

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. S. Scarf and nephew, Mr. Alex. Jopp, Toronto, are in town and spent Christmas with Mrs. W. Ritchie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Jucksch were in Toronto over Christmas, visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Musgrove, and her brother, Mr. Musgrove and family.

Miss Vera Mountain, nurse-in-training at the Western Hospital, Toronto, spent over the Christmas holiday at her home here.

Mr. Charles Thompson of Owen Sound, who was in Durham with the Owen Sound hockey team Monday night, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duffield. We were pleased to have a short visit from him Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duffield spent Christmas at her parental home at Owen Sound.

Misses Gertrude McCallum of Toronto and Florence of Owen Sound spent the holiday at their home in town.

Mr. Struthers of the Bank of Commerce staff spent the holiday at his home in Stratford.

Mrs. Sparling and children and her mother, Mrs. Warnock are spending Christmas with Mrs. L. G. Warnock, in Goderich.

Mr. Frank McIlraith was home from Toronto, visiting at the parental home.

Mr. Ted McClocklin and Miss May McClocklin, Toronto, visited with their mother, Mrs. E. T. McClocklin, over Christmas.

Mr. George Hay of Brampton is the guest of Mr. James Henderson.

Miss Florabel Nichol of Toronto is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss M. McKenzie is spending her holidays at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Derby of Guelph were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Derby, this week.

Mr. M. Derby, R.N., of Stratford, spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. Hugh Thompson of Toronto spent over Wednesday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitby, Toronto, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lawrence.

Mr. Royden McDonald of Flesherton, who leaves shortly for Oshawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald.

Messrs. Harold Noble of Camp Borden and Calder Noble of Guelph spent the holiday at their home here.

Mr. George Hahn of Toronto is spending the holiday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McGerr of Oshawa visited over Christmas at the former's parental home here.

Dr. C. C. Ramage of Gorrie was a holiday visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ramage.

Mr. Stewart McIlraith of Toronto is holidaying at the parental home.

Rev. E. Hayes of Trinity church has been confined to his home for the past several days suffering from a severe cold. There was no service here on Sunday last and the Christmas Day service in the church was also cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Graham of Montreal are visiting with his sister, Mrs. W. Calder, and with other friends in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bailey spent Christmas with their parents in Palmerton and Listowel.

Miss A. A. Backus, Wilkie, Sask., and J. S. Backus, Cabri, Sask., are spending the Christmas holidays with their sister, Mrs. John Backus, here.

Miss Dorothy Lennox of Niagara Falls visited with her sister Miss Margaret Lennox in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moorehead left Monday morning to spend Christmas and the New Year at the home of the former's brothers in Fort Wayne Ind., and New York City.

Among those spending the Christmas holidays at their homes are Mr. Lawrence Whitmore of Toronto, Misses Florence McDonald and Dorothy Myrtle Mortimer of Normal, Misses Myrtle Pickering, Bessie Smith, Marjorie Pickering and Ann McDonald of Toronto, Messrs. George Hay, Donald Young and Harry Tamov of Toronto, Messrs. Ab. Kress and Royden Burnett and Miss Eula Burnett of London, Misses Caroline Mitchell and Blanche Jean Harding of Chatham, and Jessie Twamley.

Mr. Oscar Bell of Northern Ontario is spending at his parental home in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bender spent Christmas in Toronto.

Messrs. Erben Schutz and Martin

Lauder spent the holiday at their home here.

Mr. Leonard McComb of Kitchener spent the holiday at his home.

Miss Isabell MacQuarrie of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents and her sister Miss Mary returned with her for a week.

KNOX Y. W. A. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Knox Young Woman's Auxiliary was held on Monday evening, December 22nd, in the schoolroom of the church, the vice-president, Miss Mary Mather, in the chair.

The meeting opened by singing hymn 170, "It came upon a midnight clear," after which Miss Mary Mather led in prayer. The Scripture lesson, Matthew 2: 8-20, was read by Miss Myrtle Koch. The devotional leaflet, "To Regions Beyond," was read by Miss Daisy Mather.

Mrs. (Rev.) Smith read some very interesting radiograms telling of the work of the W. M. S. in various places.

It was decided that a snow shoe hike followed by watchnight service be held on New Year's Eve.

