

PRICEVILLE AND VICINITY

PRICEVILLE AND SOUTH LINE

(This week's budget)

Died at her son's residence, Mr. Angus Hooper, on the evening of Dec. 17th, Margaret Gillies, widow of the late Joseph Hooper, at the age of 89 years. Mrs. Hooper has been a resident of S. Glenelg, since her marriage to Mr. Hooper, twenty-four years ago. Her illness was of a short duration. She was a constant member of the Presbyterian church at Priceville, a dutiful mother, and a faithful life partner. She leaves one son, Angus and one daughter, Mrs. Burnett. Mrs. Thos. McDougall died 7 years ago. The funeral to the cemetery on her son's place was largely attended on Friday, 15th Dec. Rev. Mr. Jones, the pastor, preached an impressive sermon on the occasion. Probably some other writer will be writing and we will not say much. However we have known the deceased lady from her youthful days and her father, the late Angus Gillies, who was a local preacher and often preached in the old school house at our old home, when no service was conducted by any other minister. That far away date is now nearly 70 years ago. He was a real Christian, who did not spare himself, for often he walked from near Dornoch on Saturday to be present on Sunday. The pall bearers were six young men, near relatives of the deceased, and W. G. Watson, undertaker. This ends the career of another faithful pioneer, who was highly respected by all who formed her acquaintance.

The Sunday School entertainment held in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening last week was a success. The program was well rendered by local talent, notably Mr. Bushel, who made the evening more entertaining by his musical ability. As circumstances prevented us from being present, we cannot give a full and accurate account. However, all acted their parts well, the ladies as usual doing their part. Proceeds about \$70.

(Intended for last week) This is Monday night, the 11th of December, and as the mail does not reach in time for the 4:30 train, it may be put down as being too late for this week. However we will send it anyway. The wind is howling outside somewhat fierce at times but is milder than it was all day. Last Sunday communion was held in the Presbyterian Church and was well attended. Six youngsters from the ages of 15 to 20 years joined. It is good to see the youth showing they respect the command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

A week ago Sunday, Rev. Mr. Jones took Rev. Mr. Lane's charge at Hanover and Hampden, as Mr. Lane was out of Swinton Park. Mr. Jones was accompanied by Messrs Thos. Nichol and Wm. Mather, both having relatives in the vicinity, and at Hanover Mr. Nichol saw his son, David McNeil who is 90 years of age and quite smart yet for a man of that age. Mr. Mather saw friends at Hampden and at Hanover.

This is the season for entertainments. Next Friday the Sunday School entertainment in the Presbyterian church and a good time is expected. On the 18th inst. Miss McCuaig is to have a good concert and several other amusements.

Mr. Donald McLachlan of Priceville met with an accident one day last week while moving the east of the village. His car swerved and dumped down an embankment, and bruising Mr. McLachlan badly but is getting better again. His car was badly wrecked.

Mr. Robt. Shortreed had a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs on Friday last week from which he has not yet recovered his usual activity on his rounds as mail carrier. We hope to see him around again shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McLachlan's little girl, going on three years, had a severe attack of pneumonia, but all are pleased to hear that this pleasant little girl is on the mend. All the sick ones were attended by Dr. Carr of Priceville.

We received a letter from our niece, Miss Louisa McDonald of Lethbridge, Alta., lately of Durham. She says they are comfortably situated, and have all the conveniences to make their home comfortable, but still they will never forget Priceville and the old home a couple of miles west, and departed loved ones in McNeil's cemetery. She states they have a Rev. Mr. Jones as preacher in the Presbyterian church there, also a choir of 60 voices. We must admit they have a better choir but doubtful if a better Mr. Jones than ours as a preacher.

Many regrets to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Chas. Moffat, (nee Jean McFarlane of Rob Roy.) Election will now be the general talk for a few weeks but as yet is kind of quiet.

Mrs. Rogers McEachern is spending a few weeks with friends in town. Her grandchild three years old is improving from a critical ailment. The little girl is a daughter of her son Alex.

Our town is beginning to cheer up and if a few inches of snow would come calmly, it would make every business lively. Bushmen say it is grand weather to gather up fuel that is going to waste when the deep snow comes. However we will have to take the weather as it comes.

Mr. Alex. McLeod, who is collector in Priceville ward will soon be finished. He is now left alone as his good daughter who was his faithful housekeeper, has undertaken to be a nurse in the new hospital. Mr. McLeod had a family of four sons and two daughters, all doing well in different parts of the country. Mrs. Cameron, his eldest daughter, is near by. It is 11 or 12 years since Mr. McLeod lost his faithful life partner.

Rev. Mr. Bushel preached a powerful sermon last Friday night, preparatory to the communion in the Presbyterian church. Unfortunately the night was dark and dreary or else more would have been present to hear this eloquent speaker on the subject of communion.

HOPEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Campbell and children, are expected home to spend over the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dingwall. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hockridge were in Hamilton a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mills and boys, were recent visitors at Mr. D. S. McDonald's.

Mr. Jas. Christie is able to be around again after being bedfast for a few days with an attack of appendicitis. The Threshing Machine Co. held a meeting a week Friday evening to wind up business for the season.

Wishing all the readers a merry Christmas. Mr. Frank Grimes has rented Mr. Wm. McKenzie's blacksmith shop. Council meeting in the village Friday last.

SWINTON PARK

We are sorry to report that Mrs. McLean, con. 14, is not much improved, also that her daughter Annie, Mrs. John Aldcorn, who has been waiting on her mother, is also very poorly. We hope for their speedy recovery.

On Saturday Dec. 16th, at the hour of twelve, Rev. C. S. Jones of Priceville and Swinton Park, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Aldcorn, united in wedlock their youngest daughter, Margaret Marian and Mr. Robert Edward Hurd, also of this place. About 25 guests were present, consisting of the two families and nearby relatives. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Thos. Weir, sister of the groom, and little Isabel Jean McMillan, acted flower girl. Congratulations over dinner was hastily served for Mr. Jones had only a few moments to get to Jno. L. Ferguson's, con. 14, where at 1:30 he united in marriage the only and much loved daughter, Hazel, and Mr. Geo. Duncan from near Dundalk. The guests also in this case, were parents, sisters and brothers and near relatives to the number of about forty. Miss Jessie Campbell of Orangeville played the wedding march, she with Mr. and Mrs. Jones, had time for a leisurely dinner at the second. Hazel Ferguson and Maggie Aldcorn have been great friends and constant companions since first starting to school. They have spent the night together at the Elgin House Muskoka, together, and planned their marriage and a trip to follow, both intending to take the evening train at Dundalk for Toronto.

The Ferguson party got there with no time to spare; the Aldcorn party having more time enjoyed themselves at home in music, chat and a few dances, just leaving in time to catch the train. But alas the Baby Grand had stood in the cold all day and would not develop the necessary heat to reach the station in time, but realizing the fact they telephoned ahead for a car at the garage which was waiting when they got there. They quickly changed cars and beat the train to Orangeville and the two parties departed rejoicing.

They will visit several places before their return to Swinton Park and grooms are well known here and for them every good thing is wished. Sunday School Xmas Tree and entertainment in Presbyterian Church here on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. Program in the hands of the school teachers in Priceville and Swinton Park school, as most of the pupils in those sections are members of the S. School. Admission, children free, adults 25c. Spend the night with the children.

The Xmas fowl are catching fits these days. Harry Young and Oliver Millner took a load of fowl by motor to the city last week, realizing good prices.

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This lady, long resident in Durham and neighborhood, passed away at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Richard Hoy, Flesherton, last week. She had just a few days previously gone there on a visit when the grim messenger arrived. She was formerly a Mrs. Sirr, Mrs. Hoy and Mrs. John McLaughlin being daughters and one son, Ezekiel Sirr in the West, being chief mourners. For many years she has been cared for by her daughter in town and we extend our sympathy to her in her bereavement.

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Death of William Ritchie

Friday last after about only ten days' illness, Mr. Wm. Ritchie, well known in Durham and Glenelg passed away at his home on Mill Street from a heart trouble. It may be said he died in harness for up to his sudden duties he was attending to his

Mr. Ritchie was in his 72nd year, best part of his life, eight years ago moving to Durham. He married a daughter of the late Jas. Edge and to this happy union, eight children were born. They are Wm. J., Treasurer of Glenelg; Herbert and Earl in Manitoba; Eva (Mrs. Davis) Alberta; Maria, in Winnipeg; Lillie and Kate at home. One son Edgar died only two weeks ago. These, with their mother will mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Two brothers survive him, Inspector John Ritchie of Port Arthur and George of Glenelg. Sisters are Mrs. Geo. Fitch, Durham; Mrs. W. H. Moffat, Pinkerton; Mrs. Arch. Ector, Elbow, Sask.

Deceased has been an efficient caretaker of the High School for six or seven years, was a regular attendant at Divine worship in the Presbyterian church, which was filled with mourners at the funeral service on Tuesday, when his pastor, Rev. W. J. Smith, conducted appropriate services. At the services Mrs. (Rev.) Smith rendered a fitting solo. Mr. Ritchie was a prominent Orangeman and a large number of his brethren, marked his passing by his presence and burial service. The High School was adjourned in the afternoon and teachers and many pupils attended the services. From his home township came a lot of old neighbors and altogether his demise brought a wonderful demonstration of sympathy for the mourners and respect for the memory of the dead.

Floral offerings were numerous—among them being a wreath from the High School Board, one from the High School, one each from Durham L.O.L., True Blues and Royal Scalet Chapter, the family, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McFadden and others.

Visitors from a distance were: Brother John, who came in time to see him in life; Mr. and Mrs. W. Moffat, and John Moffat of Narva; Mrs. Geo. Firth and daughter, Mrs. Hunt, Grand Valley, and a cousin, Andrew Watson, Paisley.

Obituary Robert John Matthews It would almost seem as if this district were passing through a period of sudden deaths. The number of people were started to learn on Friday last that the above gentleman had passed away at his home, 19th con. Egremont, without a moment's warning—plunging in this manner, family and friends into deepest grief. He was in his usual health, talking with his family in the kitchen when he suddenly collapsed, the heart refusing its functions.

Deceased was a son of the late Jas. Matthews of Durham, who died about three months ago, and had passed his 54th birthday. He was born and had lived his whole life in the neighborhood. Some 27 years ago he married Miss Mary Schenk, and the union was blessed with four children: Mr. J. A.; Ruby M.; Amanda and Joan all at home. Besides these other mourners are his aged mother and sister Jane in town, James M. of Holland; Earl V. Elton, (Mrs. Schenk), and Sarah, (Mrs. M. Hooper) all in Egremont.

Interment took place on Sunday in Maplewood cemetery, after services in St. Paul's church conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. G. Hardy. Deceased was Anglican and Conservative, respected as neighbor and friend, and had a talent for fixing machinery, that the community often profited by. We remember him as a bright and generous pupil of our teaching days, and we extend sincere sympathy to all the mourners.

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Durham Pres. S. S. Concert

The Presbyterian Sunday School Concert came off with much eclat on Friday evening last. The Town Hall was packed with fathers and mothers of the children taking part, sisters, brothers and friends. The program, "The Dream of the Montieus," was the theme of the evening, and judging from the way the little tots performed their several and various parts, it was the work and dream of weeks to those who had the training in charge. Much credit goes to Misses V. Caldwell, Sadie McDonald, Allie McGowan and Marion Marshall, for the care, thought and time spent over the children.

Rev. W. H. Smith, B. A., opened the evening with some humorous remarks and said he felt sure the audience appreciated the work the concert entailed.

The costumes of the pageant were striking, and the respective months in order, brought forth their pet day, or something for which that month is unique. The children did their respective parts well and it would be unwise as well as impractical to enumerate individually. The pageant works up to a grand climax when Santa Claus (J. H. Harding) representing December comes into their midst and receives a warm welcome.

The proverbial Christmas Tree is there and with eighty five to one hundred children massed on the platform, it makes a striking finale. The evening was opened by a fine instrumental solo by one of the S. S. scholars, Kathleen Milne, "Christmas Chimes." Following this a backward drill was given by about a dozen girls with middie, aprons and sunbonnets turned backwards, while for them it was eyes to the front. A quartette of girls from the Bible class sang "Holy Night" with good feeling.

This was followed by a charming number, "The Dance of the Poisettes." The dance was executed by seven young ladies and in their striking red costumes and pointettes in their hair, they went through spiral, grand chain and minuet movements, as well as Grecian poses, to the delight of all present. In fact many went as far as to state that it was the prettiest dance they had ever seen. The poetry of motion was surely exemplified in this number. Miss J. Weir, B. A., had the training in charge and Miss Alice Ramage was accompanist. Miss V. Caldwell was the accompanist for the pageant.

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