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## NORMANBY PIONEER CALLED SUDDENLY

Late Janet B. Johnston, Who Passed Away Monday, Was One of Best-Known Residents of Knox Church District. Had Been Ailing Since Last Spring

The death of Miss Janet B. Armstrong of Normanby, at her home near Knox Corners, on Monday, removes another of the oldest residents of the district, and one who was held in the very highest esteem by a wide circle of friends in that district. Miss Johnston, who was 75 years of age this month, had lived on the farm on which she died, lot 10, concession 2, for the past 62 years, and was widely known for her many acts of kindness, her neighborliness and high Christian character.

The deceased first complained last spring of not feeling as well as usual and a diagnosis of her case revealed that she was suffering from an affection of the heart. During the summer she had apparently recovered, and on the day of her death remarked to her niece, Miss Thomasena Byers, who lived with her, that she felt considerably better than usual and that her affection had apparently left her. Shortly afterward she sat down on a couch in the kitchen and passed away almost instantly.

Miss Johnston was born in Beverly Township, Ontario, in 1851, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston. When three years of age her parents moved to Richmond, Virginia, and here she remained until thirteen years of age, when the family returned to Canada, taking up the farm on which the subject of this sketch was to spend the remainder of her life. Miss Johnston's life might truly be said to have been one of sacrifice, and though she never married, her whole life was spent in ministering to the wants and necessities of other relatives less fortunate than she and who needed the attention of a kindly hand in their tender years. She was a Presbyterian in religion and a consistent Christian and during her whole lifetime had been a regular attendant and active worker in the furthering of Knox Church, Normanby. Of a family, she is the last surviving member. She was a sister of the late William Johnston of Durham, the well-known sawyer at the McKechnie mill at Glenora, who passed away some years ago.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, being in charge of the Rev. W. Johnson of Holstein, who preached a comforting sermon at the house and performed the last rites at the graveside. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

Though Miss Johnston's life was a most uneventful one, she was a most useful member of her community, and her niece, Miss Byers, prostrated by her passing, has the deep sympathy of the community in her sorrow, in which The Chronicle joins.

## DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE MET IN NEW ROOMS

The Canadian Greys Chapter I.O. D.E. met in their new rooms in the McIntyre Block for the first time Tuesday evening of last week, with a good attendance. The Regent, Mrs. G. S. Kearney, was in the chair. Committees were appointed for looking after the Christmas Cheer program and also a dance, which will be held on Thursday between Christmas and New Year's.

Miss J. A. Weir gave a talk on "MacBeth" towards the close of the meeting, after which a lunch was served and a pleasant social time indulged in.

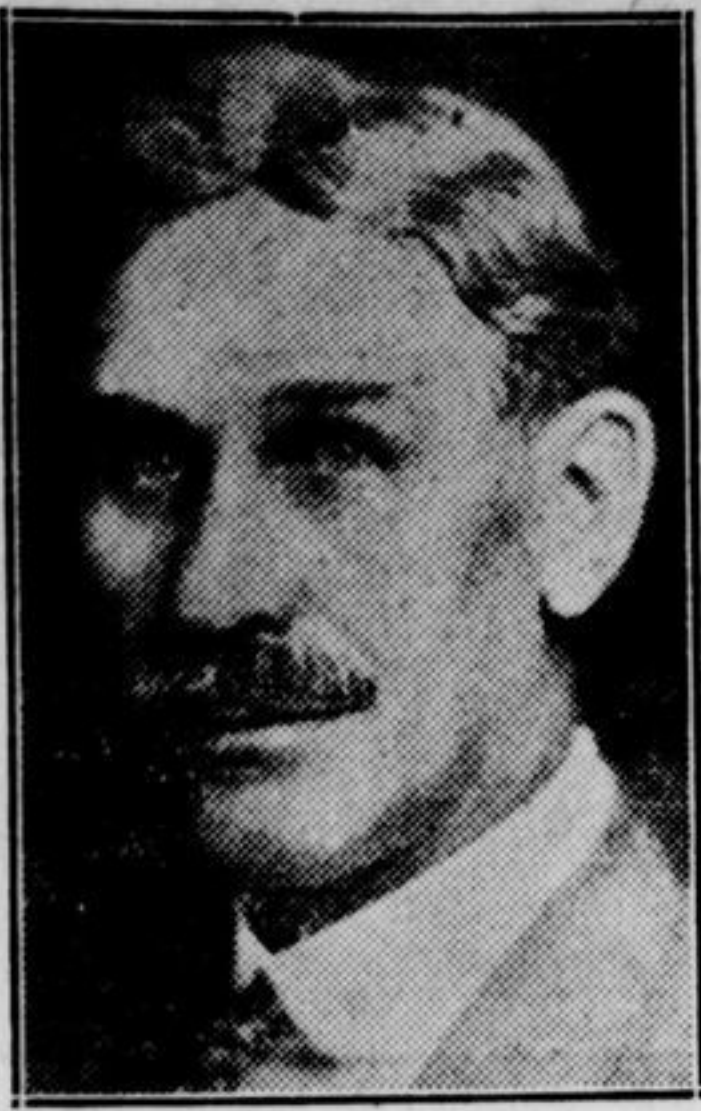
**Razing the Wrinkles.** Visitor (being shown around castle)—Who is the victim in the torture chamber?  
Host—That isn't the torture chamber—that's my wife having her beauty treatment.—Passing Show.

