

DIED LAST WEEK AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Edward Fee Passed Away Thursday of Last Week From Heart Trouble.—Remains Interred Tuesday at Maplewood Cemetery.

We regret very much this week to chronicle the death on Thursday last at her home in Normanby of Mrs. Edward Fee, whose serious illness we reported last week. Mrs. Fee's illness goes back some four or five months when she was taken down with heart trouble, and though confined to her bed since about Christmas, had been ailing for some time previously.

The late Mrs. Fee, whose maiden name was Mary Backus, was born in Bentinck Township in 1852 and was therefore in her 74th year. While born on the farm now owned by Mr. William Smith, the greater part of her life was spent at lot 70 on the 3rd concession of Bentinck up till 53 years ago when she was married to Mr. Edward Fee, who survives, the then young couple moving to their farm in Normanby on which the remainder of her life was spent. To them were born a family of five daughters and two sons: Martha (Mrs. William McCalmon), Lanigan, Sask.; Hannah (Mrs. John Morice), Normanby; Elizabeth (Mrs. J. J. Wilton), Egremont; Lottie (Mrs. E. Hey), Liberty, Sask., who has been here since Christmas nursing her mother; Ethel (Mrs. Charles Anear), Rivers, Man.; Elmer, at home, and Chester, who died several years ago. With the exception of Mrs. McCalmon, too ill to undertake the journey East, all the members of the family were present at the funeral Tuesday afternoon.

Besides her family, Mrs. Fee leaves one brother, Mr. John Backus of Durham, the last surviving member of the family, three other sisters, Mrs. Alex. Smith, Normanby, and Mrs. Rhyndress and Mrs. Lepward, the latter two residing in the United States, having predeceased her some years ago. Mrs. Fee is also survived by nineteen grandchildren.

The late Mrs. Fee was a woman held in the highest esteem, one whose friends were legion, and her passing is a matter of regret not only to her immediate family but to the neighborhood as well, the large attendance at the funeral being (Continued on page 8)

SILVER WEDDING FITTINGLY OBSERVED

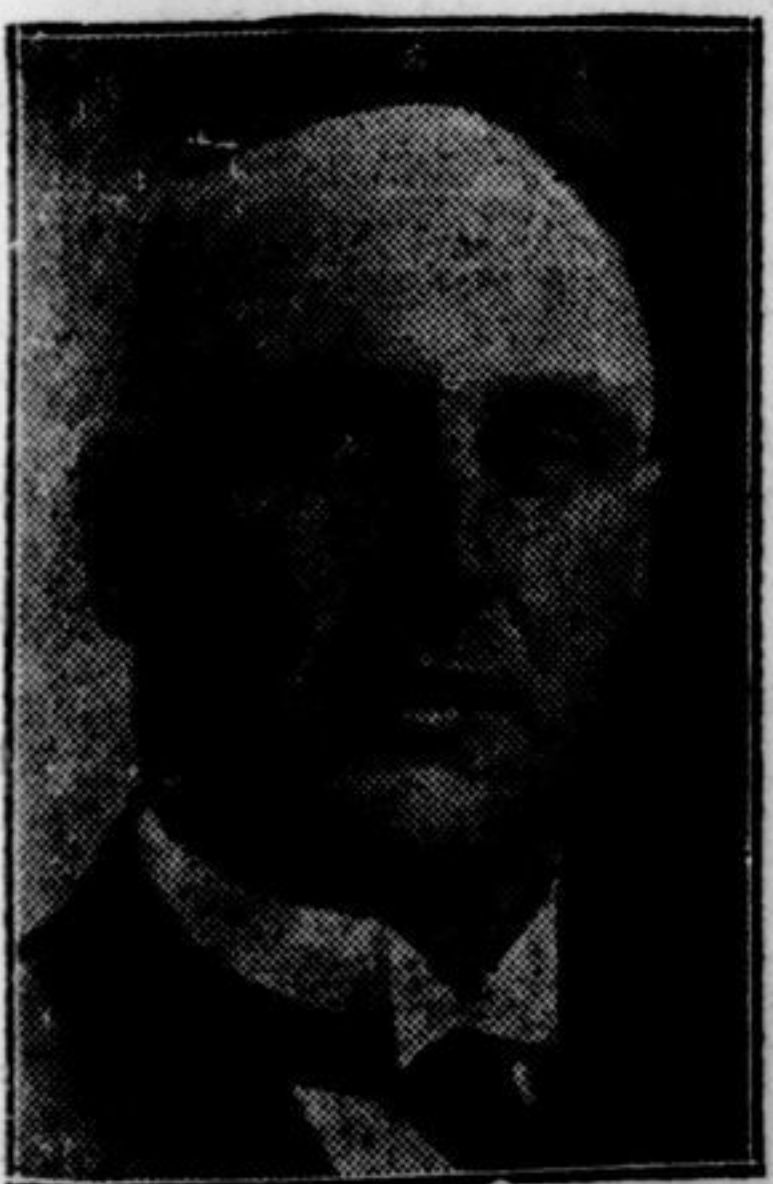
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hopkins of Bentinck Celebrated Twenty-fifth Milestone of Their Married Life

