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Thursday, December 31, 1925.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of The Chronicle.

Dear Sir:

For six years I have been bringing the matter of plowing our sidewalks in the winter up to the Reeves, Mayors and Councillors, and now that our town has been modernized in this respect, I wish to thank those responsible and wish them all a happy New Year.

Yours truly,
R. Moorhead.

SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS FOR PAST MONTH

S. S. No. 1, Normanby

Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, composition, geography literature, spelling, art and history.

Jr. IV.—Mabel Sharp, Wilbert Petty, Myrtle Marshall, Melville Watson, Jack Smallman.

Sr. III.—Ted Morice, Claire Morice.

Sr. II.—Irene Petty, Wallace Marshall, Elgin Petty, Susie Marshall, Jessie Marshall, Tommy Watson, Howard Marshall.

Sr. I.—Wilfred Marshall, Murray Morice.

Primer.—Allan Watson.

—A. E. Thuell, Teacher.

S. S. No. 1, Glenelg.

Jr. IV.—Annie McArthur, Douglas McArthur, Amelia Legate, Beth McGillivray.

Sr. III.—William Trafford, Iza Trafford.

Jr. III.—Mary Moore, Jean McArthur, Jean McGillivray, Malcolm McArthur, James Trafford, Ferol Legate, Teddy Moore.

Jr. II.—Mary McArthur.

Jr. I.—John McArthur, Gordon McGillivray, Laura McArthur, Glen Moore, Elizabeth Brown.

Jr. Primer.—J. A. Brown, Erma Stewart.

—Allan McGinnis, Teacher.

U. S. S. No. 2, Bentinck and Glenelg

Sr. IV.—Catherine McLean 60.

Jr. IV.—Corrine Lawrence, Jean Clark.

Sr. III.—Myrtle McLean 55.

Sr. II.—Clarence Ritchie, Herbie Miller.

Jr. II.—Rena Clark, Muriel Brown, Chester Miller.

Jr. I.—John Vessie, Archie McLean.

Jr. Primer.—Georgina Miller.

—Kathleen Firth, Teacher.

REPORT OF DURHAM BRANCH UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY

Balance from 1924	$ 5.35
Contributions during week of prayer 1925	40.53
Collection at Mr. Pennock's lecture	17.00
	$63.28

Dr. J. L. Smith, President.
C. E. Watson, Secretary.
Mrs. A. Derby, Treasurer.

TOO MANY PEDDLERS

We are told that there has been a regular epidemic of peddlers in Fergus lately. They go around from house to house trying to sell all kinds of articles and, while some housewives may welcome their visits, most women consider them as nuisances, or worse.

A few of these men have articles which can be secured in no other way or have offers which are genuine values, but they appear to be in the minority. Most of them are honest and civil enough, but some are not. The methods used in some cases are devious at least. Among other recent visitors there is said to have been a man with a scheme similar to one tried here a couple of years ago. He gets possession of a snapshot of a child or some other member of the family on the pretext that there is to be a contest for Fergus and Elora or some other municipality in which amateur photos will be entered. The lady is asked to sign a slip so that this picture will be returned to the right address. In a month or so another man comes along with a framed enlargement valued at from five to ten dollars (the price apparently varying). He insists that this has been ordered and produces the signed order to prove it. Very often we believe, he succeeds in making the sale and getting the cash by claiming that he is not responsible for any promises made by his confederate—and by using the signed order. It is well to be very wary when a traveller like this appears, or else to call up the local police for aid.—Fergus News-Record.

On Her Last Lap

"It looks like Miss Passay would end her race for a man with the old geezer she's caught."

"Yes, she's on her last lap, I'd say."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Misses Isabel, Inez and Vera Leith of Holsein spent over the Christmas holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Backus, here.

Mrs. John Sharp and little son, Billie, of Hampden spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Backus.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heywood spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson.

Master Earl Heywood spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson.

Miss Annie C. MacKenzie of Toronto has been spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dan. C. MacDonald.

Mr. Wilfrid Levi of Markdale spent a few days with his friend, Mr. Brad MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gray are visiting the latter's old home in Collingwood for a few weeks.

Mrs. Bert Smith and daughters, Grace and Edith of Guelph, are guests over the holidays at the Weir home in town.

Miss Dodds, of the hospital staff, spent Christmas at her home in Cedarville.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald of New Ontario are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald, Upper Town.

