

TOPICS

The C. P. R. have installed an adding machine in the station here.

Rev. Mr Conkle of Toronto will occupy the Presbyterian Church pulpit on Sunday next.

Ben Nevis Camp meets on Friday, 28th inst. Election of officers. Report of Delegate, Auditors' Report, Most important meeting.

The scholars of Durham Presbyterian Sunday School are being treated to a sleighride this Thursday afternoon, followed by dinner in the church.

A valuable young mare belonging to Mrs Robt. Bell, Glenelg, slipped on some ice last Saturday, breaking its thigh and suffering such internal injury that it bled to death.

The Sunday evening service in the Bentinck Baptist Church has been discontinued for the winter months. The order of services for the next three months will be as follows: Bentinck 11 a.m. and Glenelg at 3 p.m. Welcome to all.

BROKE HER WRIST—In taking a short cut down the hill from her house south of town, Mrs Thos Brown slipped and fell, breaking two bones of her right wrist. It was a painful mishap which will prevent the use of her arm for some weeks.

The G.T.R. is making a general change of time on Jan. 6th next and two of the trains on this line will be affected. The morning train will arrive at 11.30 instead of 11.22 and the afternoon southbound leaves half an hour sooner at 3.15 instead of 4.45. No change in other train times.

The United States under President Wilson is making a name for itself. It has just decreed the Nationalization of all railroads as a war measure. Railways in Canada have been given liberty to raise their rates by 15 per cent. That is a ticket to Toronto from Durham will be \$5.75 instead of \$5.00.

The distinction of being the best girl bread baker in the province is enjoyed by Miss Onoie Cathrae of Walter's Falls, according to the decision of the Guelph Agricultural College judges who awarded her first prize in the provincial school fair competition. She is 15 years of age and her prize was a cabinet victrola with a dozen double records.

Undoubtedly you want to make your farm pay, that is what you are working for, you want help too no doubt. Has it ever occurred to you that there is another kind of help which costs but a trifle and pays for itself over and over again each year, help that helps you to farm and buy and sell right. The farmer's business page, The Weekly Sun (20th year) is published with only one point in view, that of serving the farmer. It costs but a trifle to find out what a real help, The Sun can be to you and you will wonder how you got along without it. Its market reports are unsurpassed for accuracy and its general farm news is worth many dollars to you. The subscription price remains the same as heretofore. One Dollar. You cannot get as much real help through any other source or spend a dollar to greater advantage. Try it for 1918.

ROCKY CHRISTMAS TREE CONCERT—The annual entertainment of the Bentinck Presbyterian Church Sunday School took place on the evening of Dec. 20th. The weather was fair, the sleighing good, so that there was a good attendance. Every home in the congregation was represented. There were several from town and a jolly sleighload from Egremont. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mills of Dornoch, who had the very best of order while a long and varied program was presented by the children attending Sabbath School. There were several choruses by the school many well acted dialogues and excellent recitations and vocal selections. This account would be too lengthy if each performer were mentioned individually. Suffice it to say that the McLean, the McQuarrie, McKeechie, Middleton, Thompson, Noble, Haslett, Clark, Boyd, Bilton and Banks families were very creditably represented on that program. All did their parts well and much credit is due to all the performers but more particularly to the two young ladies, Esther McLean and Isabel McQuarrie who worked so well to make the entertainment a success. Messrs Samuel Petherbough and Jno A Graham each spoke commending the workers in Rocky Church Sunday School on their service of love from Sunday to Sunday among the children of the congregation. The proceeds amounted to about \$40 and is all applied to the usual patriotic purposes. There was a treat of candies, &c for the younger children. The program was very appropriately begun and ended by singing the National Anthem.

Municipal Nominations will take place on Monday next. It is probable that some of the present Councils will be returned by acclamation.

Durham hockey team played in Mount Forest Christmas night and suffered a 9 to 2 defeat. The Durham line-up was: Goal—Horace Elvidge, point—Norman Zimmer, cover—Fred Laidlaw, rover—Frank Morlock, centre—Robt. Saunders, left wing—Eric Elvidge, right wing—Harper McGirr.

