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## DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wilson, Pioneer Residents of Egremont Township, Were Married in 1866, and Though Both Have Passed Four-Score Mark, Are Still hale and Hearty.

Saturday last was an exceptional day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wilson of Egremont, and a day that not many are privileged to see. It was on this day that this esteemed couple celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day, and to make it more than usually happy, all the members of their family were gathered together under the same roof to assist the venerable couple observe in a manner befitting the occasion, the day of days in their married existence.

Mr. Wilson, who is in his 87th year, is of Irish parentage, but cannot claim Ireland as the land of his birth, as he was born on the sea while his parents were en route to Canada, the land of opportunity, to seek their fortunes in this then new land. For a man of his years, he is exceptionally smart, enjoys a conversation immensely, and is one of the most esteemed residents of the township in which he has spent the greater part of his life. When his family came to Canada, they settled in the vicinity of Port Hope, but when a sketch came to Egremont and, with other pioneers, literally dug his way into the bush and developed the township to the remarkable state in which it is found today.

Mrs. Wilson is a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, but has been a resident of Canada since she was six years of age, coming to this country with her parents in 1850. The date of her birth is given as 1844, she therefore being in her 83rd year, though she does not show it, and is still quite smart, insisting on running her own house and doing her own work. Her maiden name was Sarah Parslow, and she is a member of the well-known Parslow family of Proton, pioneers in the development of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married in 1866 at the old Parslow home near Hopeville, and immediately



WESTERN WRITER WINS AWARD

Isabel Ecclestone MacKay, of Vancouver, who has been awarded the Blanche Macintosh prize, given by Preble Macintosh, Esq., of Montreal, for the best one-act play in the I.O.E. competitions.

## DROMORE CLUB HAD EXCELLENT PLAY

"Mother Mine," Presented in Town Hall Here Friday Night, was Pleasant Affair, Cleverly Executed, Though Turnout Was Very Small.

The play "Mother Mine," put on by the Dromore Dramatic Club under the auspices of Durham Presbyterian church last Friday evening, was a disappointment from the standpoint of attendance, but a very pleasing and well-rendered production for all that. From the first, it was not thought that there would be a good house, the busy season preventing the country members of the congregation from being in attendance, and counter attractions keeping the most of the town residents away. Had the play been put on earlier in the spring, there is no doubt that a full house would have been on hand, but at this season of the year, it is next to impossible to secure an attendance at any kind of an inside attraction.

"Mother Mine" is a play with many fine parts and was well carried by the cast of twelve members of the Dromore Club, who kept the interest of the audience until the final curtain dropped on the last act. The stage settings were well arranged, the company well trained, and the depiction of the various characters all that could be desired. Without going into a review of the characters, for unfortunately we do not know them by name, the part of the mother, and that of the derelict boy, Jerry McConnell, were the outstanding characters and exceptionally well portrayed. These were the leading parts, and without them there would have been no play, but those who depicted these characters have the satisfaction of knowing that they carried their impersonations well and contributed in no small manner to the success of the production. The other characters, too, were good, and "Mother Mine" will be remembered as one of the best dramas of its kind put on here in a long time.

## PASSED THROUGH TOWN ON LONG HIKE

Pennsylvania State Boy Intends to visit Western Canada and Alaska, Walking Entire Distance.

Hon. Dr. Jamieson had a unique experience last Friday afternoon when returning from a business trip to Shelburne. Coming up the highway south of here, he overtook a young lad about eighteen years of age who signalled him that he wanted a ride.

On questioning his young passenger, Dr. Jamieson learned that he was a native of Pennsylvania State, that he had left home some weeks ago, and was on a hike to Western Canada, thence north to Alaska, and before returning East, expects to make his way down the Pacific Coast to Southern California and back to his home in the Keystone State.

Dr. Jamieson did not inquire the name of his passenger, but had quite a long conversation with him and was much impressed with his determination to make the greater part of the long journey on foot, with an occasional lift by motor car or otherwise. He carried no baggage, but intended replenishing his wardrobe en route and admitted that he expected to wear out quite a number of pairs of shoes before he reached his home town again.

He was given a lift as far as Durham and left that evening for Owen Sound, where he intended taking the boat to the head of the lakes.



WOMAN CHURCH COMMISSIONER  
Mrs. L. C. McKinney of Clarendon, Alberta, is dean of the delegation of women elected Commissioners to the General Council of the United Church. Mrs. McKinney's principal work has been for the W.C.T.U., but she sat for a term as member of the Legislative Assembly for Alberta. During the past year she has served as the only woman member of the commission of permanent organization of the United Church.