During the election of officers Mrs. Smith occupied the chair when the following officers were elected: Honorary Presidents, Mrs. (Rev.) Smith, Mrs. R. Macfarlane; President, Miss Margaret Lennox, 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Ralph Catto; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Marjorie Ritchie; Treasurer, Miss Islay McKechnie; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Koch; Strangers' Secretary, Miss Barbara Ritchie; Treasurer Birthdays-Box, Miss Mary McKechnie; Pianist, Miss Laura Barron; Social Committee, Miss Barbara Ritchie; Convent, Misses Daisy Mather, Mary McKechnie, Marjorie Ritchie, Islay McKechnie, Jessie Ledingham; Refreshment Committee, Mrs. Dalgarno; Conventer, Mrs. Duffield, Miss Jean Hepburn, Miss Ball, Miss Myrtle Koch; Floral Committee, Mrs. Ralph Catto; Conventer, Mrs. Macfarlane, Mrs. MacCallum; Program Committee, Miss Winnie Blyth, Mrs. C. McGirr.

The meeting closed by singing hymn 172, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night."

After the close of the meeting the auxiliary adjourned to the home of Mrs. Ralph Catto for the purpose of presenting the baby with a fur cutter robe. Mrs. Smith read the verse for the occasion. While Mrs. Catto was taken completely by surprise she thanked the girls in a very fitting manner.

QUEEN STREET W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the Queen Street church was held in the church basement on Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. McCrae took charge of the first part of the meeting. The hymns used were of a Christmas nature. "Angels from the Realms of Glory," "Silent Night" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear".

The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Ylirs, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Groves. Mrs. McCrae led in responsive reading. It was decided that we use the new study book, "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem".

After singing "Jesus shall reign" Mr. Fiddes presided while the election of officers took place. The annual reports showed that there had been very faithful and gratifying work done under the efficient and capable leadership of Mrs. McCrae.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Groves; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. McCrae; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Bender; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fiddes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Knechtel; Treasurer, Mrs. B. W. Wilson; Secretary of Christian Service, Mrs. Gagnon; Strangers' Secretary and Committee, Mrs. R. Smith; Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. M. Wilson; Associate Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. Sparling; Assistant, Mrs. R. Aljoe; Superintendent of Supply Work, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Ylirs; Pianist, Mrs. Glass; Assistant Committee, Mrs. Gagnon; Finance Minister, Mrs. Wolfe; Mrs. Glass; Mrs. R. Aljoe; Temperance Secretary, Mrs. Glass; Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. Knechtel.

QUEEN STREET CHRISTMAS CONCERT WAS SUCCESSFUL

The Christmas Concert of the Queen Street Sunday School was held on Wednesday. In spite of the very stormy weather there was a full attendance of scholars and many adults. Mr. Fiddes was chairman of the evening. The scholars acquitted themselves admirably. There were three choruses by the school with Miss Kinnee, Sunday School pianist, accompanying. Each of the boys in the primary class gave a recitation and the primary girls sang "Tiny Tots". Miss N. Gagnon's class gave a motion song, "Little Mothers".

Mr. Glass, the superintendent, gave a short address of welcome. The boys of Mr. Slack's and Miss Copson's classes were in an exercise representing Christmas Candles. Miss Kinnee's class gave a dialogue, "Ho Christmas Town". The Trail Rangers contributed two lively numbers to the program, a dialogue, "A Shine, Sir," and a chorus, "Working to Music" for which Ross Wilson played the mouth organ. In both of these the number the boys showed that they were full of life and mirth. "The Bachelor's Reverie" was an interesting number in which Mr. Padfield was the bachelor. Mrs. Padfield reader and Mrs. E. Macdonald pianist. The girls of Miss Snell's class gave a Christmas "Star Drill" which concluded with a recitation by Mrs. Slack. Miss N. Gagnon was pianist.

A pantomime, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" sung by Mrs. M. Wilson, with Mr. Clifford Moon accompanying on the Clifford Moon accompanying on the guitar was well enacted. The children were then given a very enjoyable Christmas treat and a very enjoyable evening brought to a close by singing the doxology.

Colored Complications Doctor: "Yes, madam, for the last three months you have been totally color-blind."

Mrs. Smith: "Gracious, doctor! Would you mind stepping into the waiting-room and looking at the man I've just married?"