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## FIGHTS THE ICE DEMON

Dr. Howard T. Barnes, Professor of Physics at McGill University, Montreal, and specialist in ice research, is experimenting with a special lamp that imitates the rays of sunlight, with which he hopes to stop the growth of anchor ice. Anchor ice forms at night at the bottom of open water.



## HON. PETER HEENAN

Latest photograph of the Minister of Labor who is doubly interested in the threatened railway strike, having been a railwayman himself for many years.

## MRS. CHRIS. RENWICK DIED IN TORONTO

Former Well-known Resident of Dromore Passed Away Last Month Following Long Illness. Interment Made in Park Lawn Cemetery.

There passed away at her residence in Toronto, Nov. 24th, Mrs. Christopher Renwick, after a continued illness of long standing. She was the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Henry, formerly of lot 4, con. 19, Egremont and after her marriage lived for many years in the village of Dromore, where her husband (Kit) was employed in the saw mill. Leaving some 13 years ago, they have since lived on Fairview Ave., West Toronto.

The departed was a patient sufferer and never known to complain. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. T. L. McKernan, of Victoria Church, who spoke comforting words to the bereaved. A very touching solo, "Shadows," was sung by Mr. Albert David.

The very large offering of flowers bespoke the esteem in which the family are held in the community, wreaths being sent from: a pillow from the family; a wreath from Victor Presbyterian choir; wreath from Grinnell Co.; spray, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stoneman; sheaf, Mr. and Mrs. Landrean, Ruth and Isabel; spray from Misses Lucy, Jessie and Vera Radford; wreath from Rebecca Lodge, Palmerston; wreath Mr. and Mrs. McMann; spray, Ella Williams; a family; wreath, Mrs. Newman; a wreath, Walter Jannaway; spray, Mr. and Mrs. A. Norris; spray, Ella Fanny, Myrtle and Edith; wreath Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Renwick, Mrs. Jamieson, Jean and Jim; spray, Mrs. F. Brown; sheaf, Mrs. Simmons; wreath Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aitchison; spray, Mr. and Mrs. McKay; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. John Renwick and Mr. and Mrs. Aitchison; spray Edna and Lottie McLaughlin; wreath from Cecil Aitchison and Miss Ruby Howe.

Those left to mourn are her husband, three sons, Thos., Palmerston; Will and Norman, Toronto; two daughters, Bertha (Mrs. Jannaway) and Alma at home. The surviving sisters and brothers are: Janet, Mrs. Wm. Renwick, St. Catharines; Mary Mrs. Jamieson, Buffalo; Agnes, Mrs. T. Reid, Hepworth; Alma, Mrs. Aitchison Toronto; John at Shallow Lake; George at Hepworth and Will, in Durham.