## A. D. BROWNING DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Respected Citizen of Town for Past Thirty-Six Years Had Been Ill Six Years From Paralysis and Hardening of Arteries.

Another of the town's most respected citizens passed away Tuesday noon of this week in the person of Mr. Archibald D. Browning, after a long illness of six years' duration from paralysis and hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Browning, who was in his sixty-fifth year, was born in the Township of Howick, about two miles from Clifford, where he grew to manhood and for a time was engaged in the creamery business. Thirty-eight years ago he was married to Miss Annie Robertson of Armow, Bruce County, when they moved to Pieton for a year or more.

Thirty-six years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Browning moved to Durham, where they have won the esteem of the whole town and are held in the highest regard. For a time, Mr. Browning was employed in the McKeechic Planing Mills, but later entered the employ of the Durham Furniture Company, where he remained until taken suddenly ill six years ago while at work and had to be removed to his home.

Mr. Browning suffered from paralysis which, with hardening of the arteries, incapacitated him for working. He was able, however, to be up and about to the last, though for the past few months, his limbs gave him considerable trouble and so interfered with his locomotion that it is nearly two years since he had been up town. Last Saturday he took another stroke which from the first was regarded as most serious, he being unconscious most of the day. He lingered on until Tuesday day noon, when he passed away, happily released from a long period of suffering.

In death, the deceased was a most active man, a hard worker and a citizen who gained and held the respect and esteem of his fellow-workers and the citizens. He was a Presbyterian in religion and a staunch Liberal in politics. Surviving him are his widow, one son, William, in the employ of the electrical department of the Duroit United Railways, and one daughter, Miss Edna, in the teaching staff of Durham Public school. Two children died in infancy, a number of years ago. With the citizens, the Chronicle joins in extending the family deep sympathy in their bereavement.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the family residence on Garafra street, the services being conducted by the Rev. B. D. Armstrong. Interment will be made in Durham cemetery.

## CONTRACTS LET FOR COUNTY BRIDGES

Grey County Road Committee Met Here Monday and Dealt With Bridges Here and at Neustadt, Washed Away by Spring Floods.—Durham Bridge to Be Ready for Traffic September 1.

D. Keyes of Kincardine got the contract for the cement work at the source bridge at Durham cemetery, and the Sarnia Bridge Company was awarded the contract for the steel. This was the verdict of the County Good Roads Committee which met here and opened the tenders on Monday afternoon, the meeting being held in the Hahn House at 2 o'clock. The Committee consisted of Warden Miller, Euphrasia, Charles Holm, the chairman, Normanby, Pringle and Keeple Taylor of Egremont. The tender price for the cement work was \$9.00 per cubic yard for the abutments, and 35 cents a foot for the floor. The Sarnia Bridge Company's tender for the steel work was \$9,422.00.

The Saugeen bridge is to have a span of 120 feet, the cement work is to be completed by August 1, the steel by August 15, and the work completed and the bridge open for traffic by the 1st of September. Contracts for the Neustadt bridge were also let at this meeting. Diemel of Midway was awarded the cement work at \$8.00 per cubic yard and 30 cents a foot for the floor, while the tender for the steel work went to the Sarnia Bridge Company at \$11,275.00.

The total cost of the Durham bridge will be in the neighborhood (Continued on page 4)

## UNION SERVICES TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. J. E. Peters to Have Charge of Four Services, Owing to Absence of Rev. W. H. Smith at General Council.

Sunday will be a busy day for the Rev. J. E. Peters of the Queen Street church, who has no less than four services on that date. Owing to the absence of Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox at Montreal, there will be union services in the two Durham United churches, in Knox church at 11 a.m. and in the Queen Street church at 7 p.m.

The services at Zion commence at 1:30 instead of 2:30, and then Mr. Peters goes to the Hampden charge in Normanby. It will be a busy day for him, and there is not much allowance made for flat tires or engine trouble if all the services are to start on time.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM J. WILSON  
Prominent Egremont Couple, who, on Saturday last, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

## ENJOYED PASSAGE ACROSS ATLANTIC

Mr. V. Hahn Had Wonderful Time on Trip Across, and Sends Greetings to Durham Friends.

The Chronicle editor had a letter from Mr. Val. Hahn on Tuesday morning of this week in which he tells us of the wonderful passage and the good time he enjoyed in crossing the Atlantic.

