



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Kenneth Kerr of Toronto, Mr. Walter Kerr and his mother and Miss E. Haskell of Varney ate New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Elora.

After spending the holidays with his parents here Mr. Irvin Sharpe has returned to Toronto.

Miss Catherine Neustadt, Moorefield, is visiting her cousin, Miss Ethel Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. Heughan, Miss Erma and Master Caldwell of Milverton, were New Year guests with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aldred.

Mr. E. C. McQueen returned to Oshawa Saturday after a short holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen.

Mrs. Langley, Toronto, spent the week with her sisters, Mrs. W. J. Moran, Durham, and Mrs. John Ray, Dornoch.

Miss Lavina Mortley returned Saturday to resume school duties at Orillia.

Reeve Bell and Magistrate Laidlaw were in Owen Sound on Thursday in attendance at the funeral services of the late Judge Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson and family, Chesley, spent the New Year holiday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cook, Guelph, were holiday visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith.

Miss Ada McLean arrived Thursday from Toronto to spend a few days with Mrs. McPherson and sisters.

Miss Eleanor Keyes, Toronto was a New Year guest with her friend, Miss Norma Gagnon.

Miss Agnes Morton, Guelph returned to her home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson and Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Jamieson each entertained the young people this week.

Mr. Thomas H. Binnie, Toronto, is spending a short holiday with his mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Theodore Priest, of Stratford, who spent the New Year with the former's parents, Rev. J. T. and Mrs. Priest, motored home on Saturday. Miss Jessie Priest returned to Belleville to continue her duties on Collegiate staff and Mr. Jack Priest returned to his studies in Central Technical school, Toronto.

Miss Amelia Blair returned to Toronto on Thursday.

Miss Mary S. Bell returned home on Saturday night from Toronto where she spent the holidays.

Mr. Eric Kelly of Toronto visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, over the week-end. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Kelly, who has been confined to his bed for the past couple of weeks, is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. McCombe, who have spent the past three months with their daughter, Mrs. Forsythe, at Walkerton, returned home Saturday. Misses A. and J. M. Weir, and Mrs. J. M. Burgess visited the latter's cousin, the McCombs, at Palmerston on Monday.

Miss Blanche Kearney, R. N., has accepted a position on the staff of the Western hospital, Toronto.

BORN Finnigan.—In Detroit, Mich., December 14, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Finnigan, formerly of Normanby, a daughter.

IN MEMORIAM Crutcheley.—In loving memory of Abraham Crutcheley, who passed away January 7, 1931.

Today brings back sad memories Of that sad and bitter day. That was cast upon our household Just one year ago today.

The rolling stream of life goes on, But still the vacant chair Recalls the smile and the voice we loved Of him who once sat there. —Sadly missed by wife and family.

HYMENEAL

McCLOCKLIN—BANKS

A very happy wedding took place at the cosy home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Banks, Glenelg, at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, January 6, 1932, when Violet Isabella, their elder daughter, became the bride of Thomas Ray, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClocklin.

Miss Ada Banks made a pretty bridesmaid for her winsome sister, who was dressed in allice blue flat crepe silk.

The happy groom was ably supported by his brother, Arthur. Rev. W. C. Almack soon made the young hearts one in a service especially impressive.

Besides the members of the two families a few intimate friends were present and all tendered their hearty good wishes and congratulations. A sumptuous wedding feast followed in which a beautiful 3-storey wedding cake graced the table.

Rev. Mr. Almack in well-chosen words proposed the toast to the bride and voiced the good wishes of the company for the future happiness, health and future prosperity of the young couple.

They begin the new life on the groom's fine farm on the 4th concession under bright prospects.

RUTH HIT BASEBALL DISTANCE OF 508 FEET

Babe Ruth's longest home run of record was made in Tampa, Fla. in an exhibition game between the New York Giants and the Boston Club in the spring of 1919, according to Bozeman Bulger in the Saturday Evening Post.

Veteran players, managers, writers and fans who saw that drive agree that it was the longest drive ever hit in baseball.

The game was played in a race track enclosure. The ball hit by Ruth not only went over the outer circle of the track, but cleared the distant barns and fell into a sort of park in front of the Tampa Bay Hotel.

The distance covered by this long drive was so unbelievable that a group of Boston and New York writers got a tape line and measured it. From the home plate to the point where the ball struck was exactly 508 feet.

That distance is given in some records, but the personal recollection is that it was even longer. In any event, it was undoubtedly the longest drive ever made with a baseball bat.

A PRETTY TALE OF A BABY SEAL

Many are the stories told of pet seals. Here is one related in The Book of Animals: A boy living on one of the wilder parts of our northern coasts had a baby seal given to him by some fishermen.

It was about a fortnight old, and in a few weeks it was perfectly tame; followed him about, ate from his hand, and showed evident pleasure whenever its master dived near.

It was fond of heat, and would lie for hours at the kitchen fire. It would nestle close to the dogs, who soon got used to their strange new companion.

But when the winter came on the supply of fish grew scarce, for the boats were often unable to put out. So the seal had to go short, and soon milk had to be given it instead.

But it drank so much that the boy's parents decided that the animal could not be kept any longer. So he and a friend rowed out a couple of miles from shore, one day, and gently dropped the seal overboard.

But instead of frisking with delight and diving out of sight, the poor animal showed great distress at being left. It swam after the boat with cries so pitiful that at last the rowers stopped pulling and lifted the creature in, and took it home once more.

Of course it became a greater favorite than ever, and there was no more talk of "getting rid of it."

WANT CLEAN MILK

The cost of producing clean milk from tested herds is necessarily higher than for ordinary or average farm milk.

The Empire Marketing Board have been studying this problem and in their recent report on dairy research they point out that the difference in cost has been found to run at from six to eight cents per gallon, which includes a slight extra margin for the farmer.

The investigator at Oxford, England, places the amount at three-pence per gallon whereas at the University College of North Wales four-pence is regarded as the nearer figure.

The production of clean, safe milk is urged by the Empire Marketing Board both on the score of public health, and because it is less likely to be faced with effective foreign competition.

The observation is offered that as the standard of quality of milk rises, foreign milk and milk products of unknown cleanliness could very well be excluded.

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There's a Danger

Uncle—"You are growing into a nice little fellow, and will be just like your father."

Boy—"Yes, that is what mother is afraid of."

EXAMINATION BONERS.

Acrimony, sometimes called holy, is another name for marriage.

A momentum is what you give a person when they are leaving.

Contraalto is a low sort of music that only ladies sing.

Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark.

Launcelot arrived at a castle, where he asked if he could be put up with for the night.

The government of England is a limited mockery.

The letter M. D. means "mentally deficient."

The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are connected by the sewage canal.

Climate lasts all the time, but weather only for a few days.

Chivalry is the attitude of a man towards a strange woman.

Appendicitis is caused by information of the appendix.

Vesuvius is a volcano and if you will climb up to the top you will see the creator smoking.

Science is material. Religion is immaterial.

Gravity was discovered by Isaac Newton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

What part did the U. S. Navy play in the war? It played the Star Spangled Banner.

A fossil is an extinct animal; the older it is the more extinct it is.

Graft is an illegal means of uniting trees to make money.

An oasis is a sea-monster with long tentacles that crawls around on the bottom of the sea.

Orthodoxy is a religion in China which doesn't allow people to eat Buddha with their meat.

Ostracized is when an ostrich sticks his head in the sand when he thinks someone is coming.

An Oxonian is a man who drives a pair of oxen.

A turquoise is like a turtle and moves very slowly.

What is "watered-stock"?—If a farmer wants to sell his cattle he gives them great quantities of water. This makes them weigh more and he gets more money.

The writing in ancient Egypt was called hydraulics.

The seaport of Athens is Pyrrheia.

Most of the houses in France are made of plaster of Paris.

Manhattan Island was bought from the Indians for about \$24 and now I don't suppose you could buy it for \$500.

A philanthropist is one who has the power of throwing his voice.

The Renaissance was a large window full of colored glass. They have lost the way of making it now and it was destroyed in the 19th war.

The Pharisees were people who liked to show off their goodness by praying in synagogues.

The general direction of the Alps is straight up.

The prairies are vast plains covered with treeless forests.

NATURE PROVIDES HER OWN RATTLE PLAYTHINGS

Nature's rattles have been identified at the British Museum from a geological collection recently received from central Arabia.

These are the famous "eagle stones" described by Pliny. They are described as "hollow chalcedonic concretions lined with quartz crystals which are loose and rattle when the stone is shaken." The stones will absorb warm milk.

Popular legend attributes supernatural power to them. They are supposed to serve as powerful charms in child birth, in preserving children from harm, conferring sobriety and increasing riches.

The same collection contained sandstone concretions which could hardly be distinguished from fossil bones and a large number of "fairy stones" marked with crosses.

Lacked Courage

He was a bit shy, and after he had thrown her arms around him and kissed him for bringing her flowers, he started to leave.

"I am sorry I offended you," she said.

"Oh, I'm not offended," he replied, "I'm going for more flowers."—Capper's Weekly.

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DOGS AND CRIME

A writer in the Denver Post says: "A survey of one of the largest penitentiaries revealed the fact that less than 1 per cent of the inmates had a dog or any pet to play with as a child." "The companionship of a dog teaches the boy to be kind, loving, faithful and trustworthy. Not only that, the time the lad spends with his dog is not spent in idleness or mischief, which is often the foundation for a life of crime." "Where such a companionship is possible every boy should have a dog, for such companionship helps to build character, which is after all, the only safe, sure crime preventive!"

WHAT THE DUKE DID

The famous Duke of Wellington was sitting for a sculptor, who was unsatisfied with the pose of the famous general. "As I am going to make a statue of your Grace," said the sculptor, "can you not tell me what you were doing before, say, the battle of Salamanca? Were you not galloping about the fields cheering on your men to deeds of valor by word and action?" "Bah," said the duke. "If you really want to model me as I was on the morning of Salamanca, then do me crawling along a ditch on my stomach with a telescope in my hand."

No Wonder

Visitor: "Where's the other windmill gone to?" Native: "We only had wind enough for one, so we took the other one down."

Sez You?

Customer: "I'd like to see some good second-hand cars." Salesman: "So would I."

Spring a Leak

Lady of the House: "I've called you in about a damp patch in the kitchen." Plumber: "Ere! Steady, lady! Strong language never 'elped."

Fair Enough

Employer (to applicant for a position who has handed in testimonials from two ministers): "We don't work on Sundays. Haven't you a reference from someone who sees you on week days?"

"I cannot live without you." He murmured with a sob. Said she: "I do not doubt you—Unless you get a job."

Either Would Do Grocer: "Half pound of tea? Which will you have, green or black?" Servant: "Either will do; it's for an old woman that's nearly blind."

Mr. Lee was entertaining his small daughter in his lumber yard. The phone rang while he was out of the office, so Betty answered it. Caller: "Hello, is this Mr. Lee's lumber yard?" Betty: "No, this is Mr. Lee's little girl."

The Secret Out

When the train stopped at a station the guard came round the carriages calling in at the window, "Is there anyone here with a box in the guard's van?"

A clergyman answered that he had. "And in it," he said, "are some valuable books containing very useful information."

"Well," said the guard, "you had better come along; your information is leaking."

South Grey A signal honor has come to the Tuxis and Trail Ranger constituency of South Grey in that the present member of the Older Boys' Parliament, Alex. Sim, was chosen to fill the important position of Minister of Education at the eleventh session of that body. This is indeed an honor for this constituency and puts South Grey on the map in large letters. Inasmuch as this is only the second Parliament at which South Grey has been represented and there are 120 constituencies in the province, South Grey can stand up with the best of them.

New Liskeard The boys of New Liskeard Tuxis Square decided to do a good turn to the community by gathering and repairing old and broken toys and distributing them in the district. A room was obtained in the church and it was used as a headquarters. Half the boys were allotted to bring in the toys whilst the remainder with paint, hammers and nails, etc., busied themselves fixing the toys for less fortunate boys and girls. The group intend to carry on this project in future years.

Windsor During the first weeks of January the Boys' Work Board of the Border Cities is planning a convalesce and a Grand Camp for the purpose of giving the members of parliament a chance to tell of what has happened during the sessions, also to encourage the bond selling idea. The boys are also looking forward to a successful summer camp.

Weston The Canadian Girls in Training and the Tuxis boys of Westminster United Church, Weston, recently completed an interesting joint project in the production of a pageant "Did You Know Jesus?" Fifteen girls and boys took part. Music, lantern pictures, tableaux and dialogue made up the pageant which was a story, five years after the resurrection of Christ, giving the experiences of the Syrian, the Rich Young Man, Mary and Martha, and others. The pageant was under the direction of Ed Newberry and the Tuxis boys taking part were Graham Dick, Murray Roseburgh, Doug Wells, Ed Moogk, Edgar Rowland, Ray Hayes and David Roy.

Welland Coming together again after being separated for some years, the Cyclops Tuxis Square of Welland recently held a reunion. The group at one time numbered some twenty-five members. Of these, four were candidates for the Boys' Parliament, two being successfully elected. Six carried on after graduating from the Square because of age, as leaders of boys in their own church. Six denominations were represented in the group. Mr. Sydney Little, an ex-Indian army man, who was the former mentor, is to be congratulated on his leadership of the Cyclops.

Arnprior Much satisfaction was felt locally at the appointment of Biggs Jack as minister of finance in the boys' parliament. He is an outstanding Trail Ranger mentor and a younger brother of Melville Jack, premier of the boys' parliament two years ago.

Brazebridge The Tuxis Square of the United

church is enthusiastic about their fine quarters in the new school building of the church. This structure, opened recently, includes a gymnasium.

Calgary The Twelfth Tuxis Parliament of Alberta is now in session in the Calgary City Hall. Sixty representative Tuxis boys comprise the "House". Calgary and Edmonton are alternately the places of meeting for the oldest of the six Tuxis parliaments in Canada.

Toronto Many Tuxis boys and mentors have followed with interest the election campaign of Allan T. VanEvery, who was a candidate for the Board of Education in Ward 9. Eight years ago, Mr. VanEvery was premier of the Third Ontario Boys' Parliament.

Boys' Parliament The Trail Rangers of Epworth United Church, wearing the Trail Ranger Habite, added color and dignity to the opening of the boys' parliament when they acted as a guard of honor to Mr. Russell Dingman, the lieutenant-governor of the Eleventh Older Boys' Parliament.

MAN Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh into the world without his consent and leaveth against his will. During his stay on earth his town is spent in one continuous round of misunderstanding. In his infancy he is an angel, in his boyhood he is a devil, in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up. If he raises a family he is a chump; if he raises a cheque he is a thief; if he is a poor man he is a poor manager and has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest; if he is in politics he is a grafter and a crook; if he is out of politics you can't place him as he is an "undesirable citizen"; if he goes to church he is a hypocrite; if he stays away from church he is a sinner; if he donates to foreign missions he does it for show if he doesn't he is stingy and a "tightwad". When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him; before he goes out they all want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is in the way, only living to save funeral expenses.

CLOCK WORKED BY WATER A clock that ticks every thirty-eight seconds is the queer instrument that gives the time to the inhabitants of a little American backwoods town. The loock consists of nothing more than a face, hands, and a lever, and is connected with a geyser, or hot spring, that shoots out an immense column of hot water every thirty-eight seconds. This spouting never ceases, and every time the water spouts up it strikes the lever, moving the hands forward thirty-eight seconds.

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