

50TH WEDDING DAY QUIETLY OBSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. John Backus of Town Were Married Fifty Years Ago the 9th of this Month and have Lived Their Whole Lives in This Vicinity.

Last Saturday, the 9th of October was a day of more than ordinary importance in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John Backus, of this town, for on that date 50 years ago they were married at the home of the bride's parents in Bentinck. Such anniversaries are seldom enjoyed in the course of human life and in passing the fiftieth milestone in their married life we can assure Mr. and Mrs. Backus, who had lived all their lives in this vicinity and are most highly regarded, that they have the congratulations of the whole country side on having attained that which is denied the greater number of our citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Backus, owing to the absence of their family in the West and elsewhere, celebrated the anniversary of their half-century of married life very quietly in their home on Countess street, though it is more than possible that the real celebration will take place next summer when the family gathers under the parental roof on a visit to the scenes of their childhood here. While not present on the occasion of the anniversary, their children and friends were not unkindly of the occasion, however, and the venerable couple received congratulations and telegrams from their family and others expressive of the hope that they might continue to enjoy their past good health and be long spared to the

NEARLY READY FOR THE ROOF

Work on New Presbyterian Church Going Ahead in Satisfactory Manner and Will Likely be Ready For Occupancy at End of Year.

The brickwork on the new Presbyterian church at the corner of Lambton and Albert streets is nearing completion and this week saw the commencement of operations toward putting on the roof. With the roof in place, it will not be long before the work of fitting up the interior is commenced, and it is thought that the building will be ready for the regular services of the congregation toward the end of the year, or early in 1927. The inclement weather during the past summer and the frequent rains have caused more than usual delay, but nevertheless the work has been going on satisfactorily.

The contract for the brickwork was held by the Ritchie Bros., and that for the roof has been secured by Mr. J. H. Harding of town. The roofing material is specified as the Brantford extra heavy blue-black slates. It is expected that the laying of the slates will commence early next week.



HAD NO LUCK IN CANADA The world was thrilled in the early stages of the Great War by the story of Michael O'Leary, who won the Victoria Cross for attacking and wiping out single-handed a nest of German snipers. He had been in Canada before the war and returned after it was over, but has jobs and more than his share of hard luck. He is returning to Ireland, where a rich uncle has promised to look after him, with his wife and four children. The city of Hamilton is arranging to finance his return.



HEADS NEW IRISH PARTY A new movement in Irish political life, based on the former Irish Nationalist Party, was launched at Waterford recently. Captain William Redmond, the leader of the new party, is shown addressing the crowd.

12-FOOT SNAKE WAS "SYNTHETIC" ONE

Horrible Monster Captured in Tobermory Lake Last Week Visited by Many over the Week End

Since the passing of prohibition in this good old province of Ontario we have heard of "synthetic gin, whiskey, and other joy waters, but on Sunday last was the first time the editor of this paper ever had the privilege of gazing dumbfoundedly on a "synthetic" snake.

On Saturday of last week the news came to town of the capture in Tobermory Lake about four miles north of town on the farm of Mr. Lachie McLean, of a snake twelve feet long and as big around as a man's thigh. The animal, fish, parasite, or whatever one might care to name it, had been captured that day by one of Mr. McLean's sons, and to make the capture more thrilling Dame Ruror said that it had been taken after a terrible fight following the death of one of Mr. McLean's cows that had been dragged to a watery grave by the reptile. Whether or not the cow had been swallowed whole, as is the custom in snake stories, the narrator of the events had failed to state, but anyway, the rumor had reached alarming proportions late Saturday night. Accordingly, early Sunday afternoon, and with the two local snake charmers, Jim McLachlan and Dune, Town as a bodyguard, we hied to the premises of Mr. McLean to view the monster. When we reached

BAPT. MISSION CIRCLE MET LAST WEEK

Held Annual Thankoffering Service in Church Building, where Good Programme was Presented.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the Baptist Mission Circle was held in the school room of the church on Wednesday afternoon, October 6th. The president, Mrs. C. Brown, was in the chair, and an interesting programme was listened to. Mrs. (Rev.) Armstrong gave a very instructive and inspiring talk on her work in China, which was very much appreciated. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. T. McCombe. Solos were rendered by Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder, Mrs. Wilfred Thompson, and Mrs. Crickington of Mulock, which were very much enjoyed, as was also a short talk by Rev. Mr. Crickington, after which the ladies served lunch.