Miss Alva Metcalfe and Mr. John Cook of Owen Sound visited with Mrs. J. Metcalfe over the holiday.

Mrs. W. Guthrie of San Coulee, Montana, is visiting her father, Mr. John Lawrence, and other relatives.

Mr. Campbell Mitchell of Hamilton visited his sister, Mrs. Neil McLean, at the Rocky for a few days.

Mr. R. Macfarlane, barrister of Listowel, was in town over the week-end, visiting with the Greenwood and other families in Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Middlebro' spent over the holiday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Middlebro,' Owen Sound. While in the Scenic City, they attended the wedding of Miss Marie Hall to Mr. J. B. C. Runnings. During the service, Mrs. Middlebro' sang most acceptably "Because."

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McClocklin spent over Christmas and the week-end with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stedman and baby, Tommy, vistied from Thursday to Monday with his mother at Weston. Master Leslie, who spent the past two months with his grandmother, returned with them.

Mr. J. E. Burns visited at London over Christmas and the week-end.

Mr. William McKay of St. Marys spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean of Galt visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean, Sr., over the holiday.

Mr. Ward Koch, who is attending Queen's University at Kingston, is spending the holiday at his home here.

Mr. Albert Kress is home from the Western University at London over the holiday.

Miss Clara Aljoe of the Toronto teaching staff is visiting her parents here.

Miss A. C. MacKenzie of Toronto is visiting over the holiday season with relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Wie of Toronto were guests of her sister, Miss Laura McKenzie.

Mr. Edgar Brown was home from Detroit over Christmas.

Mr. Victor Catton of Grimsby was in town over the week-end visiting his, brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Catton.

Mr. William Hutton of Detroit spent a few days with his mother and sister in town.

Mr. Robert Hughes of Guelph visover the holiday.
ited his sisters, the Misses Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burnett and family were over from Hanover and spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burnett, Sr. Mr. Burnett is now employed as machinist.

Mr. Harry Aljoe of Kitchener spent his Christmas holidays with relatives in town.

Miss Mevil Blair, R. N., of Guelph General Hospital, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moorhead.

Miss Marguerite Hutton of Toronto is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Gagnon.

Mrs. George Searles of Guelph is spending a couple of weeks with her mother, Mr. W. Hill, north of town.

Mrs. W. G. Breen and two children of Fergus are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan, this week.

Mr. John McGowan, Jr., was home from Stratford for Christmas.

Miss Marjorie Firth of Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Firth.

Miss Kathleen Firth is spending a few days in Owen Sound this week.

Messrs. Arthur and Harold Ramage of the Thornbury Review-Herald spent the holiday at their home here.

Mr. Lorne McNally of Detroit spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McNally and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Heughan and daughter, Irma, of Milverton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aldred over the holiday.

Miss Mamie Crutchley of Toronto spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crutchley.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore of Meaford were Christmas visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crutchley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Atkinson spent over the week-end with Toronto relatives.

Mr. Fred Kelsey is visiting his sister at Alpena, Mich.

Misses Florence Kress and Emily Hunt were home from Stratford Normal over Christmas.

Mr. Campbell McLean was home from Stratford, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lauchie McLean, at the Rocky.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Musgrove of Meaford are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Jucksch.

Miss Florabel Nichol is home from Toronto University for the holidays.

PRAYER

We all pray according to our relationship with God. Saying prayers in a mechanical way will not bring about a vital relationship with God. Real prayer is consciousness of relationship with God. We pray becuse we know we are his children and can call Him "Our Father."

Possibly our first real prayer was our first consciousness of relationship. If we are talking with God in the same vocabularly which we used in childhood, we may be spiritual dwarfs.

Luke 11.1. "Lord, teach us to pray!" A petition which should precede every prayer.

Romans 8.26, 27. The great saints are those who have learned to pray "according to the will of God." If there is anything in prayer, there is everything. Either we are taking it too seriously and wasting too much energy, or we are not intelligent and learning to pray according to God's laws.

Definitions and Illustrations

Habit is a channel through which good or bad may flow. It may be cultivated in the spiritual realm as in the physical and mental. In this respect, you are different from five or ten years ago; i.e., it is harder to change a habit. Be master of physical, mental and spiritual habits.

Prayer is a spiritual habit which may be cultivated. It makes a channel in character through which good will flow.

