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RESIDED IN DURHAM OVER FIFTY YEARS

Late David Darby Had Been Resident of This Vicinity for Sixty-Eight Years. Funeral Was Held Monday to Trinity Church Cemetery.

One of the old residents of the town passed away early last Thursday morning in the person of Mr. David Darby, who died at his home on the Durham Road in Upper Town following failing health for the last year or more. Had he lived until the 10th of January he would have been 80 years of age. Death was the result of a gradual decline, he having never been ill, and his passing was but the result of the inroads of old age.

The late Mr. Darby was born in Guelph in 1847, and 68 years ago came to Egremont with his parents, the family living for a number of years on the second concession in the neighborhood of St. Paul's church. Fifty-three years ago he was married to Frances Ginn, and shortly afterward they moved to Durham where the deceased engaged in his trade as a mason. In this capacity he worked in the town and vicinity up to seven or eight years ago and his handwork can be seen on nearly all the buildings erected in town during that time. He was a man of quiet, inoffensive disposition and was well regarded by the community generally, and while not a public man, he was greatly interested in the affairs of the town and country. Mrs. Darby died in 1922 and since then the deceased had lived with his son William, in their residence in Upper Town.

Mr. Darby leaves a family of two daughters and one son, Ella (Mrs. E. Viles, Detroit, Thezra (Mrs. John Young at Glen Christie, near Guelph and William at home. The funeral was held from the home on Monday afternoon, and was in charge of the Rev. John E. Peters of the Queen Street church, Mr. Darby being a member of that congregation. In politics the deceased was a Conservative. Interment was made in Trinity cemetery.

With the citizens the Chronicle joins in extending sympathy.

MRS. THOMAS LONG DIED LAST WEEK

Former Resident of Varney Passed Away at Brother's Home in Arthur Township.

Last week we referred briefly to the death of Mrs. Thomas Long, a former resident of Varney, which occurred Tuesday at the home of her brother, Mr. George Bradley, in Arthur Township, with whom she had made her home since the death of Mr. Long in February, 1925.

The late Mrs. Long was 76 years of age, and was born in Egremont Township, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley. She had spent her whole life in the vicinity of Varney and Glenallan, was a woman held in the highest respect and her death is regretted by many. She leaves no family.

The funeral was held on Thursday last from the home of her brother, interment being made in Maplewood cemetery, south of Varney. An Anglican in religion, the services were in charge of her rector, the Rev. G. Napier Smith, of Mount Forest.

Mrs. Long had been ill over a year and her death was not unexpected.

Scientists have dug up a prehistoric skeleton with his arms around an inscribed slab of stone. Doubtless he forgot to mail it.—Cities Star.



WORLD'S WHEAT KING
Herman Trelle of Wembley, Alberta who won the title of Wheat King of the World and also carried off the grand championship in oats at the International Grain and Hay Show, Chicago. Mr. Trelle is only 31 years old and during the war served with the Air Force.



The New York State Fair Commission is to present a silver cup to Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, in recognition of his winning the Poultry Championship of the New York State Fair for 21 years in succession. Hon. Mr. Martin, whose farm is at Port Dover, Ontario, is one of the largest and most successful poultry breeders in North America.

DURHAM BOY HAD VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Rev. John Bell Came Close to Meeting Death in Burning Parsonage at Brookdale, Manitoba. Escaped in Night Apparel Only.

Mrs. John Bell, of Glenelg, three miles east of here, has received word of the narrow escape from death by fire of her son, the Rev. John Bell, pastor of Brookdale, Manitoba, United Church. The fire occurred on Saturday night, December 4, and no full particulars have been received, though it is very doubtful if any further explanation can ever be given as to how it started. When first noticed by Mr. Bell it had made considerable headway, and he remained so long fighting the flames that it was with difficulty that he escaped with his life, getting out of the burning building clad only in his night apparel. As the night was bitterly cold he had one of his feet rather badly frozen, but it is thought no serious consequences will result from this exposure.

