

DURHAM FANS SAW FIRST HOCKEY OF SEASON (Continued from page 4) However, what the youngsters did in skill they made up in enthusiasm, and were hard at it from morning till night. More power to their wrists, and may they yet make a kale take a back seat. The new penalty, timkeeeper's 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 hockey rink. The rounding of the corners also helps material-ly and makes it impossible to stage "corner-wrestling" that used to slow up the hockey matches. In all, it looks as if Durham will be treated to some real oppor-tunities to witness hockey this winter; and it is hoped the citizens will appreciate the efforts made in their behalf, not only by the players and manage-ment but by the Rink Company.

Lost at Chesley Durham's Junior Northern team started off the season Tuesday night at Chesley where they bested the sextette represented by the score, the game is re-garded as fairly evenly contested, with the locals having a few shots on the Chesley citadel registered against the Durhams. The Chesley goal, however, was too good and covered him-self with glory by spectacular saves. There is no question amongst Durhams who witnessed the game the better team won, as the victory was a much heavier and a somewhat better finish and faster team.

Howing is the line-up: Durham (1)—Goal, Snell; defense, Ald and Wilson; centre, Moon; Elvidge and Rowe; subs., La-Vollett and McFarlane. Chesley (7)—Goal, Given; defense, Re and Pickard; centre, Brown, Wetlauffer and Murphy; Graper and Fry. Palmer-ree, W. R. Johnston, Palmers-

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(Our Own Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. John W. Manary and family, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sturrock, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Manary. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roberts and family dined with Mr. and Mrs. T. Allan on Christmas day. Miss Reta Roberts is home from her school for Christmas.

Misses Edith and Ethel Hunt are home for the Christmas festivities, the former from Toronto Normal school, and the latter from Giffna where she is teaching. Nelson McGuire and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown, concession 26, where there were about 40 guests present. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Long went up to W. S. Achison's for Christmas dinner. About 18 guests were present. Dr. McLellan spent a day or so in the village recently.

R. J. Gadd and family spent the recent holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Barber. As Mr. and Mrs. William Service's little boy was playing on the lounge, he fell and broke his right arm between the elbow and the wrist. The fracture was reduced by Drs. Taylor and McLellan.

Gordon Seim and sister of Bradford are spending their holidays with their cousins here. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister of St. Thomas are visiting his mother. Mrs. McAllister, who is residing with her sister, Mrs. Hoy.

The nomination for the municipal offices of the Township of Egremont was held in the Hall here on Monday, resulting in the election of the Council by acclamation. The Council for 1926 stands thus: Reeve, Neil Calder; Deputy Reeve, J. A. Ferguson; Councillors, N. Wilson, J. Mack and E. Robb.

Olive and Gertrude West are spending a few days in Alma visiting the Mowbray children. The nomination for Police Village Trustees was held in Robert's Hall on Monday evening. Matters of interest were discussed. The following were nominated: G. Calder, H. Lamont, G. Byre, J. D. Roberts, C. Drumm, R. Christie.

Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell of Toronto are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pinder. Mrs. Sadler of Warton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Rife. Will Thorne of Exeter was home over the holiday.

George Alles went to Montreal recently to visit his sister, Mrs. McLellan. Hartley Allingham and family of Georgetown spent Christmas in the village. Mrs. James Eccles was the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. Smith during the recent festivities.

Miss Robena Haas of Mount Forest spent a few days with relatives here. Miss Cora Lawrence of North Egremont spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. R. B. Long. Mrs. Harry Strong of Lambton Mills was up for Christmas.

Edge Hill (Our Own Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. Brown, Egremont. No election in Glenelg this year, so municipal matters are quiet. We extend congratulations to Miss McKechnie and Mr. H. H. McDonald on winning the first debate with the Rocky club.

