

Traverston.

(Our Own Correspondent) May 1926 prove a Happy and Prosperous Year to The Chronicle, its staff and its many interested readers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cook and two boys, Murray and Howard, arrived on Wednesday last from Detroit to the old home and installed a fine radio outfit as a gift to his parents.

Ernest is a most successful builder and contractor and is forging ahead.

Hardly was the sun on the return trip before we got a genuine cold dip.

Messrs. Robert Peart and Keith Edwards arrived at their respective homes from Detroit for a week's holiday.

At the closing of school on Tuesday of last week, Miss Reta Barbour gave her pupils a fine treat of good things.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harrison of Swinton Park spent the festive day at the Nelson homestead; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Twamley and Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell with Masters Charlie and Ralph of Welbeck at the McGlockin home; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lawrence of Egremont at the Davis home; Mrs. Ben Mays, with Misses Elsie and Isobel of Guelph are spending a week at Grandma Firth's; Messrs. Lauchie, Philip and Walter Dunbar are enjoying a happy time at the old Dunbar home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tuck and Misses Bessie and Iona Beaton of Toronto are spending merry days at the parental Beaton home on the 4th concession.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ivan Edwards of Toronto are spending part of this week at the Edwards home.

The Township Hall was fairly well filled at the nomination on Monday afternoon, Messrs. W. Weir, Archie McCuaig and your scribe were nominated for the reeve ship, while Messrs. Malcolm Black, Alex. Aljoe, John McKechnie, Thomas Brodie and Charles Wepler were named for the Council seats.

Besides the above named, the following prominent ratepayers were called upon to address the audience: Messrs. John McGrath, John O'Neil and D. Robinson, and each of them made splendid offhand speeches. Reeve Weir gave a good account of his stewardship, but was far more forceful in his reply to the critics than he received from the hands of the astute and shrewd McCuaig. The ex-Councillors were brief in their remarks with the exception of Mr. Brodie, who branched out on Township School Boards, Statute Labor and its abolition and the local Telephone system. Much interesting matter was brought out in the afternoon discussion. Clerk H. H. McDonald presided with tact and good judgment. Messrs. McCuaig and Edwards withdrew at the close of the meeting, leaving Reeve Weir elected by acclamation, and Mr. Charles Wepler, not wishing to cause an election, also withdrew, thus leaving the old Councillors secure for another year. We wish them a year of success and hearty co-operation.

Christmas Eve found a crowded house in old Zion with the two big trees laden down and the church interior tastefully decorated. About half the program was provided by Miss Barbour's school bunch, and she received many warm encomiums over their recitals, songs and so forth. Rev. J. E. Peters ably handled the lengthy program and added to its brightness. His Christmas anecdote was a "good un." The following gave recitations: Juanita Noble, Elvie Hastie, Gordon Greenwood, Gordon Noble, Clara Jack, Willie Peart, Arthur Blair, Ada Banks, Catherine Timmins and Mary McNab. The pantomime, "Comin' Thro' the Rye," was well done, and the Chinese girl convulsed the house. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McNally and Mr. James Peart supplied the sweetest of music. Misses Vera Robins and Catherine Timmins gave a fine exhibition of club swinging. Two drills, one by eight young fellows in white and one by maidens in "Grandma's Day" attire proved novelty numbers. Three or four dialogues were well acted and upheld the reputation of the vicinity for dramatic ability. The duet by Mrs. Noble and Miss Edith Teele and the chorus by the young folks were well rendered.

A real live Santa Claus appeared at the close of the program, and a varied and large number of gifts were soon distributed. The proceeds amounted to about \$39.00.

Dornoch

(Our Own Correspondent)

Rev. Dr. J. Fraser Smith, who is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother, Mr. William Smith, addressed the congregation at Latoria church on Sunday morning. Mr. Smith, who recently returned from China where he revisited the scenes of his missionary labors, recalled the days thirty-eight years ago when he and Dr. Goforth went to Honan where all was heathenism and, after ten years' hard fighting, had but ten converts, the first of whom became a Chinese preacher of the Gospel. Many people of Canada thought this very discouraging, but the two missionaries continued their good work, and on returning

last year, found that their ten converts had increased to thousands. Mr. Smith also had the pleasure of hearing a niece of his first convert preach as a Bible Woman.

Miss Susie McIntosh of Toronto is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother and sister here. Mr. Lorne McIntosh and Miss Ruth Lowe of Niagara are visiting with friends here.

Miss Merle Robertson of Owen Sound is holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson.

Miss Gladys Corlett spent a few days last week with friends at Lam-lash.

Misses Lavina, Hattie and Pearl Mortley are spending their holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mortley.

A number from here attended Crawford Christmas tree Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Corlett spent an evening last week at the home of Mr. D. McArthur.

Mr. Hugh Riddell has returned home from Eau Claire where he reports his son, Morrow, as improving rapidly. Mrs. Riddell is expected home in a few days.

Welbeck.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Dull trade hath bound me to its grip And never shall I be free. Yet I dream of the decks of a pirate ship

In the roll of the open sea; I dream of the pennants, dread and black That fly at the mast always As we swoop along on a merchant's track

In the sting of a flying spray. — Oh, I am a law-abiding chap, Yet deep in my heart I'd be A buccaner with a scarlet cap And a terror of the sea;

As lawless and bruteless a bandit As history ever knew, Roaming the seas in search of loot At the head of an evil crew!

Oh, here at home I'm meek and mild, A man with a family; Yet I dream of deeds that are dark and wild

And of red, red fights at sea, And under my breath I softly hum A stave from a pirate song, And my throat groves parched for pirate rum.

For I have been dry so long. My life is ordered and shaped and bound

And kept to it rule and line, But my thoughts can wander the whole world round, And my dreams—my dreams are mine!

So the old tales hold me in their grip, And I hungrily long to be A pirate chief on a low, black ship In the roll of the open sea. —Goldsmith.

A Few Jokes for December

Mother, to son: "Son, why is baby crying? Can't you give him something to play with?"

Son (monopolizing Christmas toys): "Sure, mother; I gave him an onion."

Pat (to his girl's little sister): "Does your dolly talk when you squeeze it?"

Little Girl: "Yes, but it doesn't say, 'Oh, Pat, don't!'"

Christmas bells have finished ringing for another year, and most of the festivals are past. We have not been told of anyone who had too much goose, but we have heard some very loud squawking.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weichenkel spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh. Miss Marie Walsh returned with them to spend a couple of weeks with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. William Running spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goldsmith.

Mr. Mac Campbell spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Laundreau. Mr. Gordon Goldsmith and Mr. Stanley Sharp spent a week-end with the former's parents at Massie.

Messrs. John and James Connor of Markdale spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldsmith. Mr. John Wade spent Christmas at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledingham and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCaslin of Louise.

Miss Lucille Sharp spent Christmas and the week-end with friends at Hutton Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip McDonald of Mulock spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carol McDonald.

As a restraining force, conscience gets a lot of credit that really belongs to cold feet.—Milwaukee Journal.

Life is like a game of cards in which a good deal depends upon a good deal.

Priceville

(Our Own Correspondent)

We are nearing the end of 1925 and to many in this district, it will not soon be forgotten, as we have had much sickness and trouble, although we hope that the majority of the homes spent the usual merry Christmas. However, death called at some homes. Last week a young man of 27 years, the late John McKinnon of Egremont, contracted pneumonia very suddenly, and in a couple of days, answered the last call, leaving a brother, Donald, and a sister, Mrs. Colin Kennedy, to mourn his death. Our sympathy goes out to them at this time.

This morning we learn that our greatly esteemed friend, the late Mrs. John Burnett of South Line, Artemesia, has passed away. Although it was looked for by all, yet when at last death arrived, it makes us all stop and think for a time. The deceased lived in and around Priceville all her life and probably is known as well known as anyone in this vicinity. Of a quiet, sincere disposition, she won esteem everywhere. She was a splendid hostess and a wonderful mother and wife, a person always benefited by being with her for a time. Her illness of over a year made little difference to her as a hostess as long as she was capable and although she suffered keenly, she bore it wonderfully. For the past few days, she was totally unconscious and in the evening of December 28 passed away in her 67th year. Her family are all home at this time, husband, John, William and Archie at home. Mrs. C. Smellie (Evelyn), and Mrs. E. Lane (Mabel) and Miss Jean arrived recently, also Arthur from the West. The funeral will take place Thursday from her home at 2 p.m. All sympathy to the bereaved husband and family, at this time.

Glenroadin

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. William Kenny has been quite seriously ill with pneumonia. Her daughter, Mrs. Michael Casey has been home nursing her mother.

The many friends of John Colville, Kamsack, will be pleased to know that he has been elected to the city council.