LOUIS RIEL LETTERS LOCATED IN ENGLAND

Collectors of historical Canadian documents would probably give considerable thought to those that have recently come into possession of Dr. A. G. Doughty, Dominion archivist, consisting of letters to and from "President Louis Riel of the Northwest Territories," written in March, 1870, at the time of the Riel Rebellion.

These documents also include interesting copies of acts passed by the first session of the first Legislature of Rupert's Land, of which Louis Riel was president, one of them being an act to establish a military force. This force was to consist of 50 men to be stationed at Fort Garry and their monthly wages were set at \$15 and board.

There are many interesting documents in the collection Dr. Doughty obtained from York, England from relatives of a British soldier who apparently seized the letters at the Riel home and elsewhere during the rebellion.

"I was very fortunate in obtaining this collection of old letters and copies of acts, and it is a striking example of how old and historic documents wander abroad, and come to light in unexpected places," he said. Riel's proclamation prior to the rebellion under the caption of "The List for Rights", set forth the reasons for the upheaval which came to be known in later years as the Northwest Rebellion. A copy of this important document, also the first act passed by the Northwest Territories Legislature, with the letters in question, old and faded, but still decipherable and written in French and English, now repose in the Dominion archives, pasted in a book. They are considered exceedingly valuable by Dr. Doughty.

DON'T BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Reports are in circulation from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island that the King Government is very seriously considering the dissolution of Parliament and an election to take place before the end of May.

An election was considered last summer but the re-acton from the country—culminating in the defeat of the Liberal Government in Saskatchewan—was so unfavorable that the project was abandoned. Since then, however, conditions have changed for the worse. The Prime Minister and his Councilors sense political tragedy in the offing and a situation not far removed from panic rules.

If he waits until the new U. S. tariff changes against Canada are effective he knows no Party can then survive, which does not come forward with a Canada First Policy. And he knows he cannot sponsor or implement such a policy on the floor of Parliament. His extreme followers will not let him.

The United States is pressing for progress on the St. Lawrence deepening scheme. There again his supporters are hopelessly divided.

He has executed agreements for the return of Natural resources to Manitoba and Alberta. They must be endorsed by Parliament and by the legislatures concerned. His agreement with Alberta makes no statutory provision for the rights of the Catholic minority in education matters. Resentment is already seething in Quebec over this alleged betrayal and if the measure comes before Parliament it is doubtful if Mr. King can command the support of more than half his own supporters; for it is in its present form. His own Minister of Justice, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, and Henri Bourassa are expected to lead the attack on it.

The publications which support him in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton are printing reports that unemployment presents a very serious situation. The return for this year's grain crop is most unevenly divided and consequently many thousands on the land find cause for complaint.

Thus there are many reasons why Mr. King does not want to meet Parliament and there is little hope that conditions outside Parliament will improve by fall.

It is true he has nothing to offer as a solution of economic problems except the transfer of Canada's purchases—through preferential tariffs—from the United States to British sources.

But he believes he has a much better chance to dress up that programme in the Union Jack and sell it to the Public now than he will have after meeting Parliament or after the higher U. S. tariffs against Canadian goods become a reality.

Notice of dissolution may be an early New Year's present to the people of Canada.

HUNTERS TO DISCUSS PRESERVATION OF DEER

Commercialization of deer hunting, incompetency of game wardens and the killing of deer by wolves were all discussed at the initial meeting of the Elgin County game association at St. Thomas.

As a result of the meeting an effort is being made to line up the hunters of ten counties of southwestern Ontario for a general meeting early in the new year, at which time measures will be discussed for the preservation of deer in northern Ontario.

Hunters present represented the districts of Still River, Golden Valley, Lake, French River, Caribou, Lake, Trout Creek and Otter Lake, and were unanimous in the feeling that the deer had been reduced 50 per cent in two years.

The use of dogs was condemned, and also the reported shooting of deer out of season by tourists. The Canadian hunter who commercializes the sport, however, drew the greatest criticism. In these cases it was felt that the deer were very often shot before the season opened.

The advisability of making the season five days later with a view toward securing better climatic conditions for curing better deer was also discussed. An effort will be made to have the department introduce game preserves throughout the north country, setting aside whole townships for this purpose.