The Misses Edge of town are spending part of the Christmas vacation with relatives in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffat of town visited Monday and Tuesday with friends at Edge Hill. Our annual school meeting was held in the school on Wednesday morning with a good attendance of the ratepayers. The financial standing of the section is exceptionally good as they have sufficient balance on hand to cover all ordinary expenses for the coming year. Mr. A. Anderson was elected trustee in the place of Mr. Victor Williams who has served faithfully for six years. Cecil Paylor was awarded the contract of supplying 15 cords of wood at \$4.25 per cord. George Ritchie has the caretaking of the school for the year for the sum of \$105.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER? Because one church in the United States has taken the word "obey" out of the marriage service, there is a lot in the papers about it. The removal of the promise "to obey" is perfectly justifiable, as it is becoming an obsolete word. It has been taken out of everything but the marriage ceremony. It has long gone out of the law. Only old-fashioned, decent citizens ever think of obeying the law that cramps their style, liquor traffic, automobile or moral code. To a large section of the people about "everything you can get away with" is legal and enacted laws are non-essentials in their young lives. The obey is going out of the home. Father doesn't obey laws which curb his mood of business or procedure, and the family learn that same disrespect of its nominal head. Mothers often aid fathers in backing their children when they are caught trespassing on some moral regulation, and the only fear of all parties is publicity. Obeyance seems such a lost art it may be deleted from the dictionary and schools. Nobody obeys any laws at all when it is inconvenient. The devil may not have been much of an institution to be proud of, but he served the ancient and honorable purpose of keeping people in the straight and narrow path. The path has expanded into a highway now, and there is nobody but the traffic cop. If no one obeys at all, what is the answer?—Teaswater News.

OKLAHOMA PRESERVE HOME OF WILD DUCKS

Kind Treatment During Past Three Years Has Resulted in Mallard Colony Becoming Fully Tamed. Birds Refuse to Migrate.

Several hundred mallard ducks are quacking defiance from the confines of the Marland bird refuge and game preserve at Ponca City, Okla. Confident in their security, they keep closely within their haunts where food is plentiful, several lakes at hand and no dog or gun near to disturb their security. Once in a while one of the southward bound brothers uses a stop-over privilege within the game refuge, but thus far these wanderers have not been able to persuade any of those accustomed to the preserve to join them in the annual pilgrimage. Hardly a day goes by that Carl McDonald, the superintendent, and his associates do not see several of these tourists mingling with the preserve mallards, and McDonald believes that occasionally even one of these makes his sojourn permanent. "I do not believe we have lost a mallard this autumn in this annual flight," he says.

It is a difficult matter to make one's way through these hundreds of quacking waddlers. They have learned that no harm has ever been offered them there, that they are permitted to do as they please within the confines of the 300-acre preserve. Naturally, each person who visits the preserve is looked upon as a friend, perhaps one with something to put out in the way of food, and it is nothing unusual to have several hundred of the mallards following behind, each quacking to his heart's content. If the person stops, the ducks surround him instantly, all demanding grains of corn or other morsels.

Even when an automobile is driven through the preserve, the mallards follow quacking behind, and frequently it is necessary to stop the car entirely while the ducks are driven away from in front and underneath the machine. Then gradually the car advances, as the ducks continue to crowd around, and eventually they fall in line in the rear, following as far as it is possible for them to go. There is no more interesting sight during this open season period of the year than to visit the bird refuge and enjoy the friendliness and the close relation of these so-called wild fowl.

The grandfather of this flock within the preserve, is still one of them, and is pointed out with great pride by Mr. McDonald. He has a portion of one wing missing, and was the first duck brought to the refuge nearly three years ago. Mr. McDonald is surrounded by his ever-increasing progeny, he seems to be fully content with his lot. A recent very interesting feature connected with these mallards was when a staff photographer of one of the news feature film companies appeared. The only trouble had was getting the ducks far enough away from him to get the proper pictures, and showing and rushing them did but little good; they have been treated kindly so long that they refused to become alarmed, even to have their picture taken. And it was even necessary to throw corn out into the lakes to get the ducks into the water.

The mallards are permitted to make their nests in the open, the same as in their wild state, and this becomes another very interesting sight during the nesting season, and those who do have the opportunity are well repaid. After the little ones are hatched, almost immediately they set out on their maiden voyages across the lakes, swimming in formation behind proud mothers. Reeds, cat-tails and other plant life surround the edges of the lakes, and throughout the woods are turkey berry and other undergrowth, and every possible protection is given them.