The letter was written on board the Canadian Pacific liner Melita, was dated the 26th of May, and closed just as the English coast came in sight. Mr. Hahn says he met some very nice people, and the fact that there were considerably more ladies on the boat than gentlemen may have been a contributing factor to the enjoyment of the trip. On the trip over, he tells of a concert on the 25th ult., which, he says, was one of the best he had ever heard and made him feel that he would like to be young again.

He bows to the fact that his good friend, "John Hunter," was not along, but says he thinks he would have finished up in a short time.

We regret that Mr. Hahn's letter was cut rather short owing to the fact that life on the high seas is not entirely free from monotony, and also that the appearance of the coast of England in the distance put an end to all letter writing, and he was anxious to get on deck and watch the landscape. He concludes with saying that he expected to land in Southampton on Thursday last, and a request that we remember him to all his old friends in town.

After a short stay in England, Mr. Hahn intends spending a short time in Brussels and other parts of Europe, but his principal visit will be in the neighborhood of his old home in Germany where many relatives still reside. We trust that we may hear again from our old friend, that he will have "the time of his life," and that he will often pick up his pen and give us an account of his holiday that we may pass on his enjoyments to his many friends in Durham and vicinity.

## MRS. E. MCBRIEN DEAD AT HAMILTON

Last Surviving Sister of Mrs. M. Kress of Durham Passed Away Friday Evening of Heart Failure.

We regret this week to chronicle the death at Hamilton on Friday of last week of Mrs. Elizabeth McBrien, wife of John McBrien, who passed away following an illness from heart trouble, at her residence, 104 Walnut street, south.

Mrs. McBrien will be better remembered here by many of the older residents as Elizabeth Pounder. She was born near Wilder's Lake, on the farm now owned by Mrs. W. Aljoe, and grew to young womanhood in Egremont, leaving for Hamilton when about eighteen years of age, where she has been almost a continuous resident.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pounder, and is the last surviving sister and relative of Mrs. W. E. Kress of Durham. On hearing of her sister's illness, Mrs. Kress left for Hamilton a week ago last Friday and was at her bedside during the last week of her life, returning to town Monday night.

Besides her husband, Mrs. McBrien is survived by one son, David, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Bridgewood and Mrs. W. E. Freeman, all of Hamilton. The funeral was held Monday morning at 8:30 from the family residence in St. Patrick's church, interment being made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Her many friends of Mrs. Kress here feel deeply for her in her bereavement, and The Chronicle joins with them in extending sympathy.

## STILL FOUND ON BENTINCK FARM

Sunday Afternoon Search Has Fruitful Results, but Doubt Is Expressed if Conviction Can Be Made.

Inspector Beckett and Provincial Constable Denton of Owen Sound, came to town Sunday morning and, picking up County Constables Falconer and Watson here, left immediately for Bentinck. On the farm of a man named Nestler, they discovered a man lying in the house, but not sufficient liquor for an analysis, though there was good evidence that all was not well about the premises from an O. T. A. point of view.

Nestler refused to talk to the officers, but his wife denied ownership of the still, which was found in the house and had apparently been recently used. Mrs. Nestler said that they had lived on the farm in the Welbeck vicinity only since the 4th of February and that the still was there when they took over the house. Inspector Beckett secured possession of the still and took it to Owen Sound, and while it is doubtful if there is enough evidence to secure a conviction, nothing has yet been heard from headquarters. The search was made following the receipt of numerous letters of complaint from residents of the vicinity.

A short distance away from the Nestler home is another place under suspicion, and the officers paid this a visit. There was plenty of evidence of something going on, as there were bottles lying all around the yard, and the house smelled like a young distillery. Not enough could be found, however, to justify a charge being laid, and as the day was wet and disagreeable, the officers decided not to search the swamp where, according to the statement of a little girl of the household who thought they were customers looking for hooch, there were "lots of bottles and lots of whiskey."

## KNOX CHURCH W.M.S. MET LAST WEDNESDAY

Excellent Meeting Held at Home of Mrs. Thomas Allan.—Lengthy Report Given by Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Smith of Women's Conference in Toronto.

The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of Knox United church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan on Wednesday, June 2, with Mrs. John Bell presiding.

