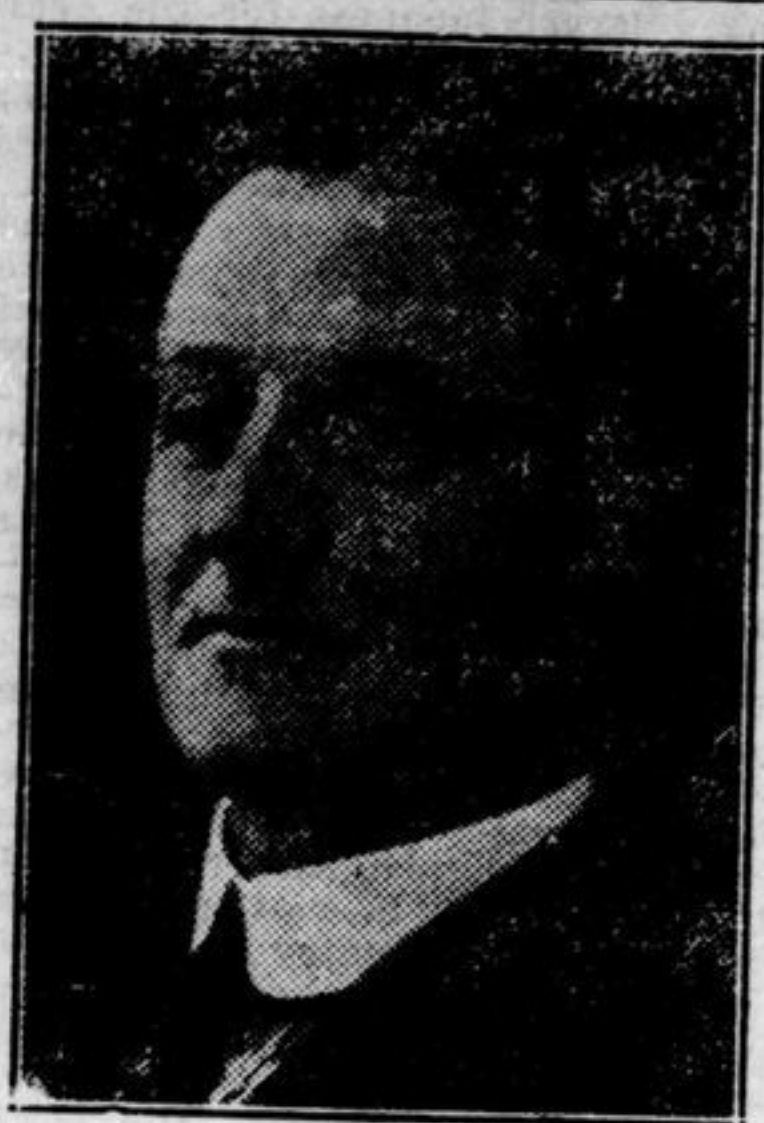
The following officers of Durham Lodge Royal Arch Masons were installed at the regular convocation held on Monday, December 24:

W. S. Hunter, I.P.Z.; W. C. Pickering, Z.; G. H. Darling, H.; J. F. Grant, J.; T. M. McFadden, S.E.; J. A. Magee, S.M.; J. A. Rowland, Treasurer; R. E. Richardson, P.S.; F. F. McIlraith, J.S.; James Burt, Jan.



THE "TIGER OF FRANCE"

M. Clemenceau, the war-time Premier and idol of France, who is being urged to step into the crisis in that country and save France from the bankruptcy which faces it. He might be given powers of a dictator.



A GREAT CANADIAN

J. C. Mitchell, three times winner of the sweepstakes for the world's best wheat at the Chicago International Grain and Hay Exhibition. In addition, Mr. Mitchell specializes in other farm seeds such as field peas and potatoes, and is increasing the quality and quantity of the products.

MISSION BAND ELECTED OFFICERS

Met Tuesday Afternoon in Knox Church Schoolroom

The annual meeting of the Little Helpers' Mission Band of Knox United church was held in the schoolroom of the church on Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting opened by devotional exercises taken by the boys and girls, Isobel Henderson presiding. The secretary, Marjorie Noble, gave the report of the year's work which showed a membership of 35, with an average attendance of 24 at the 14 meetings held throughout the year.

The studies were taken from the book entitled, "Young Canada in China." The treasurer, Helen Young, gave a very encouraging report, \$52.91 being raised during the year. Of this amount, \$4.50 was given by the children at the Tuesday afternoon meeting as a special gift to Miss McHarris' orphan babies in India.

