

Durham Rotary Club Host To Past District Governor

Representative of Rotary International Visited Local Rotary Club Tuesday, When, Despite Stormy Weather, a Good Crowd Turned Out to Enjoy Excellent Dinner.—Past Governor Wheable of London Spoke on Subject of Vocational Service, One of Four Objects of Rotary.

(By J. B. DUFFIELD)

In spite of all that Old Boreas could do to spoil the attendance, about 40 members of the Rotary Club and their guests sat down to a sumptuous spread provided by the ladies of the Durham Red Cross Society in the Durham Furniture Company show rooms on Tuesday evening. The occasion marked the official visit of Past District Governor Geoff. Wheable of London, Ontario, who is representing the Governor in this District. Unfortunately, the weather prevented the visit of the Markdale Club, who were to have joined the local Club on this occasion, nor could they be blamed for not wishing to drive through this first January storm.

After doing full justice to the excellent meal provided, during which digestion was stimulated by some community singing, the visitors were introduced by their hosts, and were welcomed by President Rees Padfield. Then the business session followed, which was cut short owing to the fact that so many visitors were present, and also it was desired to give the Governor's representative as much time as possible.

Past President Harry Kress briefly reviewed the history of the Club for the benefit of Past Governor Wheable, who was present as District Governor on the night three years ago when the Charter was presented to the Club. This review covered the social activities, the crippled children's work, the patriotic activities and donations to various activities throughout the town and district, which were for the general benefit of the community.

The first President of the local Club, Peter Gagnon, introduced the speaker of the evening in a few well chosen words, and Mr. Wheable, after paying tribute to the excellence of the work the Club has done and is doing, chose for his subject, "Vocational Service," one of the four principles of Rotary. "Service," he said, has been defined as "Thoughtfulness of others" as the ideal, and "Helpfulness to others" as the expression of Rotary Service. "Vocational Service" is the expression in our daily lives and business of the ethics of Rotary, in our buying and selling, in dealing with employees or employers, and the recognition of the dignity of our own vocation and of all other vocations in their service to the community at large. This does not mean that Rotarians should only practice these high ideals themselves, but that they should also preach to their own industry or profession these ideals with the object that they will serve not only themselves but their whole industry. Higher standards of ethics were required in business and can be fostered by Rotary.

Had all business and professional men in the world been actuated by these principles the present war would never have occurred and their propagation will do much toward keeping the peace in the future.

It is necessary that all Rotarians observe these high standards and that they encourage all others to do likewise. This is not something that can be done once a week at Rotary meetings, but something that should be practised every day and in every phase of our activities. It is a personal matter that can be employed to serve one's fellow-men while at the same time making a living. It has been proved that these high ideals will not only be found practical but also profitable. "It is easier to get by giving" is a Rotary maxim which has been demonstrated in a thousand ways. In addition to this, every Rotarian knows the satisfaction of the respect and friendship of his fellow-men, both customers and competitors, as well as the people generally. "He profits most who serves best" is still the motto of Rotary, and in it will be found the most soul-satisfying satisfaction in this troubled world.

The speaker was thanked for his able address by John Grieson on behalf of all present, and a very enjoyable, inspiring and instructive evening was brought to a close.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson Were Married 50 Years Ago At Priceville.—Both Enjoying Good Health in Their Home on Countess Street.

This week the Chronicle joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson of town, who on Monday of this week quietly observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on Countess street, and though half a century has rolled around since they plighted their troth, they are still enjoying better than the usual health for people of their age.

William John Lawson was the oldest son of the late William and Georgina Lawson of Bentinck township, where he was born, and Mrs. Lawson was Miss Jennie MacDonald, oldest daughter of the late Donald and Flora MacDonald of Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson were married at Priceville on January 6, 1892, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Mr. McLeod of Priceville Presbyterian church. The groomsmen was Robert Lawson, brother of the groom, who resides just north of town, and the bridesmaid was the bride's only sister, Margaret (Mrs. St. Thomas of Detroit). After a honeymoon in Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson commenced home-making on the farm just north of town now owned by Mr. Harold McKoenie where they resided until 1918, when they moved to Durham to their present home on Countess street. Two children were born to this union, one daughter, Georgina (Mrs. Charles Heywood), in town, and one son, William M., who died in 1917 at the age of 16 years. There is one grandchild, Jean Elizabeth Heywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson observed the anniversary very quietly in their home, where they received the good wishes of their numerous, who will wish for them many more years of happiness. Since their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have been faithful attendants at Knox church, and are readers of long standing of the Chronicle.

Observes 93rd Birthday To-day

We extend heartfelt congratulations to Durham's oldest citizen, Mrs. James Whitmore, who is today celebrating her 93rd birthday. Born at Stoneham, Quebec, January 8, 1849, Mrs. Whitmore was seven years of age when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Staples, moved to Glenelg Township. Mrs. Whitmore was a member of the first class of pupils at Edge Hill and is more than likely the last surviving member of that class. Of a family of ten, Mrs. Whitmore and Dr. W. D. Staples of Hanover are the only survivors.

Mrs. Whitmore is in the best of health, retains all her faculties, and still takes a deep interest in all that goes on in the community.

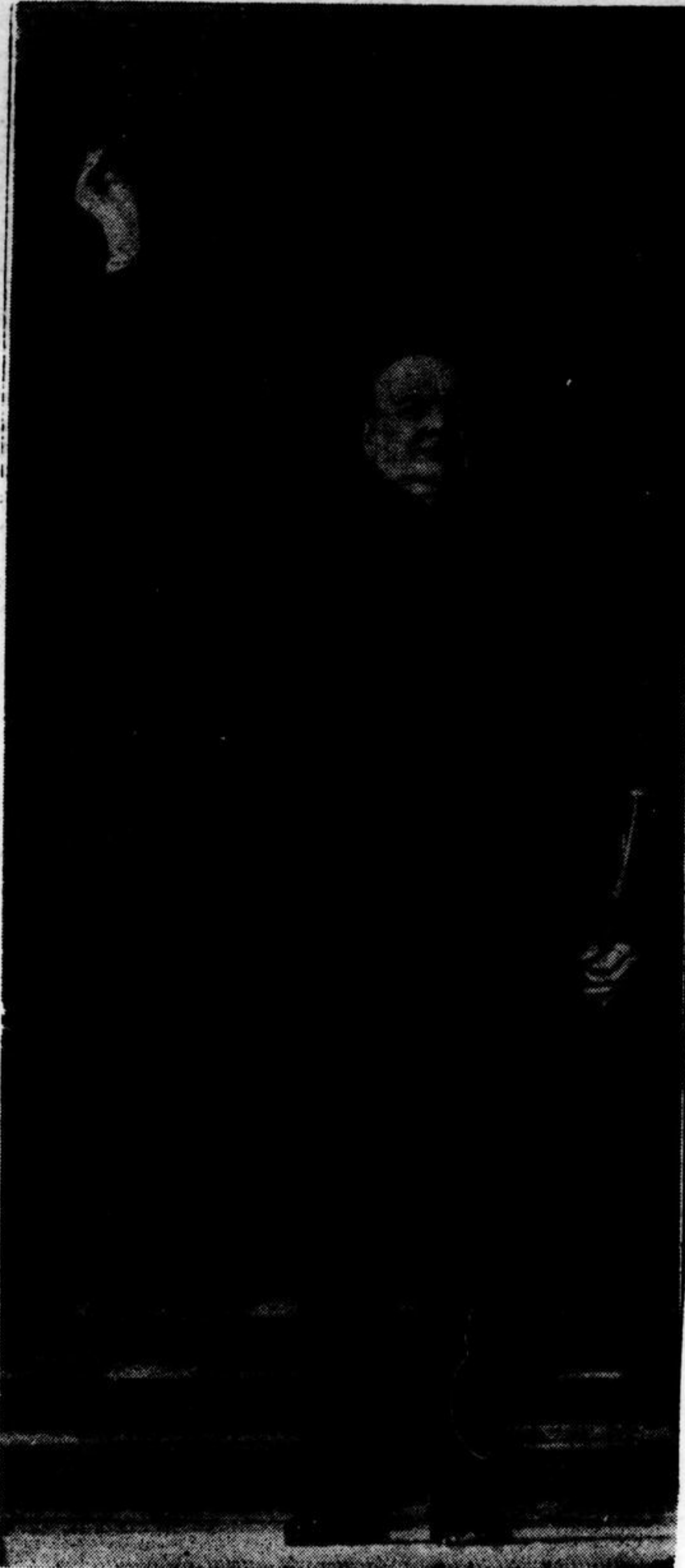
OWEN SOUND HERE TO-MORROW NIGHT

Intermediate "B" Game Here Friday Is Sure to Be a Natural—Teams Appear Evenly Matched on Paper.

Tomorrow night opens League hockey in Durham. It was supposed to open last week with Walkerton the guests, but blocked roads prevented the Bruce county team from getting men in from Paisley and other points and it was called out.

This will hardly happen tomorrow, as no matter how much it may storm the road will likely be open between here and Owen Sound.

Churchill Greeted Huge Ottawa Crowd



Red Cross Held January Storm Annual Meeting Came Tuesday

Full Report of Year's Work Received, Officers Elected, and Financial Report Presented by Treasurer.—Surrounding Districts Played Important Part in Excellent Showing for Year.