Those attending from a distance were Mrs. Wm. Renwick, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Berryman, Wm. Renwick and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald from London and Will Henry from Durham. There were also a lot of old friends, principally from Dromore at the funeral.

The remains were laid to rest in Park Lawn Cemetery, the pall bearers being Gordon Jannaway, Cecil Aitchison, Harold Aitchison, John Renwick, Walter Jannaway, James Renwick.

## MRS. REV. PETERS SERIOUSLY ILL

Taken Down Two Weeks Ago With High Blood Pressure, She Has Been Confined to Her Bed Ever Since.

The serious illness of Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Peters, during the past two weeks has caused much alarm to Mr. Peters and her many friends in town. Mrs. Peters has been unconscious for the greater part of the time but we are pleased to state that during the past few days she appears brighter, and good hopes are entertained for her recovery.

**A Good Idea.** Wife—It says in this paper that a certain cure for depression of spirits is to buy a new hat.  
Husband—Good! I'll buy myself one tomorrow!—Windsor Magazine.  
Umbrellas as much as liberty have to be paid for by eternal vigilance.—Kitchener Record.

## FIRST SKATING LAST SATURDAY

Durham's Youth Took Full Advantage of First Ice of Season to Disport Themselves at Favorite Winter Pastime.

The Durham skating rink opened for business last Saturday night, and considering it was the first of the season and not much notice given, there was a good crowd and excellent ice. With the opening of the ice parlor, the youth of the community have got away to a good start and from now on until late in March the big Magnavox music box will be in demand grinding out the old familiar melody "Peggy O'Neil" and other favorites. Though getting rather frayed at the edges, "Peggy" is still going strong and is still the most popular skating number.

For this early in the season there is an excellent sheet of ice, and just enough of it that it will take a pretty good thaw to interfere with the rink management's plans. As last season, Mr. J. Schutz has charge of the ice-making at the rink for the coming year and is to be congratulated on having the rink ready in such good time.

Skating was indulged in Tuesday night of this week also, and the local hockey team enjoyed their first practice that same evening. The rail birds predict a strong team this season, with lots of good subs and it is a foregone conclusion that the hockey fans of this district are going to see quite a lot of good games of Canada's winter pastime before summer comes again.

## ALBERTA RESIDENT INTERRED HERE

Late Mrs. Catherine McInnes Died in Calgary and Remains Are Being Laid Away Today in Smellie's Cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. Catherine McInnes of Calgary, arrived in town yesterday noon's C.N.R. and the funeral is being held today at Smellie's cemetery, Glenelg, where they will rest beside those of her husband, who died 52 years ago.

Mrs. McInnes, who was 70 years of age, was a native of Bruce County, and was married there to her late husband, then a resident of the west, where he went when quite a young man from the farm seven miles east of here on the Durham Road, where he was born. She was not well-known here, and other than that she died last week in Calgary, she has not been able to get particulars. Mrs. McInnes was a cousin of Mr. Dan McArthur, of the Glen, and the body was accompanied on its eastward journey by her brother, Mr. John McArthur, also a resident of the west. There is no family.

The deceased was a Baptist in religion and the funeral is in charge of Rev. J. Taylor, pastor of the Durham Baptist Church.

## WEEK-END STORM WAS A GOOD ONE

Traffic Tied up in Great Lakes and Along Atlantic Coast, With Many Deaths Reported

The big wind- and snow-storm over last week-end seems to have had more serious results farther south than in this northern part of Ontario. In Toronto much more snow fell than here and early Monday morning city pedestrians from York to Yonge streets along King had to use the provisional cow path to get along. Great Lake steamers are tied up in the St. Mary's river, while along the Atlantic seaboard great damage is reported to shipping.

Points in the Eastern States, Pennsylvania, for instance, report 26 below zero, and many deaths as a result of the cold wave that swept that part of the continent.