OBITUARY

MRS. JOHN HUGHES

The death of Mrs. Hughes, wife of John Hughes, townline of Elderslie and Bentinck townships, occurred Sunday, December 15, after an illness of only three days. She was 74 years of age and had been engaged in active duties until the Thursday before her death. During that night she suffered a paralytic stroke which confined her to her bed. She later became unconscious and never rallied.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married about 46 years ago in Lanark County and after their marriage settled near Dornoch, where they were most favorably known, later moving to Chesley. In 1904 they purchased a farm south of Chesley. Besides her husband the deceased is survived by one son, Harry, who with his wife, resides on the home place. There are no other immediate survivors.

The funeral was held on December 17 from the family residence, the services being conducted by Rev. T. B. Holland, Anglican minister, of Chesley. The remains were placed in the mortuary at Chesley, interment taking place in the spring in Dornoch cemetery.

MARY A. HARPER

Miss Mary A. Harper of Mount Forest, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper, and cousin of the Edge family at Edge Hill, died Sunday last at the age of 82 years. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Mount Forest cemetery.

MRS. MARGARET LAURIE

Word reached us on Tuesday morning of last week of the death of Mrs. Margaret Laurie, a former well known resident of this town, who passed away on the 11th of December at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Brown. To her late Mrs. Laurie had been visiting for a time at the home of her son, Mr. Lyman Caldwell, at Daysland, Alberta, and while there was taken ill. Mrs. Brown went West last summer and brought her mother to her home in Toronto. Following her arrival in the East Mrs. Laurie apparently improved for a time and was able to be about, but some weeks ago began to fail and for a week before her death was unconscious.

The late Mrs. Laurie, who was in her 84th year, was born in Ireland, but came to Canada when quite young and had lived the most of her life in Durham and vicinity. She was a woman highly regarded for her many neighborly qualities and had many friends in town.

The funeral took place December 13 from the residence of her daughter, 25 Maxwell avenue, Toronto, interment being in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

MRS. PETER MURCHISON

After a long illness from heart trouble Mrs. Peter Murchison died at her home at Viscount, Sask., on the 15th inst., and interment was made Tuesday, December 15, in Saskatoon cemetery.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Margaret A. Baird, was born in Egremont township 68 years ago on the old Baird homestead, now occupied by Mr. Joseph Lennox. Here she grew to womanhood and 43 years ago was married to Jacob Burroughs, then a teacher at Allan's school. Following their marriage they lived in Egremont for some time and later moved to Comf where they conducted a general store. They later moved to Paisley where Mr. Burroughs was principal in the Paisley school for a time and where he died some 25 years ago.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Burroughs moved West and about 20 years ago went West to Viscount where she was married to Mr. Peter Murchison. Surviving from the first marriage is a family of three. There were no children from the second marriage. Besides her husband Mrs. Murchison leaves one sister, Miss Agnes Baird of Grenfell, Sask., and three brothers, Archie of Durham, George of Winnipeg and James of Grenfell.

The late Mrs. Murchison had been a sufferer for some years from heart trouble and died very suddenly, being found dead in bed, and the news of her passing was a shock to her relatives and old friends in this vicinity, by whom she was much esteemed and who will regret to learn of her demise.

IN MEMORIAM

Campbell.—In loving memory of Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who died December 22, 1928.

Her memory is as dear today As in the hour she passed away.

—Mr. and Mrs. George P. Campbell.

IN MEMORIAM

Elliott.—In loving memory of Irene Elliott, who passed away December 30, 1928.

Somewhere back of the sunset Where loveliness never dies She dwells in a land of glory With dreams in her lifted eyes And beauty lives all around her And music sways in the air She is far from all thoughts of sadness; Of pain, of doubt, and care.

—Harry and Tenie.

IN MEMORIAM

Elliott.—In loving memory of Irene, who departed this life one year December 30, 1928.

There's a sad but sweet remembrance There's a memory fond and true, There's a token of affection And our hearts still ache for you.

—Sadly missed by Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

CANADA'S FOREST AREA

The total forest area of Canada is estimated to be 1,151,454 square miles. Of this area 865,880 square miles are productive and accessible; a little over one-third of this area bears timber of merchantable size; the remainder carries young growth not yet fit for use.