Ideals are a great help in forming habits. One girl's life was changed by a letter from another girl in which was this paragraph: "I want to have power with God in prayer; to be a woman of prayer; never to be too busy to look up, or to sit quietly at his feet and talk with him."

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will avail to make!
What burdens lighten, what temptations slake!
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all the distant and the near
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong,—
Or others,—that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or faithless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with thee?

To ideals like these every heart responds, "I want to be like that." How can we be changed? 2 Corinthians 3. 18, "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord." Luke 9. 29, "And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening." The habit of paryer will change a character and a countenance.

Prayer is like a power plant. Our part is to make the connection and realize the power.

Prayer is a bank from which we may draw out the interest on the principal. It is of no use if left in the bank. F. B. Meyer said, "Learn to appropriate from God's nature what you need for your character."

Prayer is an investment of time. There is a fire brick in England that is advertised: "For every moment of saturation, there is a corresponding moment of illumination."

Prayer is a well. We may let down the bucket to be filled.

Prayer is like the wireless. If my will and God's cross, there is discord. If my will and his are parallel, there is harmony and communion.

A Religion For Slaves

(David Chamberlain)

Nothing did more to bring about the emancipation of the slaves in the British Colonies than the circulation of the Scriptures a hundred years ago.

After the slave trade had been outlawed (in 1807), the belief prevailed that it was possible to retain slavery as an institution and to give the consolation of the Gospel to those still in bondage.

So the slaves had the Word of Life put into their hands, and its proclamation for liberty for the captives brought its own fulfilment.

The discovery that their affairs were the concern of One Whom many of them called "God A'mighty atop" was the beginning of a new day for the slaves, for it broke through the sullen indifference into which the system of slavery had driven them and gave the negroes a new self-respect.

Canning feared that the emancipated slave would be a Frankenstein monster—power without conscience; and he spoke the thoughts of the majority. But there was a leaven of Christian faith among the negroes when freedom came, which made all the difference.

This leavening is seen in the journal of John Smith, the martyr of Demerara. That journal was seized for the use of the vindictive court martial which tried him in 1823, and finally condemned him to death most unjustly, for concealment of treason.

Here is one characteristic entry:

"Easter Monday, April 23, 1821.

"I baptized sixty adults and twenty-one children, and married a great number.

"Among those that were baptized were three negroes, Jemima, Paul and James, from the (plantation) Reasonable, Mahaicony.

"James is a young man who was formerly a pretty regular attendant at our chapel. About three years ago, his master thought he was too religious, and that he would spoil the rest of the negroes with his Methodism.

"To prevent the spread of so dreadful a contagion, he sent him to the above-mentioned place, a distance of, I suppose, thirty miles from Le Resouvenir and twenty-three or twenty-four from where James had formerly dwelt.

"James did not like his transportation, but submitted with patience.

"He took a Bible with him and resolved to diffuse as far as possible the glorious salvation he had been brought to the knowledge of .

"This holyday he came down and brought Paul and Jemima. These three requested to be baptized, and so well satisfied was I with them from the conversation we had together that I baptized them with great pleasure.

"These have been brought to the knowledge of the truth by the reading of the Bible by James."

When it is remembered that the art of reading was acquired in the teeth of bitter opposition from the planters who saw in it an end of their authority, the achievement of James was no small one. There in that place of poisoned moralities, as in more fortunate lands, the Bible was the first well-spring of knowledge and the bringer of freedom.

Possessing it, the slave "stood erect, caught at God's sleeves and prayed."

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected December 31, 1925.

Live Hogs	$12.00
Wheat	1.35 @ 1.40
Oats	.40 @ .42
Barley	.60 @ .65
Buckwheat	.60 @ .65
Peas	1.15 @ 1.25
Mixed Grain, per cwt.	1.15 @ 1.25
Hay	10.00 @12.00
Eggs	.45 @ .50
Butter	.35 @ .40
Potatoes, per bag	1.50
Sheepskins	.50 @ .75
Cattle	.04 @ .08
Chickens	.16 @ .25
Ducks	.18 @ .20

Season's Greetings

Among the many pleasures that attend the holiday season, there is none that we enjoy more than that of greeting our friends. Many new ones have been made during the year and the consistent support we have received from our old ones is most gratifying

To all of these we extend our hearty wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SMITH BROS.

Ford Sales and Service **Durham, Ont.**

WHAT DID YOU GET?

"Father made a radio receiving set out of an oyster container, some old wire that had been used for hanging pictures, a box of paper clips and the kitchen doorbell that was out of commission. By a triumph of tuning, he got Des Moines.