Western Canada and the States too report a stormy week-end, so it would appear that this part of Ontario, so used to storms at this season of the year, has escaped one of the worst blows of the winter. Here while it was stormy, no great amount of snow fell, and we do not think that the thermometer registered below zero at any time.

## LOCAL CLUBS BANQUETED WINNER

Miss Macphail and F. R. Oliver Guests at Gathering Held in Town Hall on Tuesday Night

There was a big crowd at the Town Hall on Tuesday night, the occasion being an evening of entertainment put on by the four United Farmer clubs surrounding Durham to honor the new M. P. P., Mr. F. R. Oliver, of Artemesia. Miss Macphail, M.P. was also in attendance. The evening was spent in social intercourse, games and dancing, though the last was first in the minds of those in attendance. The old song "Three O'clock in the Morning" was gone one better on this occasion, as it was four o'clock before the assemblage broke up.

A bountiful lunch was served about the midnight hour and the whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed by about as many as could pack themselves into the hall.

## MR. JONES TAKES HIS ANNUAL INVENTORY



## COUNCIL TO SUBMIT SCHOOL BYLAW

Voting on Addition to Durham High School Takes Place on January 3, the Same Time as the Municipal Elections.

Durham ratepayers will have the opportunity of voting on the building of a \$25,000 addition to the High School. This was the final decision of the Town Council last Monday night, though they had previously committed themselves at the November meeting.

The vote will be taken on the question only. Are you, or are you not in favor of building an addition? In the case of a favorable vote from the ratepayers, the Council will then draft the bylaw and pass it. This is somewhat different to the vote on the regular money-by-law, but is provided for in the statutes. With the exception of Reeve Bell and Councillor McQueen, a full Council was present. The accounts this month amounted to only \$402.92 and were passed by the Finance Committee without comment.

**County Rate \$4068.75**  
The Finance Committee laid the bill for the County rate on the table last meeting, owing to the absence of Reeve Bell, who, as the representative at the County Council, would be more familiar with it.

A bill was received from the Grey County Election Board in connection with the revising of the lists for the recent election. Grey County's population is 27,343, and on a per capita basis, Durham's share was \$55.08.

A communication was received from the V. T. Bartman Company, the company that made the repairs to the Garrafrax street bridge this summer. E. W. Kelsey has threatened suit against the town for the recovery of \$100 for alleged damage to his business as a photographer through the glass in his studio being broken by the Bartman Company while blasting out the old abutment. The Bartman Company repaired all the glass broken but claim that they are not liable for any loss of business. The Kelsey bill was put before the Council a month ago, and it was at this time that the \$100 was withheld in settling with the Bartman Company, the Council having received legal advice that they were responsible for any damages accruing from the building of the bridge. Now Bartman wants his money and threatens suit if he doesn't get it right away. The matter was left in the hands of the bridge committee and further advice will be asked before the cheque is issued.

**Don't Want Sawmill**  
The residents on Albert Street had a petition before the Council asking that Zemus Clark be prevented erecting a new saw mill on a lot at the corner of Albert and Saddler. The matter was discussed at some length but the opinion seemed to be that the Council had no jurisdiction. If the residents did not want the mill there they should take out an injunction to prevent its erection. Councillor Macdonald thought that if the town did not already have a bylaw it should have one whereby all persons erecting buildings of any kind should be required to get a permit. They had it in other towns, and he was of the opinion that placed in a similar position he would not want a shingle mill placed so near his property.

## MANY ATTENDED FUNERAL FRIDAY

Late John Davis Laid To Rest in Trinity Cemetery Following Services at Trinity Church.

The funeral of the late John Davis who died in Owen Sound on Wednesday of last week, was held from Trinity church last Friday afternoon. The church was filled to capacity to pay last respects to the deceased, a son of Mr. William Davis of town, whose illness was brought on by overseas service during the great war.

During the service, the hymns "Thy Will Be Done" and "Forever with the Lord" were sung by congregation and choir. The Rev. J. E. Peters of Queen Street church read the lesson from 1 Cor. 15:20, while the rector, Rev. J. H. Wheaten, preached a fitting and comforting sermon from the text, 1 Tess. 4:18. The pall bearers were all overseas men and were Messrs. A. Saunders, E. Schenk, F. McIlraith, W. McGirr, S. MacBeth, and J. L. Stedman, and many floral tributes were placed on the casket from the family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lawrence, Durham returned comrades and others.

