

Varney

(Our Own Correspondent) Mr. McCabe wishes to announce to those so very much interested in his departure from Varney, that he is still hale and hearty at 60 Josephine Ave. Windsor; and will be back in the spring to take their thoughts off his departure and to introduce them to the new Durant car.

The Young People's Club of Swinton Park are this Monday evening giving a party to their many friends who are home for the holiday, in the hall here. Mrs. W. Knox is laid up at present with a severe cold.

Calderwood

(Our Own Correspondent) We wish the Editor and staff a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are sorry to report that Miss Justina Leibold is under the doctor's care with a severe attack of the grippe.

Mr. Winfred Adair is holidaying at his home here. Misses Marjorie Schenk and Etta Shiel, Mount Forest, are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes here.

Miss Mary Dillon is also spending the holidays with her parents in Mount Forest. Mrs. Jasper Smith, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again.

Miss Dillon and pupils entertained the section on Thursday evening to a Christmas programme, which was well rendered and greatly enjoyed by all present. Lunch was served after which young and old enjoyed themselves by playing games.

Mrs. Annie Henry moved to Mount Forest on Friday where she intends to make her future home with her sister Miss Isabel Stewart. Mrs. Henry will be greatly missed in this vicinity.

Some of the Young People on this line took in the box social at Nenagh on Wednesday evening. They enjoyed it all except the walk home. Old Dobbin is still the surest way. We are also sorry to hear that Mr. Adam Feick is on the sick list, but hope he will soon be better.

Priceville

(Our Own Correspondent) We wish the Editor, staff and readers a bright and prosperous New Year. Those from Toronto who spent the holiday at their respective homes were Misses Rebecca Nichol, Violet Mac-

Dougall, Della MacPhail and friend, Miss Murray, Nellie MacLean, Flora Bell MacLean, Marjory MacPhail, Esther MacInnis, Sadie MacKinnon and Messrs. Frank McArthur and Jack MacKeekin. Mr. and Mrs. Herman MacLean and Misses Doris and Anna MacLean spent the holiday with Misses James. Miss Jelly, Shelburne, spent the holiday with her sister, Mrs. Ray MacLean.

Misses Katie and Gladys MacKinnon, Toronto, spent the holiday with relatives here. Miss Jewel MacArthur has returned to her home here after spending the past month in Toronto.

Miss Esther MacLean, Melancthon and Mr. Aloy MacLean, Orangeville are home for the holiday. Mrs. Richardson, Toronto, is spending the holiday with her parents here. Mrs. Wilfred Watson and Betty, Toronto, are visiting her parents here.

Messrs. Alex. MacLean and Allan MacInnis are home for the holiday. Mr. N. R. Shortreed, Keswick, who had his tonsils removed in Toronto, returned to his home last Monday but had a slight hemorrhage and had to be taken to Durham Hospital where we are glad to know he is improving and soon will be able to return home.

Miss Eva and Mr. H. Fleming, Toronto, are spending the holiday with their sister, Mrs. Karstedt. We are sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. D. MacLachlan, but we hope that she will soon be improved.

Mr. Fred Karstedt made a business trip to London the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Braiden are spending the holiday at their parental home here. On Friday evening the scholars of Mr. Johnston's room made him a present on his leaving and wished him every success in his new school.

It was with difficulty that Rev. Mr. Corry was able to get through his Sabbath duties owing to a severe cold. The Christmas program at McKinnon Hall, Priceville, was a real treat and everyone felt satisfied that it surpassed any of the past. The attendance was over 200. Rev. J. Corry presided and submitted the following program: Welcome, Marie McLaughlin; duet, Alice and Mary Proutley; dialogue; recitation, Marjory Brown; Peanue Pantomime; recitation, Ber-nice Carson; duet, Helen McVicar and Kathleen McPhail; recitation, Lorne McAthus; pantomime, "Rock of Ages"; recitation, Anna McVicar; drill by ten girls; solo, Maria McLaughlin; recitation, Alma McLean; recitation, Nellie Meechan; dialogue, "Christmas Lessons"; recitation, Edith Meechan; duet, Isabelle and Donald McMillan; pantomime, "Abide With Me"; recitation, Lauretta Turnbull; recitation, Isabelle McMillan; recitation, Angus McMillan; Christmas Carol; recitation, Donald Carson; 4 Darkies; Motion Song by three girls; "Samuel's Proposal" by Mrs. A. Hincks and A. Hincks; dialogue, "Waiting for Doctor".

Rev. Corry thanked all who assisted in making the evening so successful. Receipts at the door were \$33.50, which will go to the Sabbath School.

Crawford

(Our Own Correspondent) The bright and happy Christmas concert and Christmas tree put on by the pupils of the United Church Sunday School was pronounced an unqualified success by one and all. The decorations were cheery and appropriate consisting of a large Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, combined with the Christmas colors of red and green. The church was well filled with an appreciative audience and good order and attention prevailed.

A splendid programme was submitted by the children which reflected credit upon the participants and upon the teachers and all those who in any way helped to make it a success. Rev. Mr. Young, the pastor, very ably filled the role of chairman. The musical part of the program consisted of two choruses by the children; two selections by the choir, namely "Joy to the World" and "Starry Night, Holy Night"; a motion song "The Wonderful Story" by the Junior pupils; solos by Miss Elsie Boyce and Master Steven Stinson. These were well received by the audience; "Christmas in Mother Gooseville" and "The Day After Christmas" proved to be the day

humorous dialogues. Greetings were brought from Bentick Baptist church by Rev. Mr. Crickington. The senior girls had a very pleasing star drill, while the Junior girls had the drill, "The Six Points of the Christmas Star", the scarfs bore the words Truth, Peace, Love, Mercy, Goodwill and Joy which showed that if we as individuals possessed these six qualities we surely have the true Christmas spirit. A pantomime illustrating the beautiful missionary hymn, "O Zion Haste", was well presented by the following young ladies, Misses Esther Petty, Elsie Boyce, Jessie McCaslin, Margaret White, Edna Bieman, Laura Kaufman and Myrtle McDonald, while the hymn was sweetly rendered by Miss Blanche Boyce. There were two shorter pantomimes, "The Christmas Secret" by four small children and "Santa's Mistake" by little Evelyn Hastie which were much enjoyed.

The programme was very fittingly brought to a close by the presentation by Mrs. Edgar Boyce of the pantomime "Abide With Me". The solo was sung by Miss Elsie Boyce. Mr. Alex. McDonald, the superintendent of the Sunday School was then called to the platform. He presented a prize to Mr. Robert McCaslin for being the most regular attendant in the Bible Class. The Sunday School showed their affection for their pastor and his wife by presenting them with a little Christmas token while Rev. Mr. Young in turn presented the Superintendent with a gift for his faithful work in the past twelve years. Each child was given candies and a present. The Superintendent requested a continued co-operation of parents, children and Sunday School workers for the year 1929.

Miss Petty, the teacher, and her pupils held a very successful Christmas concert on Thursday evening. Mr. William Campbell as chairman presided over the fine program in which the Christmas spirit reigned supreme. There were recitations, a tableau, drills and humorous dialogues. Miss Petty treated each child to a bag of candies and gave each a handkerchief. The section presented their teacher with silver candlesticks with candles.

VARIABLE HAY VALUES

(Experimental Farms Note) During the past few years the Forage Crop Division of the Dominion Experimental Farm has investigated quite extensively some of the causes of the variation in the dry matter of forage crops. While practically all types of forage plants were investigated the present remarks will refer largely to those used for hay purposes.

The prospective purchaser of a ton of red clover or alfalfa hay cannot be induced very readily to buy an equal amount of pure grass hay. He knows that the clover hay is supposed to possess more of the high priced protein that he is anxious to feed. Fewer people seem to be aware of the fact that there may be more variation in the protein content of either red clover or alfalfa hay, cured in different ways, than usually exists between clover hay and timothy hay.

The investigations of the forage division indicate that the weather conditions at harvesting time and the method of curing the crop have a very decided influence on the value of the resulting hay. This is particularly so in the case of the clover hays. With these later it is seldom that at least ten per cent of the leaf growth is not lost. Handling when the leaves are brittle may result in the loss of as much as sixty per cent of the leaf growth. Unfavorable weather at harvest time not only adds to the leaf loss but also results in the loss of valuable plant food constituents by leaching. In addition to the loss of leaf and through leaching it has been found that the more rapeseed hay is cured the more of the valuable food constituents will it contain. This appears to be consistently true with all types of forage plants.

In purchasing hay or all kinds it is important to be the policy of wisdom to make sure that the majority of the leaves remain, and that the conditions under which it was cured were as favorable as possible as indicated by a bright, green color.

HOW WORDS CHANGE

Thimble was originally thumb bell. Varet and valet are off-shoots of vassal. Slav does not mean slave as many assume, but actually a man of noble lineage. Rotten Row, London's famous drive, is a far-away corruption of the French le route du roi, or the king's passage-way.

Vinegar was originally the French vin agre, or sour wine. Verdict comes from the Latin veridictum, true saying. Roamers were people who went to Rome on pilgrimages, and Saunterers those who went to the Sainte Terre, or Holy Land. Dominic, a designation for a preacher, comes from "dominus, a Latin term meaning lord.

CRISP COMMENT

A number of policemen in Chicago are reported ill with measles. At last! A Chicago policeman has caught something!—Palm Beach Post. Or, as the poet might have put it, "Let Me Live in a House by the Side of the Road and Run a Hot-dog Stand"—Macon Telegraph.

A typewriter for composing music having been invented, it merely remains to turn out a machine to listen to the results.—Manchester Union. Germany would have a heap better luck keeping the French off the Rhine if she had thought more about it fourteen years ago.—Dallas News.

When we refer to a fanatic we mean an individual who differs with us on the liquor problem as heartily as we differ with him.—Louisville Times. A Boston physician says that in fifty years kissing will be a thing of the past and, in fifty years, we, for one, won't care.—New York Evening Post.

