

**Varney**

*(Our Own Correspondent)*  
Mrs. Thomas Allan celebrated her 80th birthday on St. Valentine's Day. We wish her many returns of her natal day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of the West visited for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bogie.  
Miss Merle Morice, Owen Sound, spent over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morice.  
The St. Valentine social, to be held in the church, here, has been postponed indefinitely.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson are visiting in Chesley with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knisley.  
There was no school on Monday or Tuesday on account of the severe storm.

**Priceville**

*(Our Own Correspondent)*  
Misses L. Mather and Sadie Vause are visiting with Bentinck friends.  
Miss Mary MacKinnon spent a day recently at the Carson home.  
Mrs. Gray and son leave this week for their home in the West after spending a couple of months with relatives here.  
Miss Grace Ramage is visiting at her home here.  
Miss Anna Shortreed spent Sunday at W. G. Watson's.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mather spent the week-end at her home in Allan Park.  
Quite a number from here took in the dance in Ceylon and from all reports it was a decided success.  
Very successful Valentine socials were held in our churches in the past week; in the United church on Tuesday evening and the Presbyterian Hall on Friday.  
The Aldcorn boys are home from school with the measles.  
Mr. Herb Watson left the past week for his home in the West.  
The Mission Band of the United church met at the home of their leader, Mrs. MacCormack with a fairly good attendance. Being the annual meeting new officers were elected as follows: President, Anna Shortreed; secretary, Jewel MacArthur; treasurer, E. Mather. After the business part of the meeting was over Mrs. MacCormack gave an address on the study book, "Please Stand By." Dainty lunch was served by the hostess at the close.

**Edge Hill**

*(Our Own Correspondent)*  
Mrs. J. Teeter and two children of town are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie.  
Mr. Robinson of Owen Sound visited a few days with his brother, Mr. David Robinson.  
Miss Myrtle Mortley of Durham visited her sister, Mrs. E. Greenwood over the week-end.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchie visited the former's brother, Mr. John Ritchie, Holland.  
Miss May Moffat of town was the guest of her cousin, Miss Glennie Firth over the week-end.  
Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Ayrton visited last week with the Robinson family.  
Mr. E. A. Weppeler, assessor of Glenelg township has completed his official round of this part of the township.  
The box social in the school on Friday evening was a great success. Mr. J. G. Firth made a capable chairman and had a varied and interesting program at his disposal. Auctioneer John O'Neil was present and sold the prettily decorated and generously filled boxes, realizing on an average of over a dollar each. The principal number on the program was the play "Examination Day at Edge Hill School." Much time had been spent in preparation and those taking part are to be congratulated on the excellence of their performance. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$86.00.

**Darkies' Corners**

*(Our Own Correspondent)*  
(Too late for last week.)  
Sympathy is extended to Mrs. John Lawrence and brothers in the loss of their sister, Miss Minnie Matthews, who passed away on Thursday after a long illness.  
Mr. John Atkinson and daughter, Bessie, visited last week with the former's brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Lawrence and family.  
Mr. David Hamilton visited for a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Murray Ritchie, the last of the week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lawrence and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton attended the party at Mr. James Hargrave's at Wilder's Lake on Friday evening.  
Mrs. McCannell and Mrs. Macpherson visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan, Ceylon.  
Messrs. W. Weir, Jr., and Albert McNally have been hauling logs to Hanover.  
Mr. Gordon Geddes had the misfortune to lose a fine young cow the first of the week.

**Calderwood**

*(Our Own Correspondent)*  
Mrs. Christena Leibold is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Grein.  
Messrs. Edmund Schoen and Clarence Brown and Miss Frieda Brown were recent visitors at John Leibold's.  
Our weather for the past several days has been very stormy. Our mailman was unable to make his

**The Launch of "The Duchess of Bedford".**



No. 1—Leaving the ship after a thorough inspection. No. 2—Premier Baldwin and his wife about to press the release button. No. 3—The Duchess shortly after taking the water.

In the presence of a monster crowd which thronged the great Glasgow shipyards of John Brown and Co. the "Duchess of Bedford" 21,500 gross tons was launched recently by Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, wife of the Prime Minister. The vessel is one of the four "Duchess" class of steamers under construction for the Canadian Pacific Railway Transatlantic route.  
At the launching of the new ship speeches were made by the Prime Minister, Lord Abernethy, Chairman of John Brown and Company, Sir George McLaren Brown, Euro-

pean General Manager of the C. P. R., Captain J. Gillies Manager of the C. P. S. S. and Sir Thomas Bell, Managing Director of the Clydebank Yard.  
Premier Baldwin recalled his recent visit to Canada and spoke of this country's wonderful possibilities for a marvellous future. "I am quite confident," he said, "that whatever vision and imagination can do for the Empire at large will be done by the Canadian Pacific Railway."  
After cutting the cord from which a bottle of champagne was

suspended, Mrs. Baldwin, before touching the button, which was to be the means of the vessel being released, said: "I name you 'Duchess of Bedford'. May God protect and prosper you. May he preserve and bless all those that go forth with you into the known and unknown."  
And then, to the accompaniment of tremendous cheering from the large gathering of spectators, the massive structure began to move from the stocks, and gathering impetus as she went, took the water gracefully.

youthful orchestra. The short play by our friends from Allen's Corners was very amusing. Every member on the program called forth much appreciation. The National Anthem was sung at the close after which lunch was served by the ladies.

**ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

A good crowd gathered in the Aberdeen school on Friday night, when the members of the Women's Institute and their friends met for a social evening.  
Mr. Donald McCormack was chairman. A short program was given consisting of solos, readings and music. Two short plays were also given. The chief event of the evening was a debate, "Resolved that country life is more pleasant to live in than city life." Miss Ruby Heslip and Miss Annie McArthur upheld the affirmative side. Peter

McQuarrie and Norman Thompson upheld the negative. The judge, Mr. McCormack, commended all the speakers and gave the decision in favor of the affirmative. A spelling match closed the program. Lunch was served at the close.

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**"COME AND GET IT"**

A scarf and umbrella left behind by some of the ladies who attended the recent Masonic At Home, were found by Mr. James Burt and left at the Chronicle office to be returned to the owners. If they will call at this office they may have them.

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ance. All seats were occupied early and even the standing room was crowded. The president, Mrs. R. Christie, occupied the chair. The program was varied and much appreciated by the audience, especially "Sir Harry Lauder" and our

**Holstein**

*(Our Own Correspondent)*

Mrs. John Philip of Mount Forest was the guest of her sister, Miss Winter at the manse last week.  
Mrs. Stephenson of Watrous, Sask., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Thomas McMillan and Mrs. C. Schenk and other friends.  
Miss Mary Bye is spending a week with friends in Mount Forest.  
Mrs. Nelson, who has been spending some weeks with friends in Durham, returned last week to her home here with her son, Mr. William Nelson.  
Mrs. Isaac Hooper of North Egremont spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. McMillan.

Word has been received that Dr. Mair, a former townsman, is ill in Detroit with pneumonia. We hope to hear of his recovery soon.  
The W. M. S. World's Day of prayer is being held on Friday of this week. A joint service of the W. M. S. of the United church and Presbyterian church will be held in the latter church.  
A real estate sale was transacted recently when Mr. George Hunt sold his house in the village to Mr. John Pinkerton, who will move with his family from Durham, as soon as the house is vacated.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKenzie moved last week from Centre street to Mr. George Calder's house on the Side line.  
The annual "At Home" of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening last in Robert's Hall, with a large crowd in attend-

**VETERANS' STAR THEATRE**

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 24-25  
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**DEATH TAKES R. J. BALL EX-M.P. OF HANOV**

He Passes Away at Welles Hospital, Toronto.—Had Lived One Year Over The Allotted Term Score and Ten.

On Sunday last, at Welles Hospital, Toronto, death came to R. J. Ball of Hanover, former Member of Parliament for Southeast Grey, a man well and favorably known in this locality.

Mr. Ball was born at Allan Bentinck Township, on January 1857. He was son of the late J. Ball and Jane Kain and received his early education at Normal public school. Later he attended the Collegiate at Collingwood, Normal at Ottawa.

After quitting the Normal school Mr. Ball taught for upwards of years, after which he engaged in the Knechtel Furniture Co. of Toronto as accountant. Later he engaged in private banking and insurance and then, thirty-one years ago, established the Ball Manufacturing Co. in Hanover. He acted as president and manager of this company up to the time of his death.

His public career commenced in 1901, when he was elected to Hanover Council. He served this capacity for four years, then acted as county commissioner for the Townships of Bentinck, Glenelg and the towns of Durham and Hanover. In the years 1907-1908 he was Reeve of Hanover, in the latter year was elected Warden of the County of Grey.

In 1911 he became M. P. for Southeast Grey and was re-elected in 1917. He served in this capacity until 1921 when he was defeated by the present member, Miss Macphail.

In 1923 Mr. Ball re-entered public life by his election to the Mayor of Hanover. He was returned year by year by acclamation until his retirement, owing to ill health.

Mr. Ball was a life-long Conservative in politics and a staunch Methodist in religion. In trade life he was prominent, being member of the A. F. & A. M., O. O. F. He had resided in Hanover for the past forty years.

In 1882 the marriage of Mr. Ball and Miss Mary Jane Leonard took place. His wife was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Leonard, Normanby Township. They had three sons and three daughters survive. The sons are Milton and Austen E. of Hanover and Stanley S. of Stouffville. The daughters are Mrs. W. E. Taylor of Toronto and Elma and Mabel at home. Three sisters and six brothers survive.

The remains were forwarded to Hanover on Monday last and will be interred at the cemetery there yesterday.

**BENTINCK PIONEER DIES IN 95TH YEAR**

Late Gottlob Messerschmidt Can. Settled in 1872 and Settled in Bentinck.

Death claimed a pioneer resident of Bentinck in the person of Gottlob Messerschmidt who passed peacefully away Thursday morning, February 23rd about 8 o'clock at the home of his son, Fred, in Hanover.

The deceased was born in nearly 95 years ago, and settled in this country in the year 1872 on a farm in Bentinck Township where he remained about seven years ago when he moved to reside with his son, Fred, in Hanover. His wife preceded him many years ago. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church.

There were seven children in the family, four of whom survived, Wm. Pokrandt and Herman Bentinck; Mrs. Wm. Schmidt, Fred, of Hanover.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, February 25th, at 10 o'clock with a short service at the home of his son, Fred Messerschmidt, in Bentinck Lutheran church. A public service was held at the Bentinck Lutheran church. Burial took place in the Bentinck Lutheran cemetery.

**PASS THEORY EXAMS.**

The following are the local results of the Toronto Conservatory of Music mid-winter examinations in Theory. Pupils prepared Violet E. Fursman, A. T. A. (special diploma). The maximum number of marks is 100, the number 70, first class honors 80.

Intermediate History:  
Ethel Derby .....84  
Junior Harmony:  
Ethel Derby .....78  
Primary Theory:  
Mary Hughes, Hanover  
Elementary Theory:  
Elsie Kearney .....98  
Frances Hay .....97  
Jim Henderson .....94