After the election of officers, Rev. W. H. Smith gave a short talk and presented junior life membership certificates and pins which were gifts from friends of the Band, to Kathleen Milne (pianist), Marjorie Noble and Helen Young. A special program of instrumentals, choruses, duets and recitations was then given after which a splendid lunch was served to visiting friends by the girls.

The following were elected to office: President, Louise Jamieson; Secretary, Marjorie Noble; Treasurer, Helen Young; Birthdays Box Treasurer, Jack Gagnon; Look Out Committee, Isobel Henderson, May Braithwaite, Bobby Milne.

PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Re-elected for Coming Year at Gathering Held at Home of Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder on December 17. The meeting was opened in the usual manner with singing and prayer. The topic, which was "Bible Teachings on Prayer," was well presented by Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie, and several ladies led in prayer for our missionaries in the foreign field.

It being the annual meeting, reports were read, and the members of the society were pleased to know that the meetings had been helpful, and that something has been accomplished in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ. It was unanimously agreed that all officers be re-elected for another year.

UNIQUE PICTURE CAME OUT OF THE NORTH

Close to Nature Picture in Possession of Barrister Middlebro' First of This Week.

Barrister C. C. Middlebro' had in his possession on Tuesday of this week, and may have it yet for all we know, the best "nature picture" we think that it has ever been our privilege to look upon. The photo, which was taken up in the Peace River country, showed an attack by wolves on a buck deer, one of the pack of three having the animal by the throat, another with its fangs fastened on a hind leg, while the third stood in front apparently waiting for a chance to rush in and finish the job.

The picture was taken from long range with a telephoto camera by a friend of Mr. Middlebro', the latter of whom is taking out the necessary papers to have the picture copyrighted.

It's just as natural for a lot of us to want things as it is for us not to get them.

DURHAM FANS SAW FIRST HOCKEY MATCH

Durham "Old Boys" Put It Over O. H. A. Contenders 2-1, While Markdale High School Trimmed Local Students 4-3, Juniors Lost at Chesley Tuesday 7-1.

Durham hockey fans had their first opportunity of seeing the local intermediates in action on Monday night, when they played the "Has Beens." It was a battle from first to last, and to the surprise of everybody, the old-timers came out with the long end of a 2-1 score.

When near the close of the first period, the regulars tallied the first one of the season, it looked as if they were safe. But in the second stanza, Martin Lauder cut loose with a couple of sweet "twins bulgers" that put the foreigners in the lead, which led them maintained through the rest of the game. Lauder plays a mighty fine brand of hockey, and it certainly is a shame that he isn't wearing Durham colors this year instead of the orange and black of the Owen Sound Juniors. With him at centre ice, the locals would go a long way in both O. H. A. and Northern leagues.

Schutz and Clements made a good defense. Clements made some nice rushes and should be a very great asset to the Durham team. Schutz was not at his mid-season form but made several dangerous attempts on the foreigners' goal. McGirr, Elvidge and Buschlen composed the forward line. None of them got going right, and there was little attempt at combination. McDonald in goal was the only member of the team who was working as they did last winter.

Vollett and Lauder for the visitors combined well once or twice, but the play throughout was marked by lack of co-operation. It was a case of each player grabbing the puck and going as far as he could with it. Every university and college, almost in Ontario was represented. Royden Burnett and Albert Kress were there from Western University, London, the former doing some noble work on the forward line, while "Sox" guarded the nets. Queens was there in the person of Bill Snell on the defense. University of Toronto had a worthy representative in Bill Vollett, who, we understand, is trying out with Victoria's inter-faculty team. The Owen Sound Collegiate-Vocational school was also represented by Martin Lauder. Mac Saunders was an able defense man for the outsiders. When asked how he qualified to play with the students, he was not quite sure, but said he was studying Latin, anyway.

Taking it all in all, as an exhibition of hockey, it did not have any of the Big Six teams backed off the map; but from the standpoint of a good time being had by all the spectators, it was a riot.

The line-up, as near as we can guess it was:
Durham—Goal, E. McDonald; Defense, A. Clements, E. Schutz; Forwards, McGirr, Buschlen, Morlock; Sub, H. Kress.
Students—Goal, A. Kress; Defense, Bill Snell, Mac Saunders; Forwards, M. Lauder, Vollett, H. Mountain; Sub, R. Burnett.

Referee—R. L. Saunders.

Markdale Won Out

Durham High school hockey team pulled off a game with Markdale High on Monday night that resulted in the locals getting a trimming to the tune of 4-3. The Markdale lads apparently had more of the spirit of getting together and co-operation. Some of the locals showed flashes of hockey, but lacked experience and training in combining and handling themselves when they struck their opponent's defense.

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DIED FRIDAY FROM PNEUMONIA

Popular Priceville Young Man Passed Away Christmas Morning—Was Brother of Mrs. Colin Kennedy of Durham.

