

BENTINCK PIONEER PASSED 90TH MILESTONE

Mr. Henry Brigham Reached Four Score and Ten Mark Last Thursday and Event Was Fittingly Celebrated by Family Gathering.

A pleasant family gathering assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brigham...

Despite his great age, Mr. Brigham is in the enjoyment of good health, and while not so chipper as he was 70 years ago...

Thursday's gathering was a strictly family affair, none but the immediate family with members of their families being present.

Mr. Brigham was born on the 12th of April, 1838, at Poklington, Yorkshire, England.

In 1865 he purchased the Allan Park sawmill, which he owned until 1914, when he sold it to Mr. Zemus Clark of this town.

TOWN HALL SEATS NOW IN PLACE

Arrived in Town Last Week-End and Were Placed in Position This Week by Factory Representative.

The long-needed seats for the Durham Town Hall arrived in town last week, and were this week placed in position by Mr. J. R. Grier of the Canadian Office and School Furniture Company of Preston.

The seats are good ones, strong and neat looking, and will make a decided improvement in the Town Hall over the old ones that had long ago outlived their usefulness.

With this class of chair there will be no more crowding at entertainments as everyone admitted will have a private seat and when these are filled the ticket selling must stop.

The Daughters of the Empire, who started the movement to renovate and rearrange the hall, are to have the honor of holding the first concert and giving the official opening.

MISS MACPAIL IS HELD AS EXAMPLE

Free State Newspaper Admires Anti-Imperialism of Canada.

The Republicans in the Irish Free State are pleased with Canada, especially with her woman member of Parliament, whom they hold up as an example in anti-Imperialism to the Free State Government.

The Republican newspaper "An Phoblacht" says editorially: "Unlike our ultra-loyal Cosgrave and his gang, the Canadian Government repudiates all responsibility for England's imperial game in Egypt."



Miss Caroline Sykes of Toronto, the first Canadian girl to make a parachute jump from an aeroplane, is the only Canadian girl attending the all-American aircraft convention in Detroit.

BENTINCK COUPLE 35 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brigham Honored by Family and Other Relatives Last Thursday Evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brigham on the Durham road west was the scene of an enjoyable event last Thursday evening.

Miss Pearl Fisher, the only granddaughter, presented Mrs. Brigham with a bouquet of roses. The following address was read by their youngest daughter, Margaret, during which they were presented with a china dinner set in the moss-rose pattern, by their youngest son and elder grandson:

Dear Mother and Father: We, your family and grandchildren, have gathered here to spend a happy evening with you, this being the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of your wedding day.

Even though your eldest son, George is living in Hanover, Pearl in Durham and Katie in Toronto, being the only ones who are at a distance, they still enjoy the love and sympathy of a devoted mother and father as do Herbert, Ernest, Clayton, Leonard, Margaret and Edgar, who are still with you.

To show our love and appreciation of your unceasing labor among us, we ask you to accept this china dinner set, not for its value, but as a small remembrance of your wedding day.

May the Lord, who has given you all your riches and blessings, continue to guide you, so that you may live to enjoy the happiness that is still unknown. This is the wish of your family and grandchildren.

Signed on behalf of your children and grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Brigham both replied in a very appropriate manner thanking the children for their beautiful gift.

A bountiful lunch was served consisting of a three-story wedding cake which was cut by the bride of thirty-five years ago. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and dancing.

ROAD CONDITIONS IMPROVING SLOWLY

Tourist Traffic Light As Result of Bad Condition of Highways and Backward Weather.

It is early yet, only the 19th of April, but with the snow almost entirely gone, motorists are quite naturally looking for warmer weather that they may enjoy the pleasure of a spin in the open country.

While conditions are slowly adjusting themselves, there are still many bad spots in the Provincial Highways and there is very little pleasure motoring going on. Locally, the roads are in fair shape, though rough. For a time when the frost was coming out of the ground there were many treacherous holes, but this danger is apparently over.

The continued cold weather makes it impossible to drag the roads and these, rutted by the late winter and early spring traffic, are likely to remain in this way until the hard frosts are over and the road superintendents get their drags working.

Conditions in this part of Ontario, however, are not in it with those which pertain in other places, and in this we speak especially of the road from here to Windsor by way of Mitchell and London. Mr. Alf. McCabe, the local Durant dealer, went down the first of the week and ran into all kinds of difficulties. As a result he came back by train and will return to Windsor for his car later. Nothing human can be done to improve conditions at present, but the warmer weather will overcome all difficulties, and a few, fine warm days would see the roads in almost midsummer shape.