A genuine California patriot is a man who derives a certain amount of satisfaction from getting almost killed by a Florida hurricane.—San Diego Union. Divorcees aren't so numerous, con-

sidering all the week end arguments over who is responsible for forgetting to bring the sandwiches.—Border Cities Star. It is the shortened skirt that has made women more independent. It has at least shown that they stand on their own legs.—Chatham News.

Husband—"The doctor has ordered me to keep to a diet of sea food." Wife—"Oh, fine! I'll bake you a sponge cake right away."

Cheer Up

Sure this world is full of trouble, I ain't said it ain't. Lord! I've had enough and double Reason for complaint. Rain and storm have come to fret me, Skies were often gray, Thorns and brambles have beset me On the road—but say Ain't it fine today?

Broadcasting

Young Johnnie was quite a radio fan. This is what his mother heard him say one night before he went to bed: "And please, Lord, make me a good boy—this is Johnnie Jones announcing myself. I'll be on the air again tomorrow night at 8 p.m. eastern standard time. The teacher said to her class: "Words ending in 'ous' mean 'ful' or 'as joyous means full of joy and vigorous means full of vigour. Now give an example of such a word."

Tommy raised his hand and said: "Pious".

Little Effie had been rather naughty and mother had administered appropriate punishment. In kneeling prayer, her parents, who happened to be listening were surprised to hear her recite, "and God Bless Mother and Father—and me, and Lord, for Heaven's sake, let's have peace in this family in the future."

A colored agent was summoned before the insurance commissioner. "Don't you know," said the commissioner, "that you can't sell life insurance in this state without a state license?" "Massa," said the darkey, "you suah said a mouthful. I knowed I couldn't sell it, but I didn't know the reason."

Long-Time Credit

The local church was making a drive for funds, and two colored sisters were bearing down hard on Uncle Pastuz. "I can't give nothin'," exclaimed the old negro. "I owes nearly everybody in this here old town already." "But," said one of the collectors, "don't you think you owe the Lord something, too?" "I does, sister, indeed," said the old man, "but He ain't pushing me like my other creditors is."

The one time a Scotchman stood up for his country, was when he sat down on a thistle.

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Should Make Effort to Attend Meeting

Selection of Candidates For Town Council Monday Night Is Important Matter and Ratepayers and Citizens Should Be Interested.

If you were about to employ a superintendent, foreman, bookkeeper, or some other such official to take charge of your own private business, would you sit back, disinterestedly, and let George, Henry or Bartholomew do the choosing? You're right you wouldn't. You'd be right "on the job" and not only have something to say in the selection of the man, but probably want to do the hiring yourself.

Then why, when it is the town's business is at stake, do the larger number of ratepayers and voters per se stay at home and allow the selection of the men who are to control the town's destinies for the following twelve months to be selected by the few? Surely this is not good business.

It might just as well be known now as any time. We have heard some criticism of our Council, but under existing circumstances we do not pay very much attention to it. We have been asked to "write 'em up", but we refuse to be the catspaw. In former articles we have spoken of our sympathy for past Councils, and this week we would but add to former statements that if the Councils of the past, present or future appear not up to what may be expected, they are at least taking a great deal more interest in the town's affairs than a good many of those who never attend a nomination or any other Council meeting and criticize.

Come out on Monday night and show that you are interested in the old town and its problems. Paving Plans Here While the approximate cost of the paving operations being dealt with this year with the idea of doing something next spring was known in our last week, the plans and specifications did not arrive until this week and are now in Mayor Murdoch's office. They are quite comprehensive and in order that they may be fully explained to the gathering on nomination night, the Mayor is endeavoring to have one of the engineers come up and in charge of this part of the meeting. The engineer will be able to correctly interpret the plans and answer the questions that may chance to be asked.

The Chronicle had the opportunity yesterday afternoon of looking over the plans, but we refrain this week from giving out information, this owing to lack of time and not being familiar with the work to be done. We feel that any explanation given these plans should be thorough and well thought out and at this late hour we have neither time nor desire to delve too deeply. There will be all probability be various kinds of wild rumors circulated, but the best and only manner in which one may become familiar with the contemplated road improvements and get his information first-hand is by an attendance at the nomination on Monday evening.

It is to be hoped there will be a good attendance in the meantime the municipal election remains the same as in other years—there is nothing happening. But as there is always a calm before a storm, most anything may happen before Monday.

A DAILY HEALTH HINT

By a Physician The Prayer of the Stomach "Do not overload me. I am only the size of your two fists. Do not overwork me. I toil often, as it is, for twenty hours a day, or more. He would you like to? Do not ask me digest impossibilities. Remember that you are a human being, not an ostrich. Be sparing with condiments and liquids. I am lined with tender flesh, not with ferro concrete. Do not run away to work or play as soon as you have filled me. I must have a little peace if I am to do my work properly. If you do this I will serve you faithfully and well all my life—and yours, which is the same thing."

Six Appeal Teacher: "Correct the sentence, is very rare that I see her." Jack: "I won't see her no more, old man bought a car."

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