Incidentally, one of the best ways to put an end to all wars is not to begin any.—Judge.

MOVIES

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS OF STENOG AND CLERK PORTRAYED

Interesting glimpses of New York life amongst the working classes form the "atmosphere" of Corinne Griffith's First National picture, "Saturday's Children," by Maxwell Anderson, co-author of "What Price Glory," which is the next attraction at the Star Theatre.

Miss Griffith has the role of a stenographer in a big business concern and there are several office and shipping room scenes, shots of Fifth Avenue as seen from the top of a bus, interiors of a typical Harlem flat and a cheap boarding house, and views of Central Park on Sunday with a band concert in full blast. The comedy and drama of every day life with its economic and domestic problems are realistically portrayed and the plot furnishes considerable food for thought on the subject of companionate marriage. Miss Griffith is surrounded by an exceptionally able cast. Gregory La Cava directed.

EXCELLENT CAST ASSISTS HOLT IN ZANE GREY TALE

Jack Holt and Baclanova, the talented Russian actress, give such a spirited and convincing performance in the new Zane Grey picture "Avalanche" which comes to the Star theatre next Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, that moving picture audiences are certain to demand more pictures using this combination.

Jack Holt alone has won universal favor with motion picture audiences in the Western roles which he plays so well. In "Avalanche" he outdoes his best and creates a character with a rare sympathetic appeal. Baclanova in the strange Western setting, displays a versatility of the talent which brought her fame in Emil Janning's picture, "The Street of Sin," and in the recent George Bancroft masterpiece, "The Docks of New York."

The theme of this Zane Grey story centers around the affection of two men for each other and the romantic problem which threatens to estrange them. The most spectacular scene in the picture provides the crisis of the story. A whole mountain-side is shown in a great avalanche.

What better Christmas Gift could a parent give to a son or daughter than a term in the Northern Business College, Owen Sound. The education cannot be lost or stolen and it lasts a lifetime. Winter term begins January 2nd.

Correct Both Times

A young fellow who was looking for a clerkship was recently recommended to a Kalamazoo merchant by a Vicksburg gentleman. When the two friends met some time thereafter the Vicksburg gentleman ventured to hope that his recommendation had been productive of good results.

"On the contrary," replied the merchant. "You astonish me," said his friend. "I thought he would suit you exactly, he was so full of go!"

"And so he was. He has gone off with \$1,000 of my money."

"Is it possible? And I thought he was the very man you were looking for."

"You are right there. He is the very man I am looking for."

Star Theatre, Durham

THIS WEEK Friday and Saturday Corinne Griffith in Saturday's Children

See the story that the Critics called the best play of the year.

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All shows commence at 8 p.m. Saturday nights only at 8 and 9.30.

NEXT WEEK Monday and Tuesday and New Year's Night

JACK HOLT in "The Avalanche"

A Zane Grey Story

Special program for New Year's night! It is amateur night. Anyone can take part in song, speech or music. Prizes will be given. Extra prize for oldest and youngest contestant. Starts at 7.15 p.m. Admission 35c. and 25c. Special Music.

McKECHNIE MILLS

Season's Greetings

Just at this time we sit back from the grind of business, and think of those who have helped to make the daily tasks more pleasant. In the course of trading during the past year, your co-operation and consideration has made us appreciate more the value of friendship and goodwill.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

J. W. EWEN

Phone 114 Durham

Season's Greetings

To all we wish a good old-fashioned New Year's Day replete with joy and 364 happy days thereafter in 1930.

Henderson's Bakery

Durham.

CARD OF THANKS

Durham Fire Brigade wish to acknowledge receipt from the Canadian Bank of Commerce of cheque for \$25.00 in recognition for their services; at the fire which destroyed their premises a few weeks ago. The Brigade appreciate this thoughtfulness very much and extend their hearty thanks for this handsome recognition. —A. McDonald, Chief.

Too Late to Classify

DURHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE will hold their monthly meeting in the basement of Knox church on Thursday afternoon, January 2, 1930. This will be music day and full attendance is expected. Visitors will be made welcome. 12 26 1

Read The Classified Ads. on Page 7.

GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to wish one and all a Bright and Prosperous year in 1930.

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Uptown Grocer

Wishing one and all A Bright and Prosperous New Year for 1930

George Campbell

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