There was a gloom cast over North Egremont and South Glenelg when the sad news spread on a bright Christmas morning that a young life had passed to the great beyond in the person of Mr. John McKinnon. "Jack," as he was known to his friends, was a bright, cheerful, obliging boy and ever ready to help wherever there was sickness or need.

The deceased, who was about 26 years of age, was born on the Gravel Road near Bunnassan. About 17 years ago, he came with his parents to North Egremont to live and resided there ever since. For a number of years, he and his brother Dan operated a threshing outfit and shingle mill in which business he was well liked. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKinnon formerly of Bunnassan and Kennedy (Sarah), of Durham, and one brother, Dan, who will miss him most of all, as they were always together. The cause of death was pneumonia.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held from the residence of Mr. Jake Hiltz. His pastor, Rev. Angus Sutherland of Priceville had charge of the service at the house and grave. He was laid to rest with his parents in McNeil cemetery, Priceville, on Saturday, December 26. Thus, one by one we are passing over.

LITTLE PEN - O - GRAMS



MRS. DAVID WATSON DIED SATURDAY

Passed Away Following Three Weeks' Illness From Heart Trouble.—Interment Made Tuesday in Durham Cemetery.

We regret very much this week to be called upon to chronicle the death of Mrs. David Watson, an esteemed resident of Bentinck, which occurred at her home about a mile north of town last Saturday evening, following a three weeks' illness from heart trouble. Though Mrs. Watson had not been feeling well for the past year, and while her condition was known to relatives and neighbors, it was little thought when she was taken suddenly worse that the end was so near, and her death was a severe shock to the whole community. She was bedfast only one week prior to her death, and during her illness, was most tenderly cared for by her daughter, Helen, who came home from Toronto on learning of her mother's indisposition.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Watson leaves to mourn their loss one son, Archie, near Dornoch, a daughter, Helen, of Toronto, but now at home, and a granddaughter, Muriel. One sister and three brothers also survive. Mrs. James Watson (Jessie), Toronto, Lauchie and Neil McLean at the Rocky, and Archie McLean, Tullis, Sask.

Mrs. Watson was born 60 years ago last July at Galedonia and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McLean, pioneers of this section and who resided in the vicinity of the Rocky for a number of years. When four years of age, the subject of this sketch came with her parents and family to this vicinity, spent her childhood on the old homestead now occupied by her brother, Lauchie McLean, and with the exception of a time spent in Durham, has lived practically her whole lifetime in the vicinity of Rocky Saugeen in the vicinity of

On November 27, 1888, the deceased, then Catherine McLean, was happily wedded to Mr. David Watson and up to ten years ago resided near Dornoch on the farm now owned and operated by her son. At that time, they purchased their present holding a mile and a half north of this town and have been continuous residents ever since.

In normal health, Mrs. Watson was a woman of remarkable physique, was seldom ill and it is only during the past year that she has been subject to heart trouble which ultimately grew worse until death resulted last Saturday evening. She was a woman held in the highest esteem, and the whole neighborhood joins the grief-stricken family in mourning her sudden demise.

A Presbyterian in religion, she was in health a regular attendant at Burns' church at the Rocky, and the funeral from the home Tuesday afternoon was in charge of her pastor, Rev. B. D. Armstrong, who spoke comforting words from his text selected from Luke ii:29,30. Interment was made in Durham cemetery.

Amongst floral tributes laid on the casket were a pillow from the family, pillow from Mr. and Mrs. James Watson and family, a "Gates Ajar" from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris and family, and a wreath from Mrs. Margaret Edge and family. Friends from a distance in attendance at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. James Watson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris, Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, Mrs. Arthur Steele all of Toronto, Mrs. James Sumpton of Port Elgin, and Mr. and Mrs. William Lamont of Brant.

The pallbearers were old friends of the family: Messrs. A. Cranston, Duncan McArthur, A. Morton, T. Turnbull, Dan McArthur and J. McKechnie. The Chronicle and community sincerely sympathize with Mr. Watson and family in their great loss.

WINTER'S COLDEST DAY HERE LAST SUNDAY

Temperature Dropped to 15 to 20 Below Zero and Cold Weather Was Prevalent Over Large Section.

The coldest day so far this winter was last Sunday when the mercury slid down the tube to between 15 and 20 below zero. In and around Durham, the only casualties were a few frozen water pipes, while on Saturday night with the temperature at zero in the rink, the ice was badly cracked, and some of the skaters are reported to have had their toes frozen.

The cold wave was general over a large section, thirteen being reported frozen to death in Chicago and numerous casualties in other American cities.

In Toronto, the mercury registered 14 below, while at Doucet, Quebec, it was 26 below. White River, Parry Sound and Cochrane, all in Ontario, reported a temperature of 24 below.

In this section of Ontario, the recent heavy snows have pretty well blocked the roads for motor traffic, though little trouble is experienced getting about with sleighs or other horse-drawn vehicles.



HAROLD MCFADDEN ILL IN WELLDAN HOSPITAL

Underwent Operation a Week Ago for Appendicitis.

Mr. W. J. McFadden received word this week that his son, Harold, employed at Welland with National Grocers, had been admitted to the hospital at that place a week ago where he had undergone a successful operation for appendicitis and was doing well.

For some months past, Harold had been in Owen Sound where, before the big wholesale grocery merger, he was in the employ of McLachlan & Sons. Some weeks ago, he and five others were transferred to Welland.

His father left this Thursday morning for Welland to see him.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

Mr. Peter Gagnon, manager of the Durham Furniture Company, was admitted to Durham hospital Monday night, and on Tuesday underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Gagnon was taken down ten days ago with a severe attack and while he had apparently recovered, it was deemed advisable to have the trouble attended to before anything more serious developed.

We are pleased to report his condition as satisfactory and that he will be able to be up and around again in a week or ten days.

ACCEPTS INVITATION OF LEAGUE

President Coolidge, who has decided to accept the invitation of the League of Nations disarmament conference. It is a significant gesture toward support of the League idea.

LEAGUE SEASON OPENS TOMORROW NIGHT

Fast Hanover Intermediates Commence Season Here With Local Sextette at 8 o'clock.

The official opening of No. 3 District in the Northern Hockey League is scheduled for tomorrow night when the fast Hanover aggregation comes to town after the scalps of the local puck-chasers.

As in days of yore, the Hanoverians have always made the locals travel at their best pace to pull out ahead in the scoring, and it is more than likely that the locals will have to uncoil their best stunts to win. With tomorrow a holiday and hockey fever at its height, it is likely that a big crowd will witness the struggle. The game is called for 8 o'clock sharp.

HAD SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Mary Bourne, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bourne of this place, who underwent an operation two weeks ago in Durham hospital for mastoid trouble, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home on Monday last. We are pleased to know she is still improving and will soon be fully recovered.

BELL AND CALDER CONTEST REEVESHIP

Nominations Monday Caused Little Excitement, and Election is Result of Meeting—Mayor Murdock Returned by Acclamation.

The nominations in the Town Hall Monday evening were about as quiet as any we have ever listened to, and only a small crowd was present to hear any of the discussion.

Clerk W. B. Vollett, as Returning Officer, received nominations from 7:30 to 8:30 and when time was called, eleven names had been handed in as prospective candidates for next year's council. The nominations received were:

For Mayor—J. N. Murdock, A. Bell, For Reeve—A. Bell, W. Calder, For Council—G. McKay, A. Noble, W. J. McFadden, W. Macdonald, J. Henry, J. Adams, O. S. Hunter, J. McQueen, A. McClocklin, M. McCalkin and W. Glass.

School Trustees—E. A. Hay, J. S. McIlraith, D. B. Jamieson, J. McGowan.

Hydro Commissioner—H. W. Wilson.

Mr. Bell withdrew from the mayoralty contest, leaving Mayor J. N. Murdock in by acclamation, but decided to contest the Reeveship with Reeve Calder. The Councilors nominated, only seven qualified as follows: Messrs. McKay, Noble, Macdonald, Henry, Hunter, McQueen and McClocklin.

For School Trustees, Dr. D. B. Jamieson withdrew, and Messrs. Hay, McIlraith and McGowan went in unopposed.

H. W. Wilson was the only nominee on the Hydro Commission and will succeed himself.

Following the nomination, short speeches were delivered by Mayor-elect Murdock, and Messrs. Bell and Calder.

Mayor Murdock stated his position on his reported candidacy for the Reeveship by saying that he would not contest the honor this year but would most certainly be a candidate in 1927.

Reeve Calder followed and as chairman of the Finance Committee reviewed the finances of the town during the past year but gave no intimation whether or not he would be a candidate for Reeve.

Councillor Bell was the next speaker and dealt with some of the alleged misdeeds of Reeve Calder last year in an address lasting possibly twenty minutes. He censured the Reeve for advocating the hoisting of the town's assessment last summer and then going to the Court of Revision and having his own assessment cut down. He blamed the Reeve for the recent lawsuit brought by Police Magistrate Ludlow against the town to recover \$400 in fees for issuing warrants for which the Finance Committee refused payment.

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Smilin' Charlie Says-



The best get-rich-quick scheme I know of, is a savings account contributed to regularly...