**Health Officer Reported**  
M. O. H. Dr. Bell reported that (Continued on page 8)

## DURHAM PLAYS FIRST GAME AT PAISLEY

O. H. A. Schedule Drawn Up Tuesday at Palmerston, With Six Teams in Local District, Durham, Chesley and Paisley Forming Section B.

Mr. C. M. Steinacher was in Palmerston Tuesday in attendance at the annual meeting of the Northern League as delegate from the Durham club, and also assisting in drawing up the schedule for the local district in the O. H. A. While the grouping of Durham with Chesley and Paisley makes quite a lot of travelling for the local club, this is the best arrangement that could be arrived at, as the locals were not even allowed the privilege of a bye. The district as ordered by the O. H. A. executive included teams from Palmerston, Listowel and Wingham in addition to the three already mentioned, and as this district was altogether too large and too expensive to handle, it was deemed advisable to split it into two sections which was done. Following is the schedule as drawn up on Tuesday:

- Section A**
- Jan. 6 Palmerston at Listowel
  - 10 Wingham at Palmerston
  - 14 Listowel at Wingham
  - 17 Wingham at Listowel
  - 21 Listowel at Palmerston
  - 26 Palmerston at Wingham
- Section B**
- Dec. 30 Durham at Paisley
  - Jan. 4 Paisley at Chesley
  - 7 Chesley at Paisley
  - 10 Chesley at Durham
  - 14 Durham at Chesley
  - 24 Paisley at Durham

The dates for the play-off between Sections A and B will be set later by the O.H.A., but a district winner must be declared before February 5.

**Eugene Murphy Heads Northern**  
The annual meeting of the Northern League resulted in the following officers being elected:

Hon. Pres., A. S. Blackburn, London; Immediate Past Pres., B. L. H. Bamford, Listowel; Pres., Eugene Murphy, Mount Forest; Vice-Pres., R. Whitmore, Harriston; Secy., Dr. G. Howson, Wingham; Treas., R. Horning, Palmerston; Executive Committee, Dr. J. F. Marcus, Kincardine; J. C. McDonald, Chesley; C. M. Steinacher, Durham; Sub-Committee: The President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Several changes in the rules were authorized which will be incorporated in the new rule book to be issued, but as entries for the league do not close until the 18th inst., the grouping of the clubs will not be made until December 20, with the meeting for the drawing up of the playing schedule later. At the present it is not known what clubs will be playing against Durham, but an endeavor will be made to secure a different grouping than under the O.H.A. If possible the old Northern grouping with Listowel and Palmerston will be arranged.

## MR. & MRS. McARTHUR HONORED BY FRIENDS

Nwely-Married Couple Presented With Community Plate by Neighbors of Rocky Saugeen Section.

A pleasant event took place on Friday evening, November 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McArthur, recently married, when their friends and neighbors of the Rocky Saugeen section gathered to spend the evening in social enjoyment. About sixty were present in all.

Mr. Harold McKechnie, who had been appointed chairman, called upon Miss Kathleen Firth to read an address to the young couple conveying the felicitations of the neighborhood, and at the proper time Mrs. Thomas Turnbull presented them with half a dozen each of knives, forks and spoons in Community Plate, as well as other pieces of flatware. Mr. McArthur fittingly replied to the address thanking all for their kind wishes and thoughtfulness. Mrs. McArthur also thanked the company for their kindness and expressions of goodwill.

Addresses were also delivered by Messrs. Thomas Turnbull, Charles Weppeler and F. W. Kelsey, and several musical selections were given on the violin and piano. The rest of the evening was spent in games and dancing, the company breaking up (Continued on page 8)

## Smilin' Charlie Says—



Most people feel that they could be thankful if they had a little more of it. Most people feel that they could be thankful for... and others.