Last Friday, March 26, was a happy one in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hopkins, Bentinck, the occasion being their wedding day. In the evening, about sixty-five invited guests assembled at their home and spent the evening in games and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins were heartily congratulated and were the recipients of many beautiful and useful pieces of silverware.

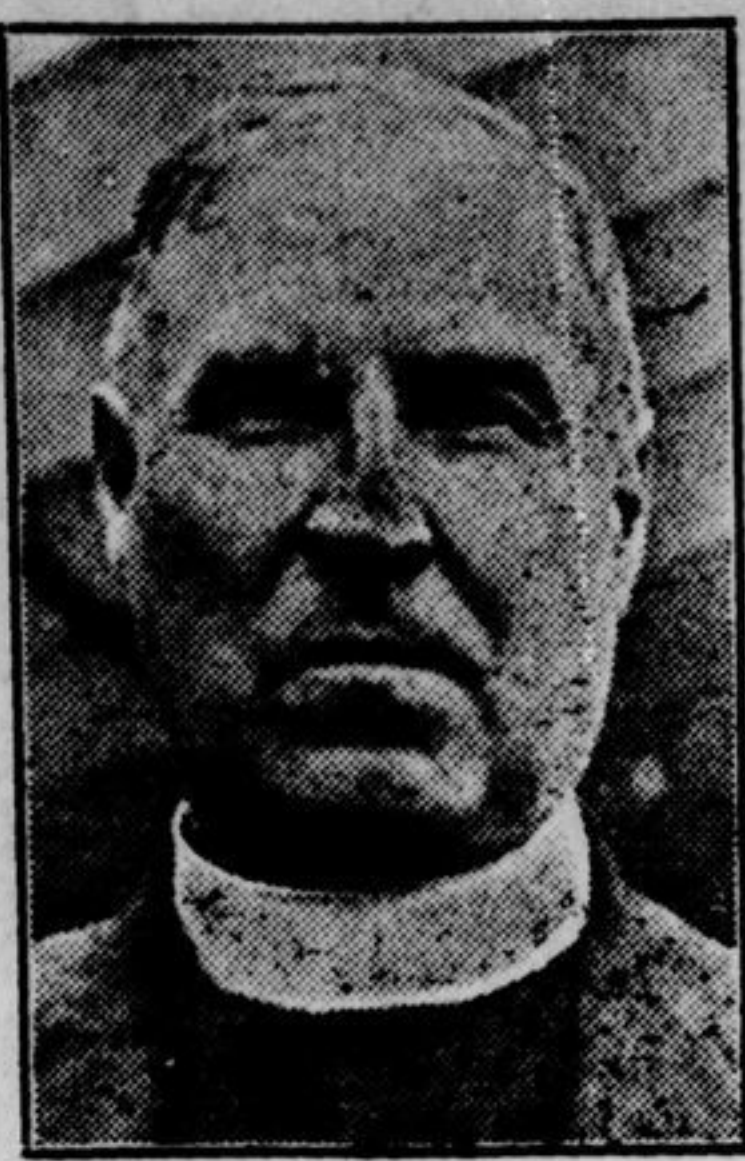
Mrs. Hopkins was before her marriage, Miss Eliza Smith, and resided at Proton Station. She was married to Mr. Alex. Hopkins at the Presbyterian manse, Pricerville, in March, 1901, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. A. Matheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins farmed at Proton Station for three years, then removed to Bentinck and lived on the farm of the late Alex. Hopkins until fourteen years ago, when they purchased the farm of the late Quinto Campbell, where they have since resided. The union was blessed with a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