Mr. Bell, who is unmarried, lived alone in the parsonage. Besides Brookdale, which is a village of about 150 population 60 miles west of Portage La Prairie, he has two other charges.

Mr. Bell lost all his clothing, in fact everything but his ear, which was in the garage, but possibly his greatest loss is his books and library which will be a hard matter to replace.

He had been at Brookdale since last June following his ordination earlier in the spring, and this misfortune following so closely upon his appointment to the charge is to be regretted. Whether or not the insurance carried on the parsonage and contents, and which in most cases includes all wearing apparel, will affect Mr. Bell's loss we do not know, but it is to be hoped that he will not be called on to bear the whole of it. His friends in Durham will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

HANOVER MAN FREED ON CHARGE

Exonerated by Coroner's Jury Following Death of Galt Woman From Motor Accident.

On Sunday last Harry Mink of Hanover, while driving his motor car at Galt, struck Mrs. H. Clements of that city, a deaf and dumb lady, with the result that she died almost instantly. Mrs. Clements expired a couple of minutes after she had been carried into a nearby grocery store, and Mr. Mink was held by the police until exonerated by the coroner's jury.

Mink, who has been working in Galt for the past six weeks, was on his way to his home at Hanover when the accident happened. Mrs. Clements with her husband, also deaf and dumb, was crossing the street and had passed between a couple of cars, the husband being a few feet in front of his wife. In his evidence Mink said he had turned to one side to avoid hitting the man and did not see the woman.

Mink appeared in court on Tuesday morning and had the charge of doing harm, laid against him, dismissed. He was not held at the police station as the coroner's jury Monday absolved him of all blame.

DURHAM TORONTO CLUB HELD EUCHERE PARTY

On Tuesday, November 30, the members and friends of the Durham Club of Toronto had a euchre party at the Peacock Inn, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The proceeds amounted to about \$21.

Equality of the sexes, so far as dress is concerned has progressed to the point where a girl can buy her brother a new fur coat and wear it herself.—Detroit Free Press.

"MAIL ORDER BRIDES" MADE REAL HIT

Popular Farce Comedy in Three Acts by Local Talent, Under Auspices of Agricultural Society was Scream from Start to Finish

The directorate of the South Grey Agricultural Society made no mistake when they accepted the services of a local concert troupe to put the popular farce comedy, "Mail Order Brides" across the footlights with the idea in view of boosting the bank account of the local society which has had a run of bad luck at Fall Fair time for some years past.

"Mail Order Brides" is a story of the Nevada cattle range and while the play was broadly farcical in parts it told its story in a way that brought out the actual life of the Western plains. Ruby Heart ranch was the scene of the play, with plenty of men but only two women. Two of the cowboys decided to send to Chicago mail order house for wives but their order is tampered with and when the girls arrive the fun commenced. Affairs finally adjust themselves for all concerned, but there is a lot of fun while it is being done.

The local cast handled their various parts exceptionally well and the farce is pronounced one of the funniest ever put on locally. The players and their parts were:

"Pitkey" Butler and "Skeet" Snyder, ranch hands, Charles Lang and George Bell; Nance Henshaw, Katy McAuliffe; Nick Henshaw, owner of Ruby Heart ranch, Thomas Bell; Bob Henshaw, his son, Harold McEachern; Princess, the Indian servant, Phoebe Wolfe; Rose Grandall, the maid, Eliza Patterson; Jane Hamilton and Deering Hamilton, visitors from Chicago, Jessie Withun and J. H. Robinson; Queenie Dugan, Arabella Jennings and Gaynell Jones, also of Chicago, Winnie Blyth, Sadie MacDonald and Donald McEachern; William Hamilton, of the firm of Hamilton & Blakes, Clarence Robinson.

MRS. ADAM KELLER DIED YESTERDAY

Well-Known Resident of Orchard Passed Away After Illness of About Two Years. Funeral Saturday to Maplewood Cemetery.

The death at nine o'clock Wednesday morning of this week, at her home at Orchard, removes a well-known woman in the person of Mrs. Adam Keller, who passed away after an illness of about two years from heart trouble. Though in indifferent health for that time Mrs. Keller was taken seriously ill only fifteen days ago, and with heart trouble and complications but little hope was held out for her recovery.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Elizabeth M. Braun, was born in Normanby Township on the 6th of May, 1867. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Braun, who lived near Glenelg, and with the exception of seven years lived all her life in her native township.

Mrs. Keller was twice married, first to Mr. William Stewart, in 1885. Mr. Stewart died in 1918 and in the fall of 1919 she was married to Mr. Keller, who survives. Surviving also are three children by her first marriage, Mary A. (Mrs. George Bullie, Toronto; Annie E. Stewart, at home, and Jacob Stewart of Mount Forest. Mrs. William Miller of Axton, Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of Normanby, sisters and Messrs. Henry John Braun of Galt, brothers also survive.

Following their marriage in 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Keller moved to Orchard, where they have since resided. While in Normanby, Mrs. Keller was a member of Knox church, but since moving to Orchard has been attending the United church at that place. The funeral is being held Saturday afternoon from her late residence to Maplewood cemetery, the Rev. Mr. Jay of Holstein having charge of the service.

With other residents of the community, The Chronicle sympathizes with Mr. Keller and the family in their loss, and especially with Miss Stewart, who was a faithful attendant during her mother's last illness and gave her every care possible.

KNOX CHURCH W.M.S. HELD MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of Knox United Church W. M. S. was held in the school room on Thursday, December 9, Mrs. John Bell presiding. The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises after which several items of business were discussed. The visitors, Mrs. Mather and Mrs. Thos. Brown reported on their visits.

The Bible reading was taken by Mrs. Wm. Lawson and the topic from the study book by Miss McGirr, who spoke of the great need and value of medical missions in India. Mrs. Thos. Brown had a very interesting story on "Speaking to the King" after which Mrs. Alex. Hay read the beautiful Christmas prayer from the Missionary Monthly. Mrs. Ramage had charge of the Watch Tower Gleaning, her subject being "India." The roll call was answered with a text on Truth. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer in unison.



PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL QUESTION MONDAY NIGHT

Ratepayers Should Take an Interest in Proposed High School Addition and Attend Discussion of Both Sides of Question in Town Hall.

Ratepayers of the town are by this time cognizant of the fact that there is a movement on foot to increase the accommodation at the Durham High School, and in order that all may be made acquainted with the full facts of the case, a public meeting has been called for 8 o'clock next Monday evening in the Town Hall. It is not the intention at this time to appear to dictate to the electorate what they should do but as there appears to be some opposition to the proposal, we would like to impress upon all ratepayers that it is their privilege and duty to be in attendance.

WILL HEAR BOTH SIDES

The meeting for Monday night has not been called solely for the purpose of broadcasting propaganda in favor of the erection of the addition. Both sides will be there. At least they are being invited, and it is expected that those in favor of the scheme, as well as those opposed, will give their reasons, and by so doing give those ratepayers who do not fully understand the situation an opportunity of hearing the pros and cons of the question that they may vote intelligently on election day.

It is only by open and fair discussion that questions of this kind can be settled. Those who favor the building of the addition claim that they can show in cold dollars and cents that it is in the interests of the town to conform with the requirements of the Department of Education, and as it is rumored that there are opponents to the scheme, these will also be given the opportunity and all the time they desire to explain their stand in the matter.

This is one of the most vital questions that has ever come before the public in this town in a good many years. It is a matter of the utmost importance educationally and financially, and one that should interest every ratepayer sufficiently to turn out Monday evening.

CHIMNEY FIRE ENDANGERED HOME

Residence of Mrs. Thomas McGirr Had Narrow Escape Yesterday Morning When Pipes From Kitchen Stove Ignited.

With quite a strong wind blowing, the residence of Mrs. Thomas McGirr on Lambton street had a narrow escape from destruction when the pipes and chimney from the kitchen stove took fire. For a time it was not thought that there was any danger, but when Miss Margaret McGirr went upstairs to one of the bedrooms she found that the flames had broken from the pipes and were blazing up towards the ceiling.

The timely arrival of her son and brother, Mr. John McGirr, who was coming to town from Glenelg, was a welcome event in the home and with the assistance of a neighbor, Mr. Arthur McClocklin, the danger was soon over.

It was quite a threatening blaze for a few minutes, but all's well that ends well. The flames were soon quenched, the pipes given a thorough cleaning, and everything was back to normal before noon.

DURHAM MASONS HELD BANQUET

Pastmasters' Night Fittingly Observed by Durham Lodge No. 306, A.F. & A.M. Banquet Followed Regular Meeting.

Tuesday night of this week was Pastmasters' Night in Durham Masonic lodge and upwards of 75 of the brethren gathered to take part in this annual celebration, the date for which is set for the regular meeting nearest the anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Divine. During the regular meeting of the lodge, in which one candidate was given the mysteries of the third degree, the following Pastmasters occupied the chairs:

W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, W. M.
W. Bro. E. D. McClocklin, S. W.
W. Bro. J. Morrison, J. W.
W. Bro. T. M. McFadden, S. D.
W. Bro. R. E. Richardson, J. D.
W. Bro. J. H. Harding, I. G.
W. Bro. B. H. Willis, Tyler.

Following the degree work the brethren repaired to the banquet room where a most sumptuous repast was placed before them, the viands consisting of roast turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, pie and coffee to which all did more than full justice.

The toast list was in charge of W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, in the absence of W. Bro. S. D. Coff, and consisted of a toast to the King and the Craft, proposed by W. Bro. McFadden and responded to by Bro. Rev. J. H. Whealen. The Visiting Brethren toast was proposed by Rt. W. Bro. J. F. Grant and responded to by W. Bro. J. A. Magee, W. Bro. J. Engel, W. Bro. W. Brueggeman, W. Bro. Boettger, all of Hanover, and W. Bro. C. Ogg, of Guelph. The toast to the Pastmasters was proposed by Bro. Whealen and responded to by Rt. W. Bro. J. F. Grant.

During his onerous duties W. Bro. Rowland was assisted by W. Bros. D. C. Town, R. Burnett, W. H. Whitechurch and Rt. W. Bro. J. F. Grant.

Interspersed with the toasts, an excellent program of music and speech was given by W. Bros. R. E. Richardson, G. Ylirs, Bro. Charles Lang and the Masonic choir. Bro. J. H. Robinson was the accompanist for the evening.

The speaker for the evening was Rt. W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong of Hanover, District Deputy Grand Master of Bruce District, who gave an excellent address along Masonic lines that was much appreciated by the brethren present.

Tuesday night's banquet has been described as one of the very best of these affairs ever given by the Durham lodge.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER NOT YET ENGAGED

Miss McCordle of Stratford Asked For and Was Granted Release by Trustee Board.

"On again, off again" seems to be the report the beginning of the week that a new high school teacher had been engaged to take the place of Mr. H. A. McQueen, whose resignation has been accepted by the Trustee Board, and whose duties cease at the close of the present term. Mr. McQueen takes up duties at St. Mary's after the first of the year.

Following Mr. McQueen's resignation the Board advertised for a teacher and last week accepted the application of Miss Mary McCordle B. A., of Stratford, a graduate of Toronto University. This week Miss McCordle got in touch with the local school board and requested that they agree that they allow her to tender her resignation. She had good reasons for making the request, and stated that if the Board would allow it, she had the opportunity of a school at Mimico. She was very fair, however, and said that if the Board insisted she would live up to her contract, but would sooner be excused.

Though the Board could have insisted that Miss McCordle fulfill her contract, it was thought that under the circumstances it would not be wise to bring in a teacher who did not wish to come, and her explanation was accepted and she was allowed to accept the Mimico position. In the meantime, the Board is advertising for another teacher and it is to be hoped they will have better luck next time.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"When that perfect automobile is completed we won't have to worry about the pedestrian—there ain't gonna be any pedestrians."

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