Mrs. J. J. Malcolm, who has spent the past two weeks with Mrs. Banks left to spend a week with the Malcolm families at Chesley.

Mr. Nicholas Melosh, waite working at a sawing bee at Roy Brown's, had his middle finger cut off and the rest of the hand badly lacerated.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kenny spent Christmas evening with friends at Dornoch.

A number of our young people attended the New Year's dance at Robert Edwards.

We wish everybody a Happy New Year.

Darkies' Corners

(Our Own Correspondent)

Sorry Mrs. A. Lawrence has been under the doctor's care. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Agnes Nichol, Toronto, is visiting with her brothers and sister here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson and family enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watson.

Mr. Brad Petty, Broderick, Sask., visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson and family.

Mr. A. Watson, Speers, Sask., is a visitor at the home of his brother, Mr. W. R. Watson.

Mrs. T. Harrison and children of Egremont spent a day recently with her sister, Mrs. G. Geddes.

Mr. J. G. Nichol and daughter, Miss Florabelle, and son, Walter, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Nichol.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Keller, Varney.

Miss Mary Bell spent the vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawrence spent Christmas with Mr. D. Hamilton.

Mr. W. R. Watson had a new Baker windmill erected last week.

Mrs. Guthrie of the West spent a few days recently with her father, Mr. John Lawrence, Sr.

Mrs. A. Picken, Normanby, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. Lawrence.

Miss Eliza Patterson spent Sunday with Miss Annie Smith, Bentinck.

Mr. Ernest McGirr, Galt, visited with his brother, Mr. John McGirr.

Miss Gora Lawrence spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs. W. Acheson, Egremont.

We are sorry Miss M. Park has been on the sick list since she went home for holidays. We hope she will soon be well again.

Miss M. Campbell spent a week with her brother, Mr. S. Campbell, Orchard, and Mr. D. Campbell spent Christmas with them.

Dromore

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. Robert Renwick of Detroit arrived home Christmas morning. He is remaining over New Year's day when his parents celebrate the anniversary of being fifty years married.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eccles came up from the city to spend the holiday with relatives here and in Durham.

Miss Florence Renwick of the Fairbank Public school staff is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Nomination day is over for another year with the present Council returned by acclamation, surely a sign of general satisfaction.

Robert Small of Toronto Normal school is home for the Christmas and New Year season.

Mrs. Knoll and Miss Edith Turner are visiting their sister, Mrs. Joseph McNulty, over the New Year.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Mary McLean and Mr. James Hooper who are being married this Wednesday.

A Happy New Year to all.

Swinton Park.

(Our Own Correspondent)

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Salem United church on Tuesday evening, December 23, when a goodly number gathered and a few hours were spent sociably. Rev. Mr. McCormack occupied the chair, and a good lengthy program was enjoyed by all, consisting of readings, recitations, songs, drills and club swinging.

On Saturday evening, a dance was held in the hall here and was enjoyed by all both old and young.

Mr. J. Ellis of Holstein spent the week-end visiting friends here.

Mr. H. Hamilton and Misses M. and V. Haw visited Saturday at Conn.

A number from here attended the sale at Mr. J. Copeland's on Wednesday and report high prices being paid for the stock.

Nominations on Monday for Proton Township were held in Hockridge's hall, and some warm arguments were put before the ratepayers. The following candidates were nominated: Reeve, J. R. Fraser, G. Wright, W. Jack, E. E. Hockridge, only G. Wright and W. Jack letting their names go to the ballot. Councillors, A. McTaggart, A. Wisler, G. Porter, R. Cronin, J. Black, H. Watson, R. Stewart, G. Harris and J. Stevens, Mr. Stevens retiring.

Glenmont

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. William Guthrie of Montana is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Harrison, Sr., and other relatives.

Miss Susie Tucker of Southampton is spending a few weeks at her home here. Miss Sarah Tucker of Toronto was also home for a few days over Christmas.

Miss Essie Harrison of Toronto visited over the holiday at her mother's, Mr. Crawford Harrison's, and with her sister, Mrs. W. Heard, Proton.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. James Hooper, who is this Wednesday being married to Miss Mary McLean of Proton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison, Sr., entertained members of their family and other friends on Christmas day. Miss Mabel Tucker, R. N., of De-

troit spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker. Mr. Charles Tucker of Detroit is also a visitor at home.