With other citizens of the community, The Chronicle joins in extending congratulations to the estimable couple on passing the quarter-century milestone of their married life, with the further hope that they may both be spared to enjoy their fiftieth anniversary and, with the passage of time, also celebrate the sixtieth year of their marriage.



HON. CHAS. STEWART His negotiations with Washington on the Chicago water steel have resulted in vigorous action by Parliament in which the Conservatives solidly back the Government.



REV. CANON CODY of Toronto, who has been honored with an invitation to preach a sermon to the League of Nations delegates at the opening of the Assembly in Geneva.

HAHN HOUSE STABLE TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. P. D. McLean, Blacksmith, Purchased Building Last Week From Presbyterian Church Here, and Will Move in Shortly.

A real estate deal of much importance to the citizens of the town and to the farmers and others visiting the place, especially in the winter months, was closed last week when Mr. P. D. McLean, blacksmith, purchased from the Presbyterian church the building formerly known as the Hahn House stables, and purchased by this congregation some weeks ago with the intention of remodelling it into a church building. The congregation subsequently decided on the erection of a new edifice, with the result that the Hahn property was advertised for sale. The deal between Mr. McLean and the committee empowered to sell was closed last Friday. Mr. McLean getting immediate possession.

Interviewed by The Chronicle on Wednesday morning, Mr. McLean told us it was his intention to move his blacksmithing business across the street to his new stand, the shop occupying the west side of the front building. The implement stock, office and woodworking department will also be located here.

The rear of the building is to be used for the accommodation of horses, either for standing in while owners are in town, or hay and oats will be provided if desired. It is the intention of the new proprietor to cater for this kind of business, and with accommodation for upwards of twenty-five horses, there will be no need for further complaint about stabling accommodation. In the front part, there is also room for the storage over night of autos, as well as a number of box stalls for horses, whose owners would sooner have this kind of accommodation.

Mr. McLean's purchase, and his intention to run a feed stable in connection with his blacksmithing business is a good thing for the farmers of the neighborhood and the town, too, as had this building been closed to this sort of accommodation, it would have caused dissatisfaction and loss of business. It is to be hoped that the business besides being a benefit to the town and its surroundings, will also prove profitable to the new owner.

MRS. ROBT. VOLLETT DIED AT UNITY, SASK.

Former Well-known Resident of Durham Died at Western Home on 12th Ultimo.

Many friends in Durham and vicinity will regret to learn of the death of Agnes Walker, wife of Robert Vollett, who passed away on March 12, 1926, at the family home at Unity, Sask.

The late Mrs. Vollett resided in Durham for a great many years up to about twenty years ago, when the family west West, and was well and favorably known here. She was of a very fine character, having a kindly and sympathetic nature, and was loved and respected by all. Her great reverence for, and faith in, all things spiritual, was evidenced during her last illness, when her physician told her she could do no more. She looked at him very intently and said, "God's will be done." She passed away a few days later.

The sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances will go out to the bereaved husband and family, who are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. Besides her husband, she is survived by six sons, Walker, Harry, Percy, Charles and John, at home, Robert of Buffalo, N.Y., and three daughters, Mary K. (Dolly) and Annie at home, and Mrs. R. E. Nash, Hamilton, Ontario. The oldest daughter, Agnes (Mrs. E. Springstead), predeceased her three years ago.

Interment was made on March 14 at Unity, Sask. The Chronicle extends the sympathy of our fellow citizens to the bereaved family in their sorrow.

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BOWLING CLUB TO BUILD CLUB HOUSE

Annual Meeting Held Tuesday Evening of This Week, When Officers Were Elected.—Annual Tournament in June.

The annual meeting of the Durham Lawn Bowling Club was held at the Hahn House on Tuesday evening, and judging from the attendance, this popular game is due for a big boost in town this summer. Always a strong organization here, it is the intention of the various committees to secure additional memberships and in other ways popularize the game with those in town who have not yet taken an interest in it.

Possibly the most important part of the business session was the decision of the meeting to go ahead this spring with the erection of a club house, and with this end in view, a committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. W. S. Hunter, H. Cross, W. Calder, G. Jucksch and P. Gagnon. These will look after the matter, and while it is a foregone conclusion that the club house will be erected in the absence of definite plans, no information is available as to the kind of structure, size or architectural idea.

It was also decided that the annual Bowling tournament be held this year during the third week in June, and plans are being laid to make this better than the one held last year, which was a wonderful success.

Following are the officers and committees appointed for the coming season.

President, T. Henderson; Vice-president, W. S. Hunter; Secretary-Treasurer, R. Macfarlane; Auditors, T. M. McFadden and P. Ramage.

Executive Committee, J. S. McIlraith, H. W. Wilson, R. M. Sparling; Grounds Committee, J. H. Hunter, W. Calder, J. S. McIlraith.

Membership Committee, J. McKechnie, Dr. Pickering, Rev. J. H. Whealen.

Tournament Committee, W. S. Hunter, H. Cross, W. Calder, G. Jucksch, P. Gagnon.

The annual fee for membership this year was fixed at \$5.00, the same as last year.

HIGHWAY PLOUGH COMING TO DURHAM

Big Provincial Snowplough Now at Orangeville on Way to Owen Sound.—Roads in Some Places in Very Bad Condition.

The opening up of the roads from Owen Sound south to Guelph and as far as Orangeville, and is being looked forward to by the motorists of this vicinity. It was thought in the early part of last week that the warm weather had arrived, and that the snow would be a thing of the past, but another cold spell had to come along and spoil all calculations, and motoring is out of the question.

It was learned Tuesday, however, that the big government snowplough, which operated in the county last spring, is at Orangeville, and is waiting for a favorable opportunity to come north. There is, so it is said, more snow on the road south of Markdale right now than for several years past, while in the village itself, the snow and ice is four feet deep on the main street, so it will take a lot of warm weather, and some work on the part of the authorities, to get rid of it all.

It is the intention to bring the snowplough north from Orangeville as far as Flesherton and cut over from there to Durham, and then north on the Garafraxa Road to Owen Sound. This can be done with less difficulty than by trying to break through from Flesherton to Markdale, and will open the road from Owen Sound to Guelph much sooner than if it were left alone. From Guelph to Hamilton or Toronto, the motoring is first-class, as the roads have been kept open the greater part of the winter, and the snow has just about disappeared.

From Mount Forest to Guelph, there is said to be very little snow, but there are some bad places between Durham and Mount Forest. However, there are plenty of indications now that warmer weather is at hand, and it will not be long before the motor traffic will be in full swing and the dust flying. Once the snow and ice starts to go, it disappears fast.

HOLSTEIN WON'T PLAY IN W. F. A. THIS SEASON

Players May Play With Aytun This Year.

Holstein is not likely to enter a team in the senior or intermediate series of the W. F. A. this season, although Holstein has had a strong team in the Western Association for many years and usually broke into the present indications that there will be nothing doing in soccer in Holstein this coming summer.