Mr and Mrs Wm L. Falkingham had a few days of painful anxiety lately. Their daughter, Miss Bertha, last wrote them from Halifax where she is doing duty as a military nurse, training a class of 24 soldiers under massage treatment. Their anxiety was removed in a letter from St John, N. B., stating that she had left Halifax just one short day before the great catastrophe. Rumours of a similar danger to St John has put the authorities on the alert.

Mr Alexander Stephen the veteran township clerk of Sullivan was last Saturday honored by the council of that municipality when they presented him with a morris-chair in recognition of his 31 years service as clerk of the municipality. Mr Stephens, although over 80 years of age has looked after the clerical work of the township, being one of the oldest municipal clerks in the province. He resigned on Saturday from the Clerkship. January 6th Mr and Mrs Stephen will celebrate their golden wedding at which time it is supposed to have a family reunion at the homestead, "Stame Dyke" 10th Concession, Sullivan.

FATAL FIREARMS—Intense sympathy will be extended to the family of Mr Geo. McKelvey, Toronto, (brother of David in Durham), over the tragic loss of his 17-year-old son Stanley a few days ago by the accidental discharge of a shot gun while stepping into a boat with his father. The charge shattered the arm, the father staunchly the flow of blood and had him rushed to St Michael's Hospital, where everything possible was done to save the precious life but in vain. He was a 3rd-year student at the Technical school. The home is passing through hard luck: a son in France is wounded, another son broke his arm recently, and a little sister is reported seriously ill.

Durham H. S. Honor Roll

For December
Pupils are required to take 40 per cent on each subject and 60 per cent on the total in order to have their names on the Honor Roll.

Form 1—Ward Koch, Marietta Park, Ross Parke, Walter Boyce, Melvin Moyer, May Davis, Willie Vessie.

Form 2—Ethel Young, Isabel McQuarrie, Florence Lawrence, Sybil Lawrence, Armetta McKeechie, Edna Brownning, Meryl Livingstone, Esther McLean, Mary Lamb, Flora B. Nichol, Caldon Buschen.

Form 3—Jeanette Kerr, Jessie Clark, Isabel Marshall, Eldon Runciman, Islay McCuaig, Elsie McLean, Stella McCrae, Annie Knox.

Card of Thanks.

Hanover, Ont., Dec. 21st, 1917.
To the Electors of the House of Commons, South East Grey.

As I am unable to see you all personally, through the press, I beg to extend to all supporters of Union Government in South East Grey, my most hearty thanks for their loyalty, their influence and their votes for Union Government and myself. The most vital issues that have ever presented themselves to the people of Canada have just been decided by you. Canada's continuance in the war, as a part of the British Empire, the sending of help to the men at the front, her trade and other relations to the Allies, have all been settled by this election. The people of Canada have spoken and their approval of the Policy of Sir Robert Borden is unmistakable. Personally, I thank you one and all, ladies and gentlemen, for your most hearty support. I shall endeavour to do my duty by the nation and by the people. Yours most sincerely,
R. J. Ball.

Election Card

To the Electors of the Township of Glenelg.
Ladies and Gentlemen—

I wish to thank you for your co-operation and assistance, in performing duties of Reeve for 1917, and would like to see as many ratepayers of the township as possible at the nomination, so that you may be better able to make an intelligent choice for 1918. Should you favour me with the appointment, the advancement of your welfare, shall be my pleasure and aim, in the future as in the past.
I remain, Sincerely yours,
A. McCuaig.
R. R. No. 1, Pricerville, Dec. 24th, 1917.

High School Presentations A Happy New Year

Friday afternoon last was an "off" day in High School circles, when the annual presentation of medals, scholarships and good advice was given. No public concert was held this term and this event filled the gap. A program of instrumental and vocal music, readings, etc., were given by the pupils, not eliminating the "High School Gazette" with its resume of current events and puns on the pupils.