SEVEN MISTAKES OF LIFE

"There are seven mistakes of life that many of us make," said a famous writer; and then he gave the following list: 1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down. 2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected. 3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it. 4. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do. 5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading. 6. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished. 7. The failure to establish the habit of saving money.

Announcement

We have made several changes at our Service Station and are now prepared to serve Lunches at all hours. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Gasoline at the pumps as usual. Durham Service Station. J. W. D. Evans, Prop.

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GREETINGS WE welcome the opportunity which the New Year season affords, of extending to all our friends, the season's greetings and to wish them increased prosperity during the coming year. J. & W. McLachlan, Durham

BELL AND CALDER CONTEST REEVESHIP

(Continued from page 1)

This cost the town \$7.05 before it was settled. The collection by the Reeve from the town of \$15.25 for expenses to Toronto on County business which he took it upon himself to attend without authority from the Council, and the squandering of \$75.00 for plans for a new town hall which he knew would not be built were other matters dwelt upon. None of these amounts were very large, said Mr. Bell, but they were in evidence during Reeve Calder's stewardship. He was going to stand for the Reeveship, and if elected, promised that he would do all in his power to stop this kind of thing. In reply to Mr. Bell's accusations, Mr. Calder said that his assessment was altogether too high and that he was still assessed higher than similar properties in town. Every municipality in the county, he said, was represented at the good roads meeting in Toronto, and had paid their delegates, and as far as the town hall plans were concerned, he certainly was not in favor of spending any considerable amount of money on the present structure. With the exception of this little exchange of courtesies, everything was about as quiet as the groom at a wedding, and as none of the councillors were called upon, the meeting adjourned at the conclusion of Reeve Calder's reply.

In the Townships

With the exception of Bentinck, in which an election is to be held, the surrounding townships were returned by acclamation. The personnel is as follows: BENTINCK Reeve—H. W. Hunt, D. J. McDonald. Deputy Reeve—Charles Bailey, Robert Grierson. Council—George Magwood, Neil McCallum, Alex. McGregor, Joseph Owens.

EGREMONT (Accl.) Reeve—Neil Calder. Deputy Reeve J. A. Ferguson. Council—James Mack, Erwin Robb, Noble Wilson.

GLENELG (Accl.) Reeve—William Weir. Council—A. Aljee, M. Black, T. J. Brodie, J. McKechnie.

DOES EDUCATION PAY?

What a question! Does it pay to prepare the ground before sowing the seed? Does it pay to polish the precious stone before putting it on the market? Does it pay to plane and sandpaper the board before putting it into the piece of furniture? Does it pay to sharpen the tools before working with them? Does it pay to know things rather than be a mere animal, and be directed by those who have minds? Does it pay to think, and if so, to think with a trained mind rather than with an untrained one? Does it pay to be a leader rather than a follower? Does it pay to make the most of the faculties God has endowed one with, or to let them lie dormant? Does it pay to be one of the capable of the human race or to be one of the inferior? Does it pay to prepare oneself to do large things or to remain satisfied to do small things, and let others take the advanced positions? Does it pay to take advantage of opportunity and make the most possible of oneself? Does it pay to get an education? Only the lazy and ignorant answer "No." Pay? Surely it pays—manyfold. There can be no better investment nor one anywhere nearly as good. Let no youth be deceived. Ask any of those who are educated. Ask the wise of any generation. Be sensible. Get the education while you have the chance. Prepare to live a happy and prosperous life.—Ward H. Nye. A Toronto girl gets \$100,000 a year for designing the latest dresses. A lot of money for such a little thing.—Chatham News.