Some of last year's players have left town, and there is not sufficient material here to organize a strong team. Local fans feel that if they cannot put a winning team into the league, they will stay out. Some of the local players, however, may play on the Aytun team, as that town plans to have a team in the W. F. A. this season.

LITTLE PEN-O-GRAMS



CAME IN LIKE LAMB; WENT OUT LIKE LIONESS

March, True to Prophecy, Provided Numerous Thrills and For a Time Kept Populace Guessing.

The year 1926 surely proved the correctness of the old saw that if March came in like a lamb, it would depart like a lion. This year March was the most peaceful little lamb-kin imaginable, and came in as peacefully as the small boy who sneaks home at 11 p.m. after forgetting to cut up the necessary kindling for the morning's fire. Though cold for the first few days, the month generally has been all that could be desired, and there was, late on yesterday, the 31st, that she would depart in the same manner as she had arrived.

During the night, however, the wind arose, and before morning, was blowing a hatful, which, later accompanied by snow, steel and rain, made navigation anything but pleasant. As the day wore on, more snow fell and more wind was in evidence, with the result that the average citizen, in commenting on the old lamb-lion adage, averred that that the half had not been told. Instead of departing like a lion, for a time it seemed that there were a whole host of lions, and that these were being pursued by several others. At one time we thought perhaps they had switched sex on us, and that instead of a lion, it was a real mad lioness that had been turned loose on the community. This brought to mind Watson's famous lines, "The female of the species is more deadly than the male."

Yesterday's blow was a real one, and the countryside is now a gigantic mass of ice and snow, with extensive travel in any kind of conveyance out of the question. It was responsible for the second serious tie-up of the season, the noon C. N. R. train being nearly two hours late, and tales of trains on other branches being stalled by snow and ice. Locally, there was no way of telling what time the train would arrive, as both telegraph and telephone lines are out of commission.

As a slaughtered animal usually gives one gigantic kick before passing out, we are hoping that old man Winter is in much the same box, and that this March storm is but the adieu of the old gentleman who has held the stage so long and that soon glorious spring will arrive in all her beauty and warmth.

SERIOUSLY ILL

We regret to learn of the serious condition of Mr. Neil McLean of Countess street, who, for the past few days, has been in a quite serious condition and is not yet out of danger.

Mr. McLean, who is well up in years, has been ill for the past year or so, but lately took a turn for the worse. At the present time, he is delirious, and it is necessary to sit up with him at night. We trust that he may soon take a turn for the better, and regain better health than he has been enjoying for the past several months.

NEARLY A FIRE

What might have been a disastrous fire was happily averted at the residence of Mr. Colin Kennedy last Monday morning when in some manner a space between the partition became ignited from the chimney, and when discovered, was going quite merrily.

The prompt action of Mr. Kennedy, however, was successful in extinguishing the blaze, though had it not been noticed at the time, would undoubtedly have soon been beyond control.

A Breaking Wave Brown: "Your wife says she's going to get a permanent wave." Hardupper: "It's going to be a breaker, I fear."

Read the Classified Ads. on Page 7.

DIED OF POISONING AT BAY CITY, MICH.

Miss Phyllis Laidlaw Was Daughter of Mr. Robert E. Laidlaw, and Was Only Twenty-five Years of Age.

Mr. William Laidlaw received word last week that his niece, Miss Phyllis Laidlaw, daughter of his brother, Robert E. Laidlaw, of Bay City, Michigan, had passed away suddenly late Monday night, following a short illness. Last week-end, Mr. Laidlaw received a letter giving the details of the sad passing of the young lady, who was twenty-five years of age the day before her death.