A gloom was cast over the neighborhood on Christmas day by the death of Mr. Jack McKinnon, who died early that morning, at the home of Mr. Jake Hiltz after a few days' illness from pneumonia. He was quite a young man, under thirty years of age. The funeral was held on Saturday to McNeill's cemetery at Priceville, Rev. A. Sutherland officiating. The chief mourners are his brother Dan, with whom he lived, and sister, Mrs. Colin Kennedy, Durham, to whom sympathy is extended.

Information has recently been received by the Meaford Public Utilities Commission that the long-awaited cut in rates for our electric light and power will be to hand before the end of the present year.

According to our understanding of the situation, and if it actually is "service at cost," as it is in theory the new rates should prove to be quite a nice little Christmas box for the users of Hydro juice here.

One reason for thinking this is the fact that the Commission has a surplus of \$16,000 or so on the operation of the lighting system. This is the result of two years' operation. A certain portion of the surplus is, of course, held on account of depreciation.

Well, Santa Hydro, we're "all set" for your arrival, and the merchants on the main drag, who are paying commercial rates, will go half way to meet you!—Meaford Mirror.

CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION RENDER VERDICT IN DURHAM CASE (Continued from page 7)

strong congregation of that church and a place of worship made available for the applicant minority. R. S. Cassels, Commissioner, 17th December, 1925.

Read the Classified Ads. on Page 7. It will pay you.

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Veterans' Star Theatre THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY December 31st, January 1st and 2nd HAROLD LLOYD in HOT WATER

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It's tough lines on a married man when his wife makes him do all the marketing and the hard-hearted street car men won't let him use the cars for trucks. Harold found it out after he gave up his bachelor's freedom for the alleged bliss of wedded life. Also he found out many other things, that make "Hot Water" one of the most hilarious comedies Harold Lloyd has ever produced. Put it down in your engagement book. You'll miss the laughingest time of your life if you let anything interfere with your seeing it.



BRITISH CANADIAN PATHE NEWS Two Shows Nightly at 7.45 and 9.15. Admission 35c. and 20c.

Next Week--"Charlie's Aunt"

Notice to the Public:

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

The partnership existing between the undersigned as McCabe & McLaughlin, Garage Proprietors, in the Town of Durham, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts owing to the firm must be paid on or before January 20, 1926.

(Signed) A. McCABE, G. McLAUGHLIN.

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THE ANGELIC CHORUS WONDERFUL

Queen Street Choir, Under the leadership of Miss McCrae, will offer a special Sunday Evening Offering.

In spite of the zero-weather prevailed last Sunday. Street United church at night to hear the choicest cantata, "The Angelic Chorus" and her choir occasion and showed all evening that they had preparation to make a worthy of the day and night. The cantata itself was an arrangement of the first Christmas and of it has brought to the work varied by solo, duet, triad and chorus that there of monotony.

The first number was choir, "Hark, Hark, Who the Sky," opening with light movement, grow and more vigorous as it Then followed a baritone by Mr. Bert Saunders, followed by the male quartette well-known "Silent Night" was blended with the tralto recitative was sweetly by Mrs. Hay, the choir vigorously "Good Tidings of Great joy to a lady's gift of God in the Highest" was made while the taken during which a tender a cornet solo. A little sang "Bethlehem" followed by a very solo, "Mary's Magnificat" expressively sung by aid. The next number full choir entitled, "Nigh Excelling," which was choral style, followed quartette in "All My Night Rejoices," and entitled, "Hark, Hark, My tenor obligato which a lence the change of hiam Benson to great Then came as a close the choir, the vigorous Lord's Anointed."

The Queen Street church in having a choir that and concerted singing such efficient service-shop of the sanctuary congratulate Miss McCrae worthy hand of vocal success which they in in this their gift of a Babe of Bethlehem.

CITIZENS' BAND ANNUAL

Elected Officers for Year Managing Committee Other Important B

The annual meeting had Citizens' Band Wednesday evening at the band room over store, when the following were elected:

Honorary President, son; President, P. Gog Secretary, H. R. Kochlary, C. Buschlen; G. Phipps and E. McDon

At the meeting, H. elected Bandmaster of whole winter's practice them, the boys expect next spring for the of hand concerts in than ever before. M that arrangements between the Band Amusement Company former are to supply local arena two nighting the skating season.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS INSTALL

The following officers Lodge Royal Arch M stalled at the regular held on Monday, Dec

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