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NINETEEN - SIXTEEN

NOTICE

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HAMPDEN

A happy and prosperous New Year, Mr. Editor and to all the readers of your paper.

The Hampden anniversary and tea-meeting, which was held the 19th and 20th of December was a grand success. Mr. Wilson, of Walkerton, occupied the pulpit morning and evening and gave the people assembled a most excellent sermon. Mr. Wilson certainly makes every word count, and the people left quite satisfied with the Sunday services. A large crowd gathered at the church on Monday night. After the five hundred, so to speak, were fed, they assembled into the upper part of the church where a grand programme was awaiting them. Mr. McLean our pastor, acted as chairman. Splendid readings and recitations were given by Mrs. McLean and Miss Witthun of Hanover, and solos by Miss Leeling of Hanover, and Mr. Lorraine, of Aytun, which was much enjoyed by all, a duet by Miss Derby and Miss Kerr, the speakers of the evening were Andrew Derby, Dr. Eade, and H. H. Miller, of Hanover. They all gave us something very important to think over, and Lance Corporal Barret, of Owen Sound, also spoke a few but important words to the audience who gave him the very best attention, and then the Hampden choir gave a few selections also. Our social was closed by singing the national anthem, and everyone returned to their homes feeling quite satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Proceeds, \$62.50.

Many from around here took in the social at Knox Church last Wednesday night and report a splendid time.

A few of the Hampden congregation assembled at the home of Mrs. Bradley, Allan Park last Friday night, for the purpose of presenting her son and also Noble Lucas our two soldier boys with a fountain pen each and \$10. We hope our boys may be spared to their community after the war is over. The evening was spent in singing and games and then everyone returned home in the wee sma' hours of the morning.

We are glad to report that Mr. Henry Ford and Mr. John Milligan are on the road to recovery.

Many in our community are complaining in different ways since our tea-meeting and Christmas day. We think some of our fair young ladies must have been gripped a little too fondly as two of them at least say they still have the gripe.

Mrs. Wm. Little spent Christmas at her home in Detroit.

We congratulate Mr. Archie Park on the great skill he has in growing mangels. We understand he won the first prize in mangel field competition and also took first prize for mangels at the Guelph winter fair.

DARKIES CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. John Atkinson and family of the west arrived here Friday, on an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Atkinson and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay and family ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunt, Allan Park.

Miss Eva Atkinson left Monday for Toronto, where she intends to remain for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCannel celebrated their silver wedding, only a few immediate relatives being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atkinson can also be complimented on seeing their silver wedding anniversary on December, 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Noble Hutton-Hill.

Mrs. James Atkinson returned Friday from Toronto where she spent some time with her daughter Mrs. Jesse McClure.

Mrs. McPherson and Miss Ada McLean, of Toronto; Mr. John McLean, Top-Chief; Miss Katie and Messrs. Archie and Hector McDonald, near Pricerville spent

Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCannel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Atkinson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coult's Vickers.

Miss Jane Ritchie is at present nursing Mrs. William Jacques.

Pte. A. Bell, was home over the week end, and looks hale and hearty.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchie and Mrs. Sam Ritchie, of town spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. McGirr.

CORNER CONCERNS

Messrs. I. Tucker and L. Aijoe spent a couple of days last week with Hanover friends.

Mr. Inos. Anan was home over Sunday from the Toronto military training camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Eujan Dennett, of Markdale, spent a few days last week with old friends and relatives in this part.

Miss Maude Mead from Toronto spent the holidays here.

Family reunions were pretty much the way Christmas was spent in this part. In the evening many of the younger element attended the Varney Christmas tree.

Rev. Mr. Newnam of St. Catherine's, visited his many friends of Varney circuit over the holidays.

The teacher and pupils of our school spent a pleasant hour in giving the younger scholars a treat of nuts and candies.

Mr. Inos. Wilson has bought a new wood cutting outfit. Will it go sooner we guess it will. Cutting lightning is a cripple beside it. Of course it makes a corresponding amount of noise.

Rev. Mr. Morris preached a very eloquent sermon last Sunday from the text, "The Prince of Peace." This Wednesday evening he is conducting a prayer meeting in the home of Mr. Earl Matthews.

Mr. Andrews has moved his effects from his old home at McWilliams to the farm he rented. We gave him and his family a most nearly welcome to the neighborhood.

We had a look through Mr. Joe Leenox's new stable a few days ago, and believe it to be the most up to date of any in this part. Mr. Archie McDonald had the contract.

The younger element says let us combine pleasure with business by way of a box social, and it will be held in the school house on Friday evening, January 14th. A good program is being prepared for it.

The scholars of this section left their teacher, Mr. Ernest McGirr had stole a march on them by enlisting and going off without their knowing it, but they did not forget him, and at Christmas they presented him with a shaving kit and address.

Your Blythe's Corners man objects to your New Year's resolution to make a charge for an notices. We differ somewhat from him on the point, but won't take the chance of saying so, as we have not had our feelings so badly chewed up in the whole course of years we have been correspondent as we had in differing from a chap who wanted us to announce in our items that he had a house and lot to rent. We tried to explain that such a notice was a part of the editor's stock in trade from which he expected to earn a livelihood and give value in return, and would not be an item of interest to the general public when by the holy of holies the miserable old sinner if he didn't up and say that if an item reading that Mr. So and So had a nice house and lot to rent wouldn't be more interesting reading than anything he had ever seen us write up he didn't know anything about newspaper stuff.

Mr. Wm. Marshall was unlucky enough to cut his foot with an axe last week, and is laid off work.

We wish the Chronicle, it's staff and many readers a very prosperous New Year.

Mr. Wm. McFadden is laid up at present with rheumatism, and under the doctor's care. We hope to soon hear of his recovery.

FLESHERTON

At the usual business meeting of the Presbyterian Sunday School, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year—Supt. Frank Chard; ass't supt, Charles Stewart; secretary, George Stewart; ass't sec, James Harrison; treas., L. Stewart; librarian, Robt. Chard and Lawson Whitehead; organist, Edna Stewart, and Amanda Stewart; home study dept, T. K. McKenzie, president, Robt. Chard, secretary, Mr. Geo. Magee will take charge of the adult bible class.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, recently married, were given a granite shower on Wednesday evening of last week when about fifty young people assembled at their home and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. A. H. Wright returned last week from the west to spend the winter with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson are visiting the former's sister at Oshawa.

Mr. Elmer Wright, who attended Model at North Bay, is home for the holidays, after which he will return to Northern Ontario to take charge of a school.

Mr. Ed. Whittehead, who has been very ill for some days with heart trouble, continues in a critical condition, and his friends sympathize with him in his sufferings. His sister, Mrs. Marjorie, of Brampton, is at his bedside.

The Young People's Society of the Methodist church conducted an interesting debate at the regular meeting last week, the subject being, "Resolved that international arbitration is a successful substitute for war." G. Davis, Will Buchanan and Miss A. Wright took the affirmative and H. Snunk, H. McLean the negative, the latter winning.

The Winnipeg Free Press reports the marriage on December 18th of Mr. R. N. Henderson to Mrs. S. Baxindale, of Portage la Prairie. After a brief honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Henderson will return and reside at Winnipeg.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Philip announce the marriage of their daughter, Lulu Maud to Merton D. Williams, Ph.D. on December 23rd at the parsonage, Inkerman, Ont. Dr. and Mrs. Williams will reside at Ottawa. The bride was formerly on the high school staff here, and her friends wish her much happiness.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their 40th anniversary entertainment on Christmas night and met with gratifying success, the proceeds being about \$55.00. After the usual tea the pastor took the chair and a varied and pleasing programme was rendered. The reports presented showed the school to be in a prosperous condition.

Mr. George Meldrum, who sold his farm on the 8th con., to the Hydro Commission has, we learn bought Mr. W. Hill's farm west of Ceylon, and Mr. Hill has bought Mr. Jas. Beaty's farm, Orange Valley.

Born—At Flesherton on Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wheelon, a son.

Christmas music together with Christmas messages were given in the churches on Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Wilson and daughter Irene, spent the past week in Toronto.

Mr. Wm. Reid attended the wedding of his niece in Glenelg on Tuesday.

Wiring was completed in the Methodist church last week, and the lighting on Sunday evening was excellent.

Constable Hales and wife ate Christmas turkey with their daughter at Pricerville.

Among the soldier boys who spent Christmas at their homes were—Sergt. A. E. Bellamy, Lance Corporal Tom Chard, Lance Corporal Jamieson, Ptes. Joe LeGard and Fred Bellamy from Owen Sound; Ptes. E. A. Mitchell and Herb McLeod, Toronto, and Pte.

Scott, Toronto, who visited his aunt, Mrs. Buskin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thurston, Toronto, were Christmas visitors at the former's parents.

Messrs. Chas. Jamieson, Parry Sound, Robt. Bellamy, went home for Christmas.

Miss Celia VanDusen, of Toronto, holidayed over Christmas with her mother.

Misses Lulu and Iva Mitchell, are spending the holidays at their home here.

Messrs. Roy Burgess, of Ingersoll, and Herman Hyland, of Toronto, are visitors at Mr. W. A. Armstrong's.

Miss Hattie Cole, of Toronto, is holidaying with her parents.

Mrs. Brooks, of Harriston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Quigg.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, of Owen Sound, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Trimble.

Mrs. Brown, of Brighton, and Miss Lily Thistlethwaite, of Toronto, are visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauder, of London,

are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, of Faversham, visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Magee.

Miss Annie Howard is home from Toronto, spending a week-end with her mother and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith and children, of Markdale, visited over the week-end, and attended a family gathering at W. J. Stewart's on Christmas.

Miss Osborne, nurse, Collingwood was called on Sunday to take another case here.

Mrs. Nicholson is spending this week with her brother and sister, in Toronto.

Dr. Little visited over the week-end with his parents at Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Crossley spent Christmas with their daughters in Toronto.

Mr. Everet Henry holidayed in Toronto over Christmas.

Rev. Mr. Kerr spent Christmas at the old home in Dresden.

Lance-Corp. Bert Jamieson who

went to Porcupine a few weeks ago, has been honored with three stripes, and made recruiting sergeant for that district.

At the Artemesia nominations on Monday the town hall was packed. With one exception the old council are all in the field. Reeve McKenzie is being opposed by councillor Brown; for deputy reeve the contest is between Councillors Cameron, Graham, and Sandy McLeod; for councillors, Fred Mathewson, James Stinson, Samuel Bachelor and Robt. Purvis, an ex-councillor, are nominated.

TIMES' CHANGES

"I see that Fifi Flubdub, the actress, is so temperamental that she swoons at the odor of tuberoses. So her management has to watch her constantly."

"Um. Time brings great changes I knew her once. She was raised in a block next to a gas house."—Kansas City Journal.

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A new stock of Linoleums in the newest patterns, 2 and 4 yards wide. The 4 yards wide is from \$2.00 per yard up.

Wall Paper

A pretty stock of Wall Paper in all the new fall styles, durable and having a nice appearance, but not too costly.

Fall Shoes

Our Shoe stock is being replenished weekly, so that we have the most approved styles, made on easy fitting lasts.

Brooms

We have just received another consignment of the 28c Brooms.

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Don't forget to see our new Scotch Blankets, they are \$4.50, \$5.25 and \$6.00 per pair.

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