Miss Laidlaw had had a slight attack of the flu epidemic, but her condition was not regarded as serious, and no thought was entertained that in so short a period her death would follow. She was in bed only a few days, and on the Saturday preceding her death, she scratched her toe, and though attended to at once, she made no complaint until Sunday when it was noticed that it was becoming dark in color. A physician was called but did not regard the symptoms as alarming, and on the strength of this, the father went to Detroit on Sunday. On Monday a fever developed, when a specialist was called. During the morning, in fact, seemed no serious symptoms, but about 11 o'clock that evening, when the specialist again visited the home, he sent for Mr. Laidlaw immediately, and though the latter was rushed to his home immediately by high-powered motor, he was too late to see his daughter alive, she having passed away about midnight.

Up to the time of her death, Miss Laidlaw experienced no pain whatever, and in the opinion of the doctors in attendance, death was caused by the poisoning, death was caused by the scratch on her toe, and which, due to her weakened condition from the flu and the condition of her blood, her system was unable to throw off.

Miss Laidlaw was a most popular young lady with the citizens of Bay City, and especially among the employees of the Michigan Central Railway Company, of which her father is Divisional Superintendent, and her casket was covered with the most beautiful floral tributes from citizens in all walks of life, including a beautiful remembrance from the general manager of the Michigan Central Railway. The funeral was held Wednesday of last week, the remains being conveyed by motor to Detroit, where they were placed in a vault, to be interred later in Woodlawn cemetery in that city. These arrangements were made because of the recent transfer of Mr. Laidlaw's headquarters from Bay City to Detroit.

Following the program, lunch was served, and a social hour spent. The next meeting is to be held on April 23, and is a public speaking contest for junior members.

The Rocky Live Wires held their regular business meeting on Friday evening of last week and, with Mr. Joe Grutchley in the chair, quite an interesting time was spent.

In addition to the business meeting, a good program was put on by the senior club ladies. This included a solo by Mrs. John Vessie, a trio, a Scotch reading by Mrs. D. Lamb, and a descriptive reading on Jean Jack, the grandmother of Miss Agnes Macphail, a monologue by Mrs. Robert Lawson.

The play, "The Anti-Gossip Club," was unique and good. It was a league formed by the ladies of the community to stop idle gossip, and created a good deal of fun for the crowd present.

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STONE PLANT TO START NEXT WEEK

Busy Season Expected by Management Owing to Contemplated Big Building Season Throughout Country.

A week from next Monday, the 12th of April, is expected to be opening day for the Durham Stone and Sand Company's plant, and from the contemplated building schemes in Western Ontario this year, the company may possibly establish a new high record in material shipped. Opening this year with a somewhat depleted storage supply owing to the heavy drain on it this winter, it is more than likely that the coming season may see both day and night crews put on to keep up with the demand.

So far as we can learn, there is a great deal of construction work in view this coming summer and, with quite a lot of road building added, the plant is being placed in a position to handle more than ever before of their production of crushed stone and stone dust and by-products.

The weather will be the only thing that will in any way delay the opening of the plant, it being impossible to operate in excessively cold weather when the water interferes with the water lines, making the washing of the gravel an impossibility. Up to a couple of weeks ago, the repair crew has been kept at work, and the plant is now in first-class condition, only awaiting the coming of warm weather to commence the season.

The meeting of the local branch of the Retail Merchants' Association was held in Hunter's store Wednesday morning of this week, but aside from the election of officers and the deciding of the day on which to hold the summer half-holiday, little business was done.

Thursday afternoon was the day that appealed to the local business men, with stores open Wednesday nights. This is the same day as has been adopted for some years past, and as it has now become an established half-holiday and the Wednesday night business has proved satisfactory, it was decided to have no change. The holiday will commence on the first Thursday in May and continue until the last Thursday in September, both days inclusive.

The matter of closing all stores at 7 o'clock was brought up, and a committee consisting of R. L. Saunders, J. A. McLachlan and J. S. McIlraith were appointed to see that the necessary by-law was put through and enforced. We understand that this action is being taken as a protection for those merchants who obey the present by-law and close at night, against those who handle a general line of goods and refuse to shut up shop.

Smilin' Charlie Says—

'Life is like golf! We can all be good if we stick at it, and a few will 'hole out in one'!---