A debate figured largely in the afternoon's proceedings, viz: "Resolved that Lloyd George is a better statesman than President Wilson." The affirmative was upheld by Harold Ramage and Miss Isabel Marshall and the negative by Hugh Findlay and Miss Annie Knox. Rev's. Whaley, Moyer and Mr Wm. Irwin were judges and gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

Dr Jamieson was present and was pleased to give his Medal, to Miss Christine Merchant of Yeovil for the pupil taking the Highest Entrance standing in South Grey. Mr J. P. Telford was also present and on behalf of the School board presented their medal to Miss Margaret Cox for the highest standing pupil residing in Durham. Mr Irwin in a few remarks handed out the Entrance certificates to the other successful Entrantees. Rev. Mr Dymond had charge of the Lower School certificates and these numbered no less than eighteen.

Mr Whaley followed with the middle School Entrance certificates though only two of the successful ones were there to receive them.—Misses Ursie Matheson and Katie Kerr. Rev. Mr Moyer, in a few well chosen words handed the two scholarships the high school offers to the pupils taking the highest respective standing in 1st and 2nd forms to Misses Isabel Marshall and Florence Lawrence. These scholarships entitle them to free tuition for a year. Mr Allan in turn was pleased to present his medal to Miss Ursie Matheson of Pricerville, for the pupil taking highest Entrance to Normal standing.

The afternoon's proceedings closed joyfully with God Save the King.

A "Dry" Canada

This is the rosy prospect held out by a decision of the Union Government given out last week. All good citizens rejoice at this auspicious announcement, and if it is an earnest of their energy to be displayed in other lines, the country is to be congratulated. The liquor traffic is being dethroned. The Union government gave Canada a nice Christmas present.

Successful Social at No 14, Normanby.

A very successful Box Social was held at No 14, Normanby last Friday night. The weather being favourable, a large crowd turned out to help the good cause of the Red Cross, and to hear a well-rehearsed program.

Hon Dr Jamieson occupied the chair and his address, delivered in his usual quiet, yet forcible manner was based on the work of Red Cross. He impressed upon the people the importance of giving. The result of this and also of Mr McWilliam's interesting address on "fliers" was plainly seen in the hearty responding of the loyal youths during the auctioneering of the boxes.

Little Freddie Seim and Blyth Schenck delighted the audience in giving the address of welcome. This was followed by a chorus from the Glee Club. The Wetlaufer band was in attendance and rendered no small part of the program, the hearty applause given them showing their popularity.

Miss Peter sang in good style and although it was her first appearance on the platform, it will by no means be her last. Mrs S. King very ably acted as organist throughout the evening.

Mr Dickson, the comic singer of Orchard appeared several times and was much applauded. Not only has he made his mark as a singer but also as an actor, he taking a prominent part in a dialogue, assisted by the Misses Douglas and Lewis and Mr A. Marshall. Another enthusiastic dialogue was well given by Messrs D. McIlvride and J. Marshall.

The pupils of No 14 certainly did their part. Misses McIlvride and Stewart proved themselves excellent singers. The rather lengthy drill given by twelve of the pupils is above criticism and was a marked feature of the evening. The success of this is due to their teacher, Miss E. Blyth and the Wetlaufer Band who so willingly and ably responded to the call.

Last but not least came the auctioneering of the boxes by Mr Brigham of Allan Park. Much credit is due for the way he handled the boxes which realized in all the neat figure of \$185.30.
Mr Brigham certainly does his part for the Red Cross.

To all our Readers, old and young. May Harmony and Prosperity mark its course at home, and Peace, Peace, blessed Peace, greet us all far and abroad in 1918.

THE PUBLISHERS

Sunday School Closing and Varney Christmas Tree

Regularly as Varney Methodists hold their annual entertainment, Christmas is sure to come along some night and this year was no exception. Pastor W. L. Falkingham was in the chair and a feature of the evening was the presence of Rev Mr Dines, a former pastor, now in the Physical Training Dept. of the army. He was called to relief work at Halifax and his interesting story of the great disaster was timely and appropriate.