BRIDGE CLUB EUCHRE WAS WELL ATTENDED

The progressive euchre party last Thursday night in the A. Y. P. A. rooms was well attended and in the neighborhood of twenty-five tables were filled. The euchre was put on for the benefit of the local Red Cross Hospital and was under the auspices of the Durham Bridge Club. Miss Jean Morlock was the winner of the ladies' prize and Mr. Thomas Turnbull of the men's.

The play continued until shortly after 11 o'clock when lunch was served.

ANNUAL SERVICES HELD LAST SUNDAY

Anniversary Services at Zion Church Glenelg Were Well Attended. Social Evening Spent Monday.

The annual anniversary services of the Zion Congregation held last Sunday were most successful. At the morning service an excellent discourse was given by the Rev. F. N. Bowes of Markdale, and at the evening service Rev. J. E. Peters the pastor, occupied the pulpit in his usual efficient manner.

On Monday evening a social gathering was held at which was an excellent program, with lunch at the close. The chairman was the Rev. J. E. Peters. The programme opened with a selection by the choir. There were also instrumentalists by Messrs. James Peart and Bryson Morlock on violin and guitar while the latter contributed a cornet solo as well. Readings were given by Miss Katy May Firth, Messrs. G. R. Padfield and Victor Williams, while Miss Teeter and Mr. Herb Hollis each contributed solos. Duets were given by Mrs. Noble and Miss Hazel Beaton. The Douglas family, consisting of father and three sons, were present and gave a couple of excellent quartettes. Addresses were given by Revs. J. E. Peters and J. H. Whealen, the latter rector of the Anglican Church in Durham.

An interesting part of the programme was a history of the church by Mr. R. T. Edwards, showing that it was opened in 1861, and telling of the times when there were two Methodist Churches in that vicinity the Wesleyan and the New Connection. The Rev. Mr. Hill was the first minister in that section, coming there in 1857. The present church building was erected about the year 1887. This and many more facts were given which were of much interest to the members of the congregation.

CHATSWORTH SAGE HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. J. B. Bowes of Chatsworth Showed Wonderful Coolness

Mr. J. B. Bowes, the well-known Chatsworth prophet, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Thursday last. He was operating a crane at his chopping and saw mill in Owen Sound, west, when the mishap occurred, the crane being used to handle logs for one of the supports of a platform some thirty feet high. A sudden gust of wind swung the crane around so that the platform fell, but Mr. Bowes noticed that the crane was moving just in time to allow him to grab hold of a projecting plant where he hung until his assistant, who was inside the mill came to his assistance.

In order to be of assistance the man had to go 100 feet to the other end of the mill, down two flights of stairs and back 100 feet to the crane and swing it around so that Mr. Bowes could secure a hold on the arm of the crane, which had to be swung back opposite a window where he got into the building with safety. It was a precarious position in which he was placed, but Mr. Bowes appeared to be the coolest man on the job. It is remarkable how he managed to hold on, as he wears one of his celebrated steel hands, which has a wonderful grip.

DURHAM WON ATHLETIC MEET AT HANOVER

Were Close Pressed by Chesley and Hanover High Schools in Meet

The most successful meet ever held in Hanover took place when the annual Track and Athletic meet of the Grey and Bruce Inter-scholastic Association was staged in the Exhibition grounds on Thursday. Over one thousand persons were present, there were over one hundred entries and twenty-five events. The weather was bitterly cold, which naturally lessened the number of spectators, but in no wise dimmed the enthusiasm, as each event took place. Five schools were represented, Chesley, Durham, Hanover, Tecumseh and Walkerton.

The results for the schools were as follows: Durham 45 1/2 points. Chesley 40 1/2 points. (Continued on page 4)

HE'S ALWAYS UP TO TRICKS



DIED LAST FRIDAY IN HER 92ND YEAR

Mrs. Andrew Derby Was One of Pioneers of Normanby Township, and Had Lived There for Past 74 Years.—Funeral Took Place Tuesday to Hampden Cemetery.

Another fine old Christian lady passed to her reward on Friday of last week when Mrs. Andrew Derby, for the past 74 years a resident of the Hampden district in Normanby Township, passed away following a very brief illness.