DRAYTON CHAIRMAN OF LIQUOR BOARD

Succeeds D. B. Hanna, Who Seeks Retirement.—Present Chief Returning to Private Affairs; Manion Likely to Withdraw.

D. B. Hanna is retiring from the chairmanship of the Ontario Liquor Control Board and will be succeeded by Sir Henry Drayton, M.P. for West York. The announcement of Mr. Hanna's retirement and the appointment of his successor was made Saturday night by Premier Ferguson.

Hon. R. J. Manion, M. P. for Fort William, who is vice-chairman of the board, has also expressed a desire to be relieved of his duties. His successor, Mr. Ferguson stated, will be named within the next ten days.

Sir Henry Drayton will resign his seat in the Dominion House at once, it is understood, to take over the chairmanship of the board. Sir Henry and Mr. Hanna will confer to-morrow as to when the former will take over the control of the board.

Acted Temporarily

In announcing the appointment Premier Ferguson pointed out that Mr. Hanna, in accepting the chairmanship a year ago, had undertaken it only temporarily, as a matter of public service, and was now ready to be relieved. The prime minister expressed gratification that a man of Sir Henry Drayton's administrative record and personal standing had consented to serve on the board.

Sir Henry, who came to Toronto last week-end to confer with Premier Ferguson on the matter, informed the press that he proposed to see Mr. Hanna and discuss the whole situation, after which will probably be announced the date at which the transfer of duties will take place.

"I recognize that I will have to give all my time to the province," he said, "and it would be quite impossible to hold both positions. I am staying over tomorrow to meet Mr. Hanna, and would prefer not to discuss the matter further at this time."

Hon. R. J. Manion, who, like Chairman Hanna, accepted office on the board with a view to stepping out after a time, when organization was virtually complete, and therefore retained his seat in Parliament, is also ready to relinquish his duties. His resignation has not been submitted, as frequently rumored of late, but there has been a definite understanding that he would be relieved in due course. (Continued on page 3)

SENDS NEWS OF BORDER CITIES

Interesting Newspaper Clippings Tell of Doings in Detroit and Vicinity.

We are indebted to Mr. Alex. McQueen for a number of clippings from Detroit and Windsor newspapers which contain something of interest to many readers, especially those who have relatives living in that part of the country. Mr. McQueen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen, here, was for a number of years in the employ of the Standard Bank, but for some years past has been with the First National Bank at Detroit.

The building which houses the First National Bank is 25 storeys high. The bank occupies the ground floor, but on April 10 held the official opening of their new 800-car garage which occupies eleven storeys of the building. The garage has a capacity for 800 cars, fronts on Cadillac square, and is most up-to-date in every way.

Another clipping refers to the plant of the Ford Motor Co. at Ford City. At present there are 5,000 men employed, this being 1,800 more than six weeks ago. The present output is 200 cars a day, with 300 expected by the end of this month, 400 by the end of May, and the maximum of 500 cars per day by the end of June.

The opinions expressed by various financial men are most optimistic and it looks as if the Detroit-Windsor district is out of the hard times rut in which they have found themselves for the past several months.



Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, the centenary of whose birth is being celebrated throughout the world on the eighth of next month.

MAY DESTROY ELK AT WILDER'S LAKE

Buffalo, Deer, Pheasants and Beaver May Be Only Occupants Before Winter Comes Again.

There is a possibility that the two buck elk, father and son, at Dr. Jamieson's park at Wilder's Lake, may be done away with next fall, or sometime this summer. As additions to the park's zoo, they are not considered very favorably any more. At the commencement there were two, the buck and the doe, and since these were placed in the park there have been two new arrivals. The first one was found dead one day, apparently having been put out of business by the old buck. Next Mrs. Ma Elk became tangled up in the fence and passed out to the place where all good elks are supposed to migrate. This leaves the old man and his son the only occupants of the enclosure. Not content with dying off themselves, the old elk has done away with two of the red deer, the first one, Billy, having got into a fight with him and coming out second best. This spring another one of the deer was found dead and the indications are that it was placed hors de combat in the same manner as the first one.

Evidently the elk are going to be hard to look after, and we understand it has about been decided that it is going to be easier to keep the deer and bison than to attempt to raise elk. It is intended, we believe, to wait until these latter grow their annual antlers before disposing of them, and these will be mounted and kept as mementoes, to adorn the home of Dr. Jamieson, their owner.