"Uncle Joe constructed a set from a second-hand self-starter, a tomato can, a cane seat from a broken-down chair and the temperemental shower bath in the guest room. He got Havana.

"Sister with ingenuity quite remarkable for her sex, put together a set from material comprising a burnt-out cake pan, a prune box, short lengths of clothesline wire and a package of hairpins for which she had no earthly use since bobbing her hair. Would you believe it?—she got London.

"Little brother, not to be outdone, manufactured all by himself a most remarkable radio from mother's curling iron, father's toothbrush, Uncle Joe's umbrella, sister's full perfume bottle and the cook's favorite meat knife. He got Hell."

BORN

Helwig.—In Hamilton, December 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Helwig (nee Inez Redford), a daughter.

MARRIED

Brodie—Hughes.—In Glenelg, on December 23, Kathleen, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hughes of Durham, to Mr. Robert J. Brodie of Glenelg.

Eccles—Lindsay.—In Durham on Wednesday, December 30, at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. B. D. Armstrong, Grace Lindsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay, Glenelg, to Mr. William Eccles of Egremont.

King—McLean—In Toronto, on December 23, 1925, by Rev. W. J. Brown, Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean of Durham, to Mr. Edward King of Toronto.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. David Watson and family wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for kindness and sympathy shown in their recent bereavement.

DURHAM FANS SAW FIRST HOCKEY OF SEASON

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However, what the youngsters lacked in skill they made up in enthusiasm, and were hard at it from gong to gong. More power to their elbows, and may they yet make Markdale take a back seat.

The new penalty timekeeper's and press box makes a decided improvement, not only in the handling of the games, but in the appearance of the rink. It now looks like a real hockey rink. The rounding of the corners also helps materially, and makes it impossible to stage the "corner-wrestling" that used to often slow up the hockey matches.

All in all, it looks as if Durham would be treated to some real opportunities to witness hockey as it is played, this winter; and it is to be hoped the citizens will appreciate the efforts made in their behalf, not only by the players and management, but by the Rink Company.

Lost at Chesley

Durham's Junior Northern Leaguers started off the season Tuesday night at Chesley where they were beaten by the sextette representing that town by 7 to 1. Though a lobsided score, the game is reported as fairly evenly contested, and with the locals having as many shots on the Chesley citadel as were registered against the Durham nets. The Chesley goaler, however, was too good and covered himself with glory by spectacular saves.

There is no question amongst Durham fans who witnessed the game that the better team won, as the Chesleyites were a much heavier bunch and a somewhat better finished and faster team.

Following is the line-up:

Durham (1)—Goal, Snell; defense, McDonald and Wilson; centre, Moon; wings, Elvidge and Rowe; subs., Lavelle, Vollett and McFarlane.

Chesley (7)—Goal, Given; defense, McRorie and Pickard; centre, Brown; wings, Wettlaufer and Murphy; subs., Graper and Fry.

Referee, W. R. Johnston, Palmerston.

If you're acquainted with happiness, introduce him to your neighbor.

Queer that a man should take up a life of crime when there are so many legal ways of being dishonest.

Flour and Feed Prices

Start the New Year right by using Maple Leaf Flour. Coupon in every bag. Canada's Standard Flour.

We pay highest market prices for all kinds of grain at the Rob Roy Elevator.

Wheat, bu.	$1.35 to $1.40
Oats, bu.	.35 to .40
Barley, bu.	.60 to .65
Mixed Grain, cwt.	1.15 to 1.25
Peas, bu.	1.15 to 1.25
Buckwheat, bu.	.65 to .70

We carry only the best High Patent Flours

Maple Leaf Flour, per bag	$ 5.00
O Canada Flour, per bag	4.90
Pilot Flour, per bag	4.90
Pastry Flour, 24 lbs.	1.10
Feed Flour, cwt.	2.00
Tankage, 60% kind	3.25
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Oat Chop, ton	30.00
Corn Chop, ton	35.00

We have for sale Bran, Shorts, Corn, Beefscrap, Salt, Bone Phosphate, Oil Cake Meal, Ground Flax Meal, Oyster Shell, also Hon. John. S. Martin's full line of Poultry Feeds, Laying Mash and Calf Meal.

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To one and all, our many Friends and Customers, we take this opportunity of thanking you for your loyal support during the past year and extend to you our sincere good wishes for

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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