THE HELPLESS BACHELOR

The bachelor is the most helpless creature of all, according to Lady Astor. She is nothing if not cheerful, is the good Lady Astor. She is a brilliant woman in her chosen calling, but she is delightfully true to womanhood, with a large amount of motherly yearning for all her sharp wit and her sophistication. The fact is that few women, whether married or single, can contemplate a bachelor (particularly a comfortable one) with any sort of equanimity. If he is not discontented, they set about to make him so. In the social state, a bachelor, technically, has no friends, no defenders and no defense. All sorts of propaganda are hurled at him to make him mend his ways. If the old legend about his lonely evenings fails, they still have the myth of the missing buttons, cheerfully oblivious of the fact that the bachelor has all this done for him by his dry cleaner much more promptly than most wives would do it. The state takes its toll out of him by lowering his exemption and raising his taxes. His fellow men rub it in by telling him how lucky he is, thereby finally convincing him that he is indeed a most unfortunate fellow. Only in the world of make-believe does he find support. In play, in song, in story, appears the convivial and genial bachelor who is supposed to have his roistering at the club, and his manservant and his late hours and his immaculate clothes. All wrong, of course. Not one bachelor in a thousand has all these things, though most of them have perhaps one. But he he happy or miserable, there is no hope for him. If unhappy, he is a willing prey for women. If content, it is in vain that he cries, "let well enough alone!" In a woman's philosophy, there is no "well enough." Her first ambition is either to marry him or see him married, and the second and inevitable ambition is to improve him. Nor is that philosophical. It is instructive. But to uplift him, she must first humble him, convince him that he needs mothering and stabilizing and feeding. Woman has dimmed this into the ears of man so long and so consistently and so successfully that she has finally come to believe it herself. In that respect, Lady Astor is no less credulous than the least educated of her sex. And curiously, there is some truth in it. Having applied her methods to man's nature at a time when he did not need them, woman has now reduced him to a state where he does.—Border Cities Star.

"This is ridiculous," said the annoyed producer. "Do you realize that in the last scene you actually laughed when you were supposed to be dying?" "At my salary," answered the actor, not without dignity. "death is greeted with laughter and cheers."

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ELECTION CARD

Having decided to let my name go before the electors for the position of Reeve of Durham for 1926, I solicit the suffrages and influence of the ratepayers to elect me to the position. I feel that my four years' experience at the Council Board has qualified me for the position, and if elected, will do my utmost to promote the interests of the town in an economical and intelligent manner. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain, Your obedient servant, A. BELL.

ELECTION CARD

I am again in the field for the Reeveship of the Township of Bentinck and respectfully solicit your vote and influence to secure my election on next Monday. During the past two years, I have served you to the best of my ability, and feel that these years have been very successful ones for the Township. If again returned, I promise the electors my best efforts for good and economical administration of their affairs. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Your obedient servant, D. J. McDONALD.

ELECTION CARD

To the Municipal Electors of the Town of Durham. Ladies and Gentlemen: After having decided to retire from municipal life, I have been urgently requested to give another year to the position of Reeve, and in the earnest solicitation of many ratepayers, have decided to do so. Believing that my experience at both County Council and in the town may be of value to the municipality, I would respectfully ask your vote and influence to secure my election. Thanking you for past favors and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am, Your obedient servant, W. CALDER.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DURHAM Horticultural Society will be held in the A. Y. P. A. rooms, Saturday, January 9, at 8 p. m., for the transaction of general business and the election of officers. A full attendance is requested.—F. F. McIlraith, Secretary. "I knew an artist once who painted a cobweb on the ceiling so realistically that the maid spent hours trying to get it down." "Sorry, dear, I just don't believe it." "Why not? Artists have been known to do such things." "Yes, but not maids!"

CONCERT AND BOX SOCIAL

A CONCERT AND BOX SOCIAL will be held in S. S. No. 1, Glenelg, on Friday evening, January 15. A play entitled, "An Irish Stew," will be given by the young people. Admission 25 cents. 12 31 2

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH GREY Agricultural Society will be held in the Public Library, Durham, on Monday, January 11, at 1.30 p. m. to wind up the business of the past year, to elect officers and plan for a bigger and better season for 1926. J. W. Blyth, President, George Binnie, Secretary. 12 31 2

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Philip Lawrence on Thursday, January 7. Miss P. Wolfe will give a paper on "How to Entertain and Be Entertained." Demonstration on bandaging by Miss A. Weir. Reading by Mrs. Burgess. Roll call answered by a good joke. All ladies cordially invited. 1

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