The Bible reading was taken by Mrs. John McGirr, after which the visitors' report for May was given by Mrs. Stonehouse and Miss Margaret McGirr. A carefully prepared paper on the early missionaries of the West was given by Mrs. William Derby, Sr. Mrs. Derby spoke of their bravery and the hardships they endured, and among many others mentioned Nisbet, Black, McQueen, Bryce and Robertson. The church today owes much to the foresight of these men who had the vision and saw the possibilities of this great land.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, the delegate to the Women's Conference Branch of the United Church of Canada gave her report of the meetings which were held in Eglington United church, Toronto. To attempt to give a full report of the work of the women of the three United churches would be impossible. It is enough to say that Mrs. Smith's report was both inspiring and instructive. Mention was made of Miss Yamada of Japan and Miss McKenzie of Africa, whose talks on land very near to us. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison, after which Mrs. Allan served tea, and a short social time was spent.

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## INSTITUTE BRANCHES WELL REPRESENTED AT DIST. MEETING

Ninety Delegates From South Grey Branches of Women's Institute Convened Here Friday Last.—Last Year's Officers Re-elected.—Durham Girls' Sewing Class Made Fine Impression in Their Conduct of Business Meeting.

The annual meeting of the South Grey Women's Institutes was held in the Public Library, Durham, on Friday, June 4. Fifty ladies were in attendance at the morning session which was increased to about ninety in the afternoon. Dromore, Holstein, Aylton, Campbell's Corners, Hanover and Durham being represented.

Following the opening exercises, and the president's address, reports were heard from the district and also the branches, and it was found that all were doing good work. Branches reported helping schools, hospitals, the Children's Shelter, skating rink, Institute for the Blind, agricultural societies and the needy of the community.

As a district work, the financial adoption of an Armenian boy at the home at Georgetown was taken up, and \$160 was sent to the Armenian Relief Association a few days previously. A telegram was received at noon by the secretary and read at the afternoon session, as follows: "Accept heartiest thanks from ninety Armenian boys for your contribution. Please do utmost to win district support for these dear lads." It was decided at the morning session to continue this work.

The receipts for the district were \$355.25 and the expenditures \$299.69. The receipts for branches were \$2,009.16 and the expenditures about \$1,350. The sum of \$657.75 was paid to the Federation. Announcement was made of a branch being organized at Allan Park a week ago. This makes twelve branches in South Grey District. After some discussion on Institute work in general, the meeting adjourned. Lunch was served in the basement of the Library by the Durham branch. A donation of \$10.00 was made to the Treasury and 20 to Durham branch for the entertainment of delegates.

The afternoon meeting  
The afternoon session began with the singing of the "Maiden Leaf," Miss Jamieson of Hanover, presiding. Mrs. Sidney Banks from Shelburne, who was expected to speak, was unable to be present, but sent a report which was read by the secretary, Mrs. McIlraith.

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## HAD NOSE BROKEN WHEN HIT BY BALL

Bobbie Gray, Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of This Town, Badly Injured at Chesley Celebration.

Bobbie, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of this town, met with an accident at the Chesley celebration on Thursday of last week while watching a game of senior baseball between Chesley and Walkerton.

With his parents, the little fellow had gone to the Bruce town to take in the Soldiers' Reunion and was watching the game from a position between third base and the home plate when struck in the nose by a foul ball. The boy's nose was broken in four places and so badly swelled that nothing could be done with it until next day when Dr. Jamieson and Bell set the fracture, and he is now doing well.

It was a narrow escape for the lad, but after the first pain was over, he complained very little and even offered to assist the doctor a day or so afterwards in dressing the injury.

## MISS MACPHAIL, M.P. GOES TO EUROPE

Will Attend Women's League Convention in Dublin and Later Visit Various Cities in Europe.

Miss Agnes Macphail, Progressive Member of Parliament for South-East Grey, will leave for abroad after propagation late this month. Between July 8 and 14, Miss Macphail will be in Dublin, Ireland, attending a conference of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. After the Dublin session, the League will reconvene at Gland, Switzerland, near Geneva, at the Gland School of Fellowship, between July 26 and September 4. Between the two meetings, Miss Macphail will spend a few days in London and some time in Denmark, studying the system of rural schools being operated there. Miss Macphail will be a guest of the Danish government.

## LOST INFANT SON

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wilson of Egremont are mourning the death of their son, Arthur L., who died June 3, aged one month and one day. The cause of death was pneumonia, the child being ill only a few hours. The funeral will be held from the family home on Saturday, interment being made in Durham cemetery. Rev. J. Taylor, pastor of the Baptist church, had charge of the service. We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in their bereavement.