Will Lo G. Will Eden and Misses Mead and Blyth comprise Varney instrumental quartette and they deserved their warm encores. There was a fine Yuletide pole drill done with pretty precision, the choir gave three pieces, the school gave choruses and good recitations were given by Tacey McCabe, Ruby Blyth, Lo Falkingham, Susie Eden, Margaret Eden, Richard McCabe and Neila Marshall. "How do I look" was a clever impersonation by Miss Freda Falkingham. Solos by such artists as Misses W. Blyth, Florence Kerr, Inez Mead and Freda Falkingham were also pleasant features. Two motion songs by the little girls were clearly executed and a laughable dialogue, "Scandal on the brain" was well done and full of hits. With pupils free the fine sum of \$30 was raised. Last but not least an array of presents on a fine tree made everyone happy and God Save the King closed a happy night.

Vickers Christmas Tree on the 19th inst. with the same chairman as above, a successful entertainment was held netting \$20. The local choir rendered two selections, there were recitations, solos, and several choruses by the school of 60 children, a creditable record for a small country charge. A chief feature of the evening was a Ruler drill by 12 girls in costume which was loudly applauded. Lealty to church and Loyalty to King was as ever prominent at Vickers.

No. 9, Glenelg, Red Cross Report

The Red Cross workers of No 9, had a most successful year and we sincerely hope ere another year peace and quietness will reign throughout the land.

The annual meeting being held last Friday at the home of Mrs Robt. McFadden, officers were elected and a general routine of business gone through. 8 shirts were cut and 1 made. 18 towels hemmed and 8 pair of socks turned in. The collection was \$2.10. There was packed and sent away 12 pair socks, 12 day shirts, 24 pillow cases and 18 towels. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs William Weir on Jan. 4, 1918. A report of the year's work (from Dec. 29, 1916 till Dec. 21, 1917), follows:

Receipts:	
Collections of teas	812 08
Box Social	321 15
Collecting of School Section	306 00
Unveiling of Honor Roll	26 80
Mrs Arthur McClellan	5 00
L. O. L. No 1182	6 50
Total	\$777 53

Expenditure	
Yarn	\$165 21
Goods, buttons, tape and thread	467 64
Total	632 85
Balance on hand	144 68
Total	\$777 53

About \$100 worth of sewing material is on hand. Work done: 294 pair socks, 138 day shirts, 117 hospital shirts, 214 towels hemmed, 72 pillow cases, 68 suits pyjamas, 12 pillow ticks filled with feathers, 44 vermin suits
Mrs C. Ritchie, Secretary

Herman Haw, well-known in Egremont is Reeve of Riverside, a Sask. municipality, by a vote of 194 to 79 so we learn from the Pennant Observer, which seems highly pleased at the result. "Mr Haw is progressive without being visionary and his level-headed business ability will pilot the municipality safely another year" is the bouquet they gave him, and his friends here congratulate him heartily.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Lauretta McAuliffe is home from Toronto.

Mr Geo. Danm of Wingham, visited friends here this week.

Miss Reta Torry of Kitchener is spending the holidays in Durham.

Miss Ada and Willie Morlock are Xmas visitors at S. F. Morlock's.

Mr Raymond Search of Georgetown is a visitor at S. F. Morlock's.

Mr Gordon Barton of the C. P. R., staff is holidaying in Tilsonburg.

Miss Hannah McAuliffe of Toronto is home for Christmas holidays.

Mr Hugh McLenn of Kitchener is holidaying at the old home here.

Rev. Mr Whaley left Monday to spend holidays in Zorra and elsewhere.

Mrs Fremlin and two sons of Toronto are guests at her sister's Mrs J. P. Telford.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson of Kitchener, are holiday visitors in the old town.

A Norman Lenahan of St Michael's College Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Miss Edna Limin of Toronto, returned on Saturday to spend over Christmas at home.

Messrs Robt. L. and Fred Laidlaw, students of Toronto are home for the holidays.

Mr Wilbert Knisley, who has been out West for some time, is home over the holidays.