The annual meeting of the Red Cross was held Tuesday afternoon, January 6, with a full report of the year's work given. Miss M. L. Hunter presided. Sixty-five ladies attended, including representatives of the various district units working with the Durham unit.

These units are: South Glenelg Institute, Zion Women's Institute, Bunesan Red Cross, Top Cliff Red Cross, Rocky Saugeen, Evening Red Cross, Durham Women's Institute, No. 14 Normanby, Latona, Welbeck, Crawford, Allan Park, Ebenezer, Hutton Hill, Mullock, Aberdeen, Burns church, Rocky Saugeen, Durham Public School, Durham High School.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Honorary Presidents, Miss Laura McKenzie, Mrs. Ed. W. Kress; President, Mrs. David Jamieson; 1st Vice-President, Miss M. L. Hunter; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. James Mather; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Duffield; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. P. L. Gagnon; Committee Conveners: Civilian Relief, Mrs. George Yiirs, Miss Alma Hughes, Mrs. Honeyman; Wool Committee, Mrs. J.H. Harding, Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Mrs. C. H. Moffat; Soldiers' Comfort, Mrs. Roy Lawrence; Tea, Mrs. D. M. Saunders, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. Arthur Connolly; Packing, Mrs. John McLean, Mrs. Dan. McCallum; Pressing, Mrs. Robert Whitmore, Mrs. Charles Moore; Units, Mrs. P. L. Gagnon, Mrs. Norah Hamilton; Hospital Supplies, Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. Pickering; Quilt, Mrs. John Sharp; Ticket, Mrs. Robert Whitmore, Mrs. S. Chapman; Mats, Mrs. J. F. Giles, Mrs. Joseph Moore.

The work shipped to Headquarters in Toronto and the Financial Report will appear next week.

General Blockade of Roads Reported As Result of First Real Storm of the New Year.—Planes Grounded, Cars Marooned, and Business Halted.

In common with a large section of Western Ontario, Durham was visited by the first real storm of the season. There wasn't such a large quantity of snow, but what did fall was whipped into the roadways by the high wind and as a result most country roads are blocked to motor traffic. At times in Durham it was almost impossible to see across the street, and Tuesday night there were few out who didn't have business. It was a good night for the fireside and a book.

The Rotary banquet here was not as well attended as had the weather been fair, outsiders not caring to take the chance, and it is as well they did not. Airplanes are reported grounded in different areas, and locally, two had to make forced landings, one at Haldstein and one at Dornoch.

Motorists caught out in the storm had a hard time getting home or were forced to remain over.

The blockade was only temporary on the main highways, as the ploughs were kept working and soon had the road cleared. Along with the snow, the visibility was poor, most motorists on the road driving with their lights on.

A rising barometer says the worst of the storm is over, and the motoring will be back to winter normal in a day or so, excepting on the back roads, where almost anything can happen to a motor, but where Old Dobbin will jog along in comfort.

So far, the winter hasn't even been a good sample, but we may get more of it before the snow leaves in March.

"We have been married over a year now and we never quarrel. If a difference of opinion arises and I am right Henry always gives in immediately. "And if he is right?" "Oh, that hasn't happened yet!"

Durham Women Injured Last Week-End

Mrs. William Weir Suffered Broken Leg When Struck by Car Thursday Evening.—Mrs. Harry Scales Injured When Cut by Knife.

Mrs. William Weir, a resident of Upper Town, is a patient in Durham Hospital, where she is confined with a broken leg, the result of being struck by a motor car about 8 o'clock Thursday evening. Besides the injured leg, Mrs. Weir also suffered from bruises and shock as a result of the accident. Mrs. Weir, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, and a neighbour, Mrs. Robert Milne, were coming down town to pay a visit to a friend. As the sidewalk was slippery, they left the sidewalk and were walking on the side of the road. As they were about to come down the hill a car, said to have been driven by Clarence Caswell, and which is said to have had only one light, came along, striking the unfortunate woman, allegedly throwing her across the road from the force of the impact. The injured woman was taken to the hospital, where it was found she had suffered a fracture of the leg below the knee, as well as other injuries and shock. The other ladies escaped uninjured. Chief Scott investigated the accident.

Inquiry by the Chronicle late Wednesday afternoon elicited the information that Mrs. Weir's condition is quite serious, and while it is hoped she will recover, she is not rallying satisfactorily and her condition cannot be said to be anything but critical.

Hand Cut With Knife

Mrs. Harry Scales, also of Upper Town, was admitted to hospital here on Thursday with a badly cut hand that required several stitches to close. The accident happened in the home when her young son in some manner became possessed of a sharp outcher knife. In making a grab for the knife to take it away, Mrs. Scales herself received a bad cut between the thumb and forefinger of her right hand. As there was a certain danger from tetanus, Mrs. Scales was taken to hospital, where the wound was dressed and was able to return to her home the next day.