EASTER HOLIDAY ENDS IN MARRIAGE

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson of Flesherton, One of Principals in Happy Romance.

A bride and groom were on the staff of Humeewood school, Toronto, when studies were resumed following the Easter vacation. The principal, James R. Watson, and kindergarten teacher, Evada Juanita Wilson, took advantage of the holiday to be married and have a brief honeymoon.

The happy event was a surprise to friends of the couple, who are receiving many congratulations. Mr. Watson had the "business as usual" air when called on at the school, Mrs. Watson, it is understood, will remain with her class of little folk until another teacher is appointed in her stead.

The wedding took place at Toledo, Ohio, last Wednesday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson, Flesherton, Ont., and a captivating young lady. She was given away by her brother-in-law, R. C. Thibaut of Detroit and wore a charming gown of navy georgette with overdress of antique filet lace and georgette insets, the lace falling in graceful fan-shaped panels, picture hat of powder blue and shoes of same shade, and corsage bouquet of butterfly roses, also the groom's gift, a dinner ring. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. R. C. Thibaut, who wore a French gown of beige satin with red hat and shoes and corsage of sunset roses.

The groom was supported by his brother, Lawrence E. Watson of Detroit. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Parker, 14th Avenue Methodist church, Toledo. Then the bridal party motored to the Hotel Tuller, Detroit, where the wedding dinner was served. Later they attended a reception given in their honor. After a two-day motor trip through Michigan and Ohio, the happy couple returned and will reside in North Toronto.

FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN TEXAS

Keith Newton Was Son of Late Rev. W. L. Newton, Former Pastor of Durham Baptist Church.

Word has been received in town of the death on March 11 last, at San Antonio, Texas, of Mr. Keith Leslie Newton, who passed away suddenly after only a short illness.

The late Mr. Newton will be remembered by many former friends of his boyhood days, spent here some twenty-odd years ago, and by the older members of the community as the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Newton, the former an esteemed pastor of the Baptist congregation, and the man, more than any other, responsible for the erection of the church now occupied by that congregation.

After spending his boyhood here, the subject of this sketch went to Toronto for a time, and subsequently made his home at Copper Cliff for a couple of years. While here he was married to Miss Dorothy Henry. Mr. Newton, we would judge, has not visited Durham in the past fifteen years, but will be remembered by many.

No particulars of his death are to hand other than that he died very suddenly, and that interment was made at the Mission Burial Park at San Antonio, on March 13.

Carelessness in the woods has cost Canada untold millions through forest fires, which have destroyed 60% of the original forest.



The Duchess of York recently opened the new half-million dollar home for nurses at the Kingston and District hospital, Kingston Hill, England. She was photographed while strolling through the grounds after the ceremony.

BUMPER CROPS LIKELY IN WEST

Milo District in Alberta Gives Every Indication of Prosperous Season.—Had Good 1927 Season As Well.

We had the pleasure of receiving a very welcome letter this week from Mr. Alfred Heather, a former resident of this town and vicinity, who went West several years ago, and who has always kept in touch with Durham by having The Chronicle forwarded to him each week. Mr. Heather's letter contained his renewal remittance and he is now paid up until 1930 as a result of his thoughtfulness.

Milo is a small place in the Medicine Hat district in Southern Alberta. It is about 150 miles from Bassano, where Mr. Heather says he met Mr. J. P. Hunter of this town while on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. McKinnon.

Speaking of the weather conditions there he says that while a little backward at time of writing, April 9, they expected to start seeding in a few days. There was a very heavy crop in that district last year and they were fortunate enough to get it threshed. Mr. Heather says: "There is considerable threshing being done at present and it does not appear that any harm whatever. Things are booming in these parts. Owing to the good crops a large amount of new machinery is going out this year, especially in the tractor line. Prospects were never better for a crop than at present as there is a considerable amount of moisture in the ground."

We were pleased to hear from Mr. Heather, to know that he is doing well, and also that such bright prospects are in store for the residents in the West.

BOWLERS READY FOR 1928 SEASON

Held Organization Meeting Last Friday Night, and Prospects Are Bright For Another Successful Season This Year.

There was a good turnout at the annual meeting of the Durham Lawn Bowling Club last Friday night, and as a result of a review of the past year's work the club enters the present season with the hope that it will even surpass last year in successfulness.

Secretary-Treasurer Sparling presented his report, and the financial condition of the club was all that could be desired. The auditors, Messrs. A. H. Jackson and F. F. McIlraith found the books in good order and the report was adopted unanimously.

The women bowlers this year will, as last year, have the use of the greens at all times and as there is a strong club of lady bowlers in town the outlook is bright for a pleasant and busy season.

One object of the club this year will be a drive for increased membership. There is a good membership now, but it was felt there were many more in town and surrounding country who might bowl if prevailed upon to sign up and this will be done without delay.

Officers Elected

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. R. Alder; Vice-President, J. S. McIlraith; Secretary-Treasurer, R. M. Sparling. The Grounds Committee is composed of W. S. Hunter, J. J. Smith, H. W. Cross and R. Aljoe. The Tournament Committee is Messrs. W. S. Hunter, P. Gagnon,

THOMAS JACK DEAD AT WESTERN HOME

Former Well-Known Resident of Glenelg Township Passed Away Suddenly Wednesday Morning of This Week.—Interment to Be Made Tomorrow.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Jack yesterday morning at his home at Loreburn, Sask., was received here by his sisters, Mrs. N. McKechnie and Mrs. A. Rutherford, and coming without any warning whatever was a great shock to the family here and to his many former friends in the vicinity. Mr. Jack had been affected with high blood pressure for some time past, and while no particulars of his death were given it is thought that this was the immediate cause of death.

It was only last week that Mrs. McKechnie had received a letter from the family that they intended motoring to Durham this summer and would reach here some time in June, and yesterday's telegram was a terrible shock to all members of the family here.

The late Mr. Jack was born in Roxborough, Scotland, on March 11, 1859. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jack, and when the deceased was only two years of age the family came to New York State and for two years lived in St. Lawrence County. It was in 1863 that they came to Glenelg and settled on Lot 5 on the 8th concession, and since that date the property has remained in the family, the present occupant being Mr. William R. Jack, another son, and a brother of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Jack went West about 19 years ago and took up farming a short distance from Loreburn, but retired to the village about 42 years ago. About 40 years ago he was married to Miss Mary A. Townsend of Townsend's Lake neighborhood in Glenelg, who survives with a family of three daughters and two sons. They are: Mrs. W. Bailey, whose husband is principal of the Regina High School; Mrs. John Ellison of Loreburn; Sarah, nurse-in-training at Regina; Beach, on the homestead near Loreburn; and Samuel, also farming near the old home. A son, Everett died in 1918. Besides these, the deceased leaves four sisters, Mrs. N. McKechnie and Mrs. A. Rutherford of Durham; Mrs. J. Cushman, Toronto; and Mrs. H. Williams, Glenelg; and two brothers, Samuel, in Winnipeg and William R., on the old Jack homestead in Glenelg.

The late Mr. Jack was a man much thought of in his native township of Glenelg, and since going West had been most successful in business and was one of the outstanding citizens in his neighborhood. His sudden death was a great shock to the whole community which will sympathize with the family in their loss.

The funeral is being held tomorrow afternoon from his late residence at Loreburn and interment will be made in the cemetery at that place.

KU KLUX KLAN IS UNMASKED

Startling Disclosures Made at Trial of Injunctions at Pittsburgh.—High Klan Officials Accused of Causing the Killings and Riots.

Stories of the burning alive of seven or eight men in Texas by the Ku Klux Klansmen; rioting in Pennsylvania and Ohio; and the organization in the latter state of "Night Riders" who were given orders to burn churches and carry out bombings and assassinations, were told by witnesses in the Klan injunction suit in the Federal Court, at Pittsburgh, Pa., last week.

High Klan officials were accused by witnesses of instigating and ordering the killings, inspiring riots, and causing a bomb to be set (Continued on Page 8)

H. Thompson and W. C. Pickering. The Membership Committee is composed of the whole club, and the fees for this year are the same as last, \$5.00.

Taken altogether the meeting was most successful and with a little warm weather it will not be long until the bowling green will have its nightly gathering of enthusiasts and fans.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours.

Table with columns for Day, 8 am, Max, Min. Rows for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

The past week has been quite cool and remained so until Wednesday about noon when the wind shifted from the north and was about due south all afternoon. Despite this, while the weather was ideal there was a coldness about the air. The only precipitation for the seven days ending last night was two inches of snow which fell during the night of the 13th. The glass is going down and the indications this Wednesday evening are for rain.