Miss Georgina Lawson of Toronto, is holidaying with her parents, Mr and Mrs R. Lawson.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Backus, Toronto, spent the holiday season with his parents in South Bentinck.

Miss Myrtle Allan of Toronto, spent over Christmas at Mrs Ritchie's and her home in Egremont.

Mr Armour Dean relieving agent at Caledon, formerly of the C. P. R. here, visited in town over Sunday.

Miss Chrissie McGirr of Owen Sound Collegiate, and Margaret, of Toronto, are home over the holiday season.

Ye editor was in Toronto last week end as delegate from Ben Nevis Camp to the Grand Camp, Sons of Scotland.

Mrs Geo. Stinson of Hartney, Man., is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Chas. Brown. Geo. is also expected in a few days.

Normalites home for the Christmas vacation are Misses Grace Petty, Marion Marshall and Ross Maidment, all of Toronto.

Mr and Mrs McRae and Mr and Mrs Fisher and children of Toronto, were holiday guests of the latter's sister, Mrs E. A. Hay.

Mr John Mcraith, who has just been successful in his Junior exams at Pharmacy, came up Monday night to spend over Christmas at home.

Mrs G. Forrester of Oakville, accompanied by her mother, Mrs George Watt who was visiting her, returned to the old home last week to spend some time. Mr. Forrester was also up over Christmas.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Heughan and little daughter of Port Hope, are holidaying over Christmas at her mother's, Mrs R. Marshall.

Miss Glenna Campbell, of C. W. T. J., a former Durham H. S. student, has been successful in passing her Model School exams. at Clinton, and returned home on Saturday. Congratulations.

Mr Will McGowan Jr., who has been farming in Manitoba near Portage La Prairie for almost two years, came home Friday night and will remain about three months. He reports splendid crops in that district and a severe cold snap during the past month.

Pte. Eric Kelly of London is home on leave over Christmas. He has transferred from the Army Medical Corps to the Royal Flying Corps and will commence training at Toronto after New Years. In February he expects to be sent to Texas to a milder climate, to remain until Camp Borden reopens.

The teachers home for their Christmas holidays are as follows: Misses Alethea and Edith Grant of Toronto; Miss Susie Kelsey of South Egremont; Miss Vivian Crawford of Toronto; Miss Elanthe Reid of Riverview; Miss Agnes Ramage of No 4, Cayuga; Miss Agnes McGirr of Ridgeway, Miss Alix Edge of Colpoys Bay, Miss Agnes Petty of Toronto, Miss Janet Marshall of Craigleith.

Mr Jas. H. Coleridge, Toronto, is spending the week among relatives at Markdale, with his sister Mrs C. Ramage in Durham, brother Dan in Holstein, and with mother-in-law and other relatives in Egremont. Mr Coleridge is well on in his second year teaching classes of wounded soldiers, under the Soldiers' Aid Commission and gets \$1300 salary.

We wish all our Friends and Customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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NORTH-EAST NORMANBY

We wish the Editor and readers a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Messrs Wm Bogle and Elmer Fee returned Saturday night from a four day's stay in Toronto as delegates from Varney Grange.

Mrs Andrew Picken and Miss Jean left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Millbank friends.

BORN—On December 21st to Mr and Mrs Andrew Marshall a son.

Among the holiday visitors we notice Miss M. Backus of Collingwood, Miss M. McAllister and Misses Ros and Jean Maidment of Toronto, Miss Lizetta Birr of Kitchener, Miss Neila Marshall of Conn and Miss Ella Barber of Dornoch.

Mr Alderson of Preston spent over the holiday with his uncle, Mr Wm Carson.

S. S. No 1 Red Cross met again this week at the home of the Pres. Mrs Thos McAllister.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Backus arrived a week ago to visit for a couple of weeks with Mr and Mrs J. Backus.

Return Your Library Books

The Librarian has reported to the Library Board a list of book borrowers who have had books out for a period of 3 months or more. Repeated requests and notices have failed to bring these books in. Unless all books are returned by January the parties holding same will be billed for them and if necessary collection made through legal process. By order
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