Baptist Pastor Given Welcome

Rev. J. M. Ward and Mrs. Ward Arrived in Town Last Week and Were Welcomed by Church, Ministerial Association and Town.—Preached First Sermon Sunday.

Rev. J. M. Ward, M.A., and Mrs. Ward arrived in Durham last week from Windsor, and Mr. Ward preached his first sermon in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

On Friday evening last a welcoming meeting was held in the schoolroom of the church in which Mr. and Mrs. Ward were given a most hearty welcome by the members of their congregation, the Ministerial Association, and the town.

W. D. Erwin was chairman. William Moffet gave the congregational address of welcome, and Miss Eva Redford the address of welcome from the Mission Circle of the church. Mayor Duffield expressed the welcome of the town, and Revs. R. S. Jones and W. H. Smith spoke for the Ministerial Association and for their own congregations, the Anglican and United denominations.

Rev. Mr. Burrett of Mount Forest presented the greetings of his own congregation, and also gave a solo, "My Heavenly Saviour." Mrs. William Bogle and Miss Dorothy Eastman gave readings, and Mrs. J. F. Giles gave a solo, "You Can Smile."

An address was given by Allan Bell in which he stressed the co-operation necessary between pew and pulpit, after which Mr. Ward spoke briefly expressing his appreciation. The meeting was closed with prayer and a social half hour followed.

"In what course will you graduate?" "Oh! in the course of time."

It makes a difference where a fellow gathers his first principles—at his mother's knee, or across his father's.

Japan Losing Troops and Supply Ships

More Than One a Day Being Sunk by Allied Action, More Than Flowery Kingdom Has Facilities to Replace.

Japan is losing troop and supply ships at the rate of more than one a day, fast enough to reduce her great merchant marine to insignificance in two years if losses go unchecked in a Pacific naval war of attrition.

United States and Dutch Army, Navy and Air reports for the first three weeks of the war list 26 Japanese merchant vessels as sunk or seriously damaged by submarine or air attacks in Philippine, Borneo and Malayan waters despite heavy naval and air escort.

Although Japan has 23 shipyards with 69 berths for construction of large craft, her steel resources are limited, and building facilities are believed to be far below what would be necessary to make up for even half of such rate of loss.

At the start of the war Japan's merchant fleet was third largest in the world, trailing those of Britain and the United States. In sea-going vessels of 2,000 tons or more it consisted of 808 ships of 4,754,889 gross tons. Of these, 717 were freighters, 132 were combination passenger-cargo ships, 49 were tankers, and two were primarily refrigerated cargo vessels.

Britain had 2,644 ships of 16,806,379 tons, and the United States had 1,150 ships of 7,078,909 tons.

More important than the actual tonnage figures, however, was the American and British shipbuilding capacity. During the World War American yards reached a rate of construction equivalent to 6,000,000 tons a year and the British building came to about half that rate. Present programmes call for a similar effort, with completion in America of 1,200 new ships of about 13,200,000 gross tons by 1943.

Japan's biggest year in merchant shipbuilding since the World War was 1937, when she turned out 180 vessels of 100 tons or more, a total gross tonnage of 451,121.

The Japanese appear at first glance to have taken great risks and thus to have subjected themselves to heavier than usual losses in the initial days of the Malayan and Philippine expeditions, but growing Allied air and naval power is expected to make the long Japanese maritime communication lines even more hazardous in months to come.

B.W.V. Fund Tea Next Wednesday

Daughters of Empire Sponsoring Tea Next Wednesday Afternoon.—Admission Fee Piece of Baby Clothing.

Next Wednesday afternoon in the town hall, the local Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire are sponsoring a tea for the purpose of securing clothing for baby victims of the bombings in Britain. The admission fee is some piece of baby clothing, new, of course, that will be sent overseas by the Canadian I.O.D.E. headquarters.

The idea is a good one, the cause a most laudable one, and the ladies of Durham will likely turn out en masse for the occasion, despite the fact that every society in town is working hard on war work and endeavoring to raise funds. Babies in Britain without any extra clothing is an appeal that can scarcely be resisted.

See their advertisement elsewhere.

HONOURED BY NEIGHBOURS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Watson was the scene of a pleasant gathering last Friday evening when some 45 neighbours assembled to do honour to their son, Lance-Corp. Jamieson (Paddy) Watson, who was home on furlough with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters from Camp Debert, N.S. An address was read by Reta Willis, and Arthur Ritchie presented him with a pen and pencil and a shaving kit. L.-Corp. Watson thanked the neighbours for their gift. The evening was spent in dancing and other amusements, and at the close lunch was served.