Mrs. Derby was one of the pioneers of the township, knew the hardships of pioneer life, and the history of her life is the story of a struggle against almost insurmountable obstacles that would have beaten most of the present generation, but which seemed instead to goad her to higher things and gave her a strength of character that was remarkable.

The late Mrs. Derby was born in Moffat, Dumfries, Scotland, in 1834, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Goddes. The family emigrated to Canada in 1852 and settled in Normanby, at Hampden, where Mrs. Derby remained ever since. Three years after coming to this country she was married to the late Andrew Derby, and following their marriage the young couple engaged in farming, occupying the farm opposite the church at Hampden, where the subject of this sketch lived up to the time of her death. Seventeen years after marriage, Mrs. Derby was bereaved by the death of her husband and left alone to face the trials of pioneer life, with the care of raising a family of eight children, the eldest of whom (Continued on page 5)

SCHUTZ LEFT FOR MONTREAL LAST WEEK

Durham Defense Man Transferred to Head Office of Royal Bank and Will Likely Play Hockey For That Institution in City League This Year

Erben Schutz, the stellar defense man of the Durham Hockey Club will not be seen in a local uniform this winter, he being recently transferred from the Durham branch of the Royal Bank to the Head Office at Montreal.

This on the surface does not mean much to the outsider, but to those in the know of the situation it looks as if the bank management had taken the Durham boy to the Canadian metropolis to play on the Royal Bank team in the Montreal City League this winter.

Last spring, it will be remembered, he was sent for and went to Montreal and, with other members of the banking institution, played in a couple of exhibition games. It was known even then that the bank management was looking for hockey material for the 1926-7 season. Judging by subsequent results, Erben must have made good, as a few days ago he was notified to report for duty in Montreal and left Monday of last week for the Quebec city.

Schutz was a valuable man on the Durham team and the loss of his services will be keenly felt by the local organization in the games this winter.

SOUTH GREY TEACHERS MET AT MARKDALE

Whole Riding Was Well Represented at the Forty-ninth Annual Convention of South Grey Teachers' Institute.—D. McCormick, Bentinck, Elected President for Coming Year.—Meet Next Year At Durham.

The forty-ninth annual convention of the South Grey Teachers' Institute held on Thursday and Friday of last week at Markdale was noted, among other things, for the exceptionally large attendance, the whole riding being represented, with very few absentees.

The Thursday session commenced with the devotional exercises, these being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mills, who read an appropriate scripture lesson from the book of Proverbs. Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. N. Bowes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Auditors' Report presented, both of which were passed by the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Liebold, a Lutheran clergyman of Aylton, was present and gave an introductory address dealing with the teachers' work in the school. Conditions are so different in some schools that teachers can only do the best they can with environment as they find it. Teachers must cultivate patience and exercise much forethought in order to develop the character of their young charges.

Miss Charlotte Weirnet, Miss Jean Floyd and Messrs. J. A. Graham, D. McCormick and D. A. McIntosh were nominated as a standing committee to bring in their report on Friday.

Inspector Wright arranged roll call by townships. There was a very large attendance of High, Public and Separate School teachers, and very few absentees.

The announcement of the President, Mr. W. J. Messenger of Markdale, regarding the banquet and lecture for the evening was the last business of the morning session, the meeting being adjourned until 1:30.

The President's Address The afternoon session opened with the address of the President, Mr. (Continued on page 2)

MAROONED IN RIG IN SAUGEEN RIVER

Seven-year-old Boy Alarmed, Jumped Out and Was Drowned.

Ronald Stansal, age 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stansal, of the 10th concession of Brant, was drowned in the Saugeen River just back of his father's farm, three miles north of Cargill, about five o'clock Saturday evening. The body was recovered by searchers five hours later in about three feet of water, a short distance from the spot where he fell in.

The victim, along with an elder brother aged nine, and a companion, about the same age, set out in the afternoon with a horse and democrat to gather butternuts. In order to reach the trees the boys drove through the river. Before reaching the opposite side of the river, the horse broke loose, leaving the three lads stranded in the rig surrounded by four or five feet of water. The horse made its way to an island a short distance away, and the two elder boys followed it. Left alone in the rig the little fellow became alarmed when the vehicle was turned completely around by the swift current and jumped into the water. He sank immediately.

Smilin' Charlie Says



'My idea o' something practical is a couple o' guys stagin' a prize fight for th' benefit o' some hospital...'