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TOWN TOPICS

The personal column will be found on page 8 of this issue.

Rob Roy Grain Prices—We are paying 35c to 40c for Oats, 55 to 60c for Barley, 75 to 85c for Buckwheat, $1.25 to $1.50 for Peas at our elevator this week. Rob Roy Mills Ltd.

Trinity Concert Friday Night.

Because of the Waterworks meeting in the Hall this Thursday night, Trinity Church Sunday School concert has been changed one day later—to Friday night.

An Alderman of St. Catharines

Mr W. D. Mills, of St. Catharines, has for a number of years been prominent in the business life of the city. This year the city has made him one of its aldermen. We congratulate him—and St. Catharines.

MR. C. C. MIDDLEBRO'
Durham's New Barrister

...al Installation of Officers

... Durham No. 446, C. O. F. will ... annual installation of ... first Thursday in Ja... brethren are reque...

... Bourne, C... Mr C. C. Middlebro, who has tak... ...en over the law practice of Barrister ... Currey, arrived last Saturday and the ... will be known as Middlebro, ... and Middlebro. Mr Mid... ...son of Mr Jno. G. Middle... ... Sound and received his ...n at the Public Schools ... Institute there. Later ...aw office of Messrs ...man and completed ... Osgoode Hall, ...e graduated ...g up the ... spent ...

...mbers Celebrate Charter Fortieth Anniversary

...gue Missionary Meeting Held at ...he home of Mrs. Chas. Brown

To have been for from thirty five to forty years a member of a Missionary Society, devoted to missionary welfare at home as well as abroad, is the lot of few women in Durham. Yet to six ladies of the Baptist Church, resident in and near the town, have fallen this record. They are : Mrs Zenus Clark, Mrs Thos. McComb, Mrs Chas. Brown, Mrs Robt. Webber, Mrs Hugh McLean and Mrs Jno. Bogle. The first four named are charter members of the Baptist Women's Mission Circle, organized about forty years ago, the latter two ladies joining up shortly after. At that far away time, the late Mrs. (Rev.) Alexander Stewart wasthe untiring President and the late Mrs Ben Townsent (then Flora McDougall) the Secretary. The Society was organized in the church, but for many years after the meetings were held at the home of Mrs. Stewart. The work for many years was of the most discouraging nature, only two and three being in attendance at times. But cast in the same heroic mould as her pioneer husband, Mrs. Stewart continually labored on till her death.

To commemorate the forty years of missionary activity, the Baptist Women's Missionary Circle of to-day, held a unique meeting on Thursday, December 20th, at the home of one of their charter members, Mrs. Chas. Brown. Five years ago Mrs Brown was made a life memberof the Society and to her fell the honor of presenting Bibles to each of the other five ladies, who have stood "as a rock in a weary land" for their church and ...nterests. Mrs Brown in a neat ... told the twenty four ladies ... from Porta... of the early days of ... to spend ... in many cases drew ...sk. Full... ...ions to members now ...l. Mrs. Brown retains ...culties to a marked de...ree, and it was regrettable ...tories of these pioneer ...ays were not heard by a ...ice.

...he surprise of Mrs Brown, ...en president for some time, ... was presented with the ... gold pin by Mrs S. F. Mc... a token of love and appreci... ...n its members.

... close of the afternoon the ...ere decorated and bountifully ...th the season's best and at ...ll present sat down and did ... "Blest be the tie that binds", ... a unique meeting in the mis... ...y annals of Durham. There are ...hirty seven members on the ...sionary roll of the church.

May be Acclamation.

As Councillor McFadden states he will not be in the field for Reeve, Mr Calder, who announced his candidature in last week's Review, will likely have no opposition, as we have heard of no other possible contenders. The Mayor and Council will also, by the present outlook, be returned without opposition.

Winners of Bean Contests

For guessing the number of beans in a jar in Mack Saunders' window, Mrs. Mel. Storrey won the first prize (a Borsalino hat) with 4013. The correct number was 4012, counted by Harry Kress. Cecil Paylor won 2nd, guessing 4010 and Floyd Kearns 3rd with 4000. Geo. Burnett conducted a similar contest giving a $12 club bag to the winner. This was won by Jack Lauder who guessed 4316, the correct count being 4275. Howard McDonald came second closest.

Men's Class

At the High School and at some U. F. O. Clubs they have been debating the question "Is the world growing better ?" There is much to be said on both sides. Not, have we more, nor do we know more, but are we ourselves better. Naturally for us there is only one standard of Judgment and it is Christian. This last Sunday of the year is a good time to take stock,—of ourselves—and seriously face the question—what direction are we travelling and what progress are we making. Next Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Come and bring a friend.

...Varney Christmas Tree.

Varney Christmas Tree, which is now a fixed institution, came off as usual with great success in the Varney church Christmas night. Rev. L. E. West, pastor, occupied the chair and was in a happy mood. Numbers by the scholars took up most of the evening but a Christmas fantasy given by abut twenty young people was a feature worthy of mention. A rose drill was also excellently rendered. The Tree was well laden with gifts for young and old and to the small child it was a vision of delight. $38 was taken in at the door.

Methodist Missionary Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, met on Thursday, Dec. 20th at the Parsonage . A large number of ladies were present and enjoyed the interesting program prepared by Mrs M. Knechtel. The chapter taken from the Study Book, "Building the Nation," dealing with the immigrants from South Eastern Europe who have come to dwell in Canada, viz : Poles, Ukranians, Doukhobers, was discussed by Mesdames Wiggins, Wolfe, Moon, Peters and Miss Cousins. The Watch Tower Heralds read the latest reports from our mission aries in Japan. China, B. Columbia and Alberta and our workers amongst the Italians in Toronto. Mrs McClocklin read an extract from "Ben Hur,", entitled "The first Christmas." The hymns and Scripture reading were all on the subject of the Birth of Christ. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs Wolfe and Mrs Sherk, after which a social half hour was spent over the tea cups. Mrs Sherk reported that a box of clothing had been sent by the Auxiliary to All People's Mission in Hamilton and another to the Indian Mission, Walpole Island, by the Mission Band.

GREETINGS

For the many good wishes of correspondents and others in the paper and privately, we return hearty thanks. To them and to all readers we extend best wishes for a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Durham Town Hall Filled On Annual Student Night

Varied Program Given and Presentations Made to Students

The attendant results which occurred when a group of young girls tried to give their faithful maiden chaperone a holiday, while visiting in New York, as shown in the comical playlet, "Aunt Billy from Texas," were very credibly portrayed by a cast of seventeen students of the Durham High School in their annual Commencement Exercises held Friday, Dec, 21st last in the town hall. In addition to the play and numerous musical numbers, presentation of the two High School Board Medals and twenty six certificates to Middle school students were made. Lower school certificates were mailed to the successful students in order to shorten the length of the evening's program.

In the play, the feature number on the program, the anti-modernist lady, Miss Grumley (Florence Kress) and exponent of perfect respectability, wasn't any too popular when her bevy of bright boarding school lassies encountered the bright lights of Broadway, while Albert Kress, impersonating "Aunt Billie" from Texas, endeavored to have the girls enjoy the whirl of the metropolis. Martin Lauder was his assistant and whose modern ideas of socialibility did not harmonize with Miss Grumley's. