Dornoch

(Our Own Correspondent)

The same old wish is extended to all the readers of the Chronicle "A bright and merry Christmas" and "Best wishes for the coming year."

All are pleased to hear that our old friend Mrs. Simpson is rapidly recovering.

We are glad to see that Mrs. Wm. Runnings is wholly recovered after having her arm broken a few weeks age.

Mrs. E. Dargavel left last week for Detroit where she will spend the winter with her daughter Mrs. A. Smith.

Messrs. Charles and Cameron Robson of Traverston spent Sunday with the Corlett family.

A number from here intend taking in Latona Box Social on Wednesday Evening.

Mr. Joe Sullivan of Sandwich is spending the holiday with his parents here.

The pupils of the Separate School here are putting on a free concert Tuesday Evening which we hope will be a success.

Miss Sybil Lawrence spent the week end with her parents at Hutton Hill.

Aberdeen

(Our Own Correspondent)

EVEN ST. NICHOLAS

'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse.
The children were nestled
In bed all alone,
For the rest of the family
Were none of them home.

For Grandma was dancing
With dear grandson Ned,
And Grandpa was tangoing
Off his old head,
Mother fox-trotted
With some gilded youth,
Father was doing
The canter with Ruth.

The maids were at dance halls
Jigging with Pat,
Even the dog
Danced a jig with the cat.
Old Santa, toy-laden,
Bounced down the chimney
Saying, "This is a fine state
Of things, now by Jimminy!"

He trimmed up the tree,
Filled the wide gaping hose,
Then laying his finger
Aside of his nose,
And giving a wink
Up the chimney he rose.

But I heard him exclaim
As he went out of sight,
"I've a date with a fairy
Myself for tonight!"

Mrs. McDougall and little son of Edmonton visited with her sister Mrs. Hugh McDonald.

The A. W. I. was entertained at the home of Mrs. H. and F. MacLean on Friday last.

Mr. Donald MacCormick, teacher had very small attendance the weather being stormy. Several of the pupils being home with severe colds.

Mr. Norman Marshal is quite a stranger in this burg.

Mrs. Archie MacLean has been under the weather for some time, we hope to see her out soon again.

The Baptist Christmas Tree was held Monday evening. The audience was well entertained by a splendid programme.

The back roads are almost impassable for cars now. Take some advise boys and take a horse and cutter next time. Then you won't need to sop half way and walk the rest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lynn were in Hanover recently.

Mr. Jack MacDonald and Archie MacArthur have started to haul logs.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Calderwood

(Our Own Correspondent)

We wish the Editor, Staff and readers a very merry Christmas.

Miss Luella Liebold spent several days last week in Ayton with her grandmother, Mrs. Schenk.

Mrs. Edwards Jr., Letter Breen spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Feick visited on Sunday at Mr. John Oehm's.

Miss Mary Smith spent the week end at her home here.

Quite a number of the young folk from this line took in the box social at Glen Eden on Friday evening. They all report a good time.

Hoot Mon

The bagpipes, we are told, are very ancient and appear on the sculptures and coins of Hebrews, Greeks and Romans. A terracotta of 200 B. C. found at Tarsus, in Asia Minor shows a player with bagpipes.

We suppose this will help to confirm every true Scotsman in the belief that Adam was really a Scotsman, and that if Scotsmen rule the world it is because they deserve to, and really cannot help it.

As a note writer Mussolini does not appear to be among the most popular authors.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Advertise in the Chronicle. It pays.

Egremont Council

Council met December 15th. Members all present. Minutes adopted.

The clerk reported that notice had been given to the parties assessed in Egremont Township re Municipal Drains Nos. 1 and 22 Proton to appear at this Council meeting for a consideration of the Engineers' amended report which was read to those present, further action in the matter being held over until the beginning of the new year.

Mr. McArthur, Road Sup't reported as follows in reference to the construction of the McArthur bridge lot 27 Cons. 7 and 8: This bridge and the approaches thereto are completed. The total cost for construction work amounted to the sum of $1625.15. Engineers' services, $81.26. Advertisement for tenders, $12.32. The cost of the approaches was $99.92 making a total cost for bridge and aproaches of $1818.65.

Mack—Robb—That the report of the Road Superintendent re McArthur's bridge be adopted—Carried. Also that the Reeve be instructed to sign the pay sheets for work performed upon the roads for the period from October 18th to December 15th amounting to $479.90. Superintendents services $16.80.—Carried.

Reeve Calder and Dep. Reeve Ferguson reported as follows: We, your committee, appointed to meet with the Board of Trustees of the Mount Forest Cemetery in reference to the improving of the road in front of the cemetery, met on July 28th and agreed that the Township would pay 1-3 of the cost of the improvement on completion of the work.

Mack—Wilson—That the report of the Reeve and Dep. Reeve re the improvement of the road in front of the Mount Forest Cemetery be adopted and they receive $2.00 each for their services.—Carried.

The Reeve, Councillors Mack and Wilson reported that they had attended the meeting of the arbitrators held in Priceville on November 26th in accordance with the request of P. S. Inspector Huff, to consider certain changes in the boundaries of Union S. S. No. 12 Artemesia and Glenelg.

Robb—Ferguson—That the report of the Reeve and Councillors Mack and Wilson re the meeting of the arbitrators be adopted, and they receive $3.00 each for their services.—Carried.

School attendance officers McPhee and Lamont reported on the work they had done during the year.

Wilson—Mack—That the School Attendance Officers' reports be adopted and they receive $7.00 each for their services.—Carried.

Bylaw No. 500 defining the limits of S. S. No. 8 as they now exist since the award of the arbitrators re the formation of U.S.S. No. 9, Proton and Egremont was passed.

Ferguson—Wilson—That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of J. B. Moon to the amount of $28.50, Twp.'s share of the cost of the road improvement opposite Mount Forest Cemetery.—Carried.

Mack—Robb—That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Seymour Woods to the amount of $149.40, being payment in full re McArthur bridge.—Carried.

Wilson—Mack—In reference to the account of Mr. C. McInnes for road to gravel pit 1925, which was referred to the Pathmaster in that Division that the sum of $2.00 be paid Mr. McInnes.—Carried

Rev. W. Johnston addressed the Council on behalf of the Gadd family stressing the need of aid being given.

Wilson—Mack—That the Reeve be instructed to look after the immediate needs of the Gadd family until some other arrangements are made in their behalf.—Carried.

A petition was presented to the Council requesting the Council to take action in reference to two residents of the village who are not able to support themselves.

Wilson—Ferguson—In reference to the Petition received re two residents of the village who are not able to support themselves that the Reeve take the necessary steps in the matter.—Carried.

The financial statement was received and adopted and 200 copies ordered to be printed.

Ferguson—Mack—That the Treasurer receive $12.00 for his services in preparing the Financial Statement.—Carried.

A certificate from T. H. Dyer, Clerk of the Peace was received certifying that the local selectors of Jurors for the Township of Egremont had duly performed their duties and filed their report in due time.

The report of Dr. Sneath, Medical Officer of Health shows as follows: There has been 55 births and 22 deaths during the year ending October 31st 1926. There has been the following cases of infectious diseases: 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 47 cases of measles, 1 case of diphtheria, 3 cases of tuberculosis from which no deahs have resulted. The expenses of the Board had been $145.40.

Robb—Mack—That the following accounts be paid: Donald McQueen, $1.10; George Wright $1.54; Robert Wright, $1.20, for services as arbitrators re U.S.S. No. 9, Proton and Egremont, Egremont's share; R. Irwin sheep killed and injured $98.50; R. Aitken, sheep valuer $1.; Municipal World for supplies $13.42; John McEachern, repairs to grader 1925 account $1.00; M. Matthews, repairs to grader, 1925 account 60c.; W. A. Reeves, part salary as Assessor $125.00; John Schutz, for tile $36.45; Fleming Publishing Co., Owen Sound advertisement for tenders re McArthur bridge, $12.32; R. C. McKnight, services as Engineer McArthur bridge $81.26; Reeve services for McArthur's bridge $5.00; do services re Prov. Engineer Haas, $3.00; do postage and telephoning $3.15; Treasurer balance of salary, $75.00; do postage and stamps $15.39; Clerk, balance of salary, $175.00; do postage, telephone and envelopes for Tax Notices $19.70. Members of Council attendance at meeting to date, $15.00; R. Christie, use of room $2.00.—Carried.

Mack—Wilson—That the Reeve vacate the chair and Deputy Reeve Ferguson occupy the same.—Carried

The following address was read to the Reeve: We, the members of Council, including the Clerk and Treasurer desire at this final meeting of the year to convey to you our appreciation of your services as Reeve during the year. We believe you have made an earnest endeavor to discharge the various duties devolving upon you in an efficient manner. The duties which falls to one in your office are often very arduous, but you have always manifested a willingness to bear your full share in all the official work of the Board. Trusting you may be long spared to spend your usefulness for the welfare of the municipality.

Mr. Calder made a suitable reply. The other members of Council, also the Clerk and Treasurer spoke briefly. Council then rose.

DAVID ALLAN, Clerk.

Signs Seen on The Back of Fords

"'Nash' Can."
"The Ingersoll of Autos."
"Oil by Myself."
"Sick Cylinders."
"Puddle Jumper."
"The Stuttering Stutz."
"Four wheels, all tired."
"I may be shiftless, but I'm not lazy."
"Fierce Arrow, with a quiver."
"100% A Meri Can."
"Just see what $12.60 will do."
"99% Static."
"Chicken, Here's your Coupe."
"Rolls-Oats."
"Danger! 20,000 Jolts."
"Vertical Four."
"Struggle Buggy"
"Baby Lincoln."
"The Uncovered Wagon."
"Little Bo-Creep."
"Honest Weight—No Springs."
"Why Girls Walk Home."
"Dis Squeals."
"Mah-Jong."
"Pray as you Enter."

Switchcraft

The Bride (at the telephone): "Oh, John, do come home. I've mixed the plugs in some way. The radio is all covered with frost and the electric ice box is singing 'I Wonder What's Become of Sally'"

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ARTICLE No. 8

A number of readers of these articles, in answering the various problems that are given, want to know if they should try to remember the hands given. Of course not. The hand is of no value whatever, but the principle involved is most important. You often hear players say, after playing a hand badly: "The next time I get that hand, I will know how to play it," but they are only fooling themselves. The possible number of hands that can be held at auction is so tremendous that no player can ever hope to hold the same hand twice. For that reason, don't try to remember any one hand. What you should do is to try to remember the principle involved, for the same principle can be used in numberless hands. The only useful purpose of example hands is the illustration of a principle, and unless you understand the principle involved and its proper application to other hands of a similar character you haven't obtained the lesson from the example hands that they were intended to convey. In the hands given in last week's article, the principle involved is the question of a trump lead. When should a trump be led? Study these hands carefully and try to master the principle involved which is all important.

Answer to Problem No. 7

Hearts — 7
Clubs — A, 9, 7, 3
Diamonds — Q, 8, 4, 2
Spades — K, 7, 5, 4

: Y :
:A B:
: Z :

No score, first game. Z dealt, bid one heart and all passed. What should A lead? This is not the type of hand that justifies a trump lead. The bid of one heart doesn't necessarily indicate great trump strength so that A's partner may very well have one or more honors in that suit. For that reason a lead of A's singleton trump might "kill" an honor in his partner's hand. A should not lead away from his four spades to the king, for by so doing he may lose his chance to make his king. The only two leads left are a lead from four clubs to the ace or four diamonds to the queen. Of these two leads, the latter is the better. If A leads the diamond suit, he should lead the deuce. If he leads the club suit, he should lead the ace. Don't lead away from aces when a suit is trump, if you hold four or more. If you do, you are very apt to have the ace trumped on the second lead. It is also better practice to avoid leading a suit containing an ace if there is as good or a better lead in another suit. The lead of an ace gives up control of the suit and loses the chance of using it to "kill" a high honor in an opponent's hand.

Answer to Problem No. 8

Hearts — 6
Clubs — K, 7, 6, 2
Diamonds — K, 8, 4, 3
Spades — K, 10, 7, 4

: Y :
:A B:
: Z :

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid four hearts and all passed. What should A lead? In this hand, the lead of the singleton trump is obligatory. The other three suits all contain a king, and one of the easiest ways to lose a king is to lead away from it. If you should decide to lead one of the three suits, which one should you lead? Never guess if you can avoid doing so and you can avoid it in this hand by leading the singleton heart. The original bid of four hearts should show a set up heart suit so that a trump lead should not "kill" an honor in B's hand, as was the case in hand No. 1. In case A gets the lead later and is forced to choose between the remaining suits, he should prefer the spade lead to any other. The preemptive bid of four hearts should indicate weakness in spades.

Here are two interesting hands, both of which illustrate important principles of bidding. Think them over and then compare results with the analysis that will be given in the next article.

Problem No. 9

: Y :
:A B:
: Z :

Hearts — A, Q, 8, 4, 3
Clubs — A, K, 3, 2
Diamonds — A
Spades — A, 10, 2

No score, rubber game. What should Z as dealer bid?

Problem No. 10

Hearts — A, K, Q, 3
Clubs — 8
Diamonds — A, K, Q, J, 8, 3
Spades — 9, 6

: Y :
:A B:
: Z :

No score, rubber game. If Z dealt and bid three spades, what should A bid?

DONATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR COLONEL COCKSHUTT

Warden John T. Miller, of Rocklyn has received a request for donations from Grey County toward a presentation to the Lieutenant-Governor, Col. Henry Cockshutt, who is retiring on January 8th next, and an effort is being made by the Ontario Associated Board of Trade, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and various other organizations to hold a banquet in Toronto on January 18th. The public is asked for contributions for the presentation to be made and lists for this purpose are opened at all chartered banks throughout the province and you are asked for a contribution not exceeding in any one case the sum of one dollar. Tickets for the banquet are open to the public and can be purchased up to January 1st.

Donations made at the various banks in the country will be forwarded to the Meaford Branch of the Bank of Montreal, where they will be sent to the headquarters in Toronto by F. E. Secord, who has been appointed as local Honorary Treasurer by the Warden.

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The decision of the directors to increase the outstanding capital of the institution by $5,600,000, with valuable rights offered to shareholders, was responsible for the strength in the stock of the Royal Bank last week which brought the price up 13½ points to 270 at the close on Saturday, 11th.

The new issue of stock, which will bring the outstanding capitalization of the bank up to $30,000,000 is being offered to shareholders at a price of $200 per share on the basis of one new share for each five held, thus indicating rights to the value of $11.70. The rest account of the bank is being increased to $30,000,000 at the same time.

Leads in Capital

This gives the Royal Bank the heaviest capitalization of any of the Canadian chartered banks, putting it just ahead of the Bank of Montreal, which has outstanding capital of $29,916,700, and rest account at the same figure. The Royal Bank of Canada, which leads all other Canadian banking institutions in foreign operations and occupies an important position among the international banks of the world, has been extending the sphere of its activities steadily during recent years, and the present increase in capital is a natural result of this expansion.

Foreign Operations.

In its last published statement, for the month of October, the Royal Bank showed total assets of $759,076,605, as compared with $781,525,145 for the Bank of Montreal.

The extent of the Bank's foreign operations is indicated by the fact that, on its October statement, deposits outside of the Dominion totalled $163,268,097 as compared with demand deposits in Canada amounting to $150,463,982 and savings deposits in Canada amounting to $276,372,312 while current loans outside of Canada amounter to $155,187,376 as compared with current loans in Canada of $193,089,043.

It looks as if the usual crop of mild winter stories has been already nipped in the bud.—Peterboro Examiner.

The Bargain Store

Oh, oho! Come with the crowd for your Christmas shopping. Everything good for your Christmas feast: Nuts, Candy, Oranges, Table Grapes, Goose, Chicken and Duck.

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GREETINGS:

Christmas is here and as the dawn of 1927 creeps over the horizon we look back over the year in a spirit of gratitude and appreciation.

We have striven to serve you well, and through the coming year we want you to continue to regard us as your Business Partners, Advisors and Friends.

In the spirit of Christmas we wish you God Speed and may progress and prosperity come to you with the New Year and good health and cheer be yours all through 1927

GIFTS GALORE AT THE REXALL STORE

A Few Suggestions:

French Ivory	Latest Records
Toilet Sets	Military Brushes
Fancy China	Kodaks
Cut Glass	Safety Razors
Hand Bags	Fountain Pens
Papetries	Latest Books
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Perfumes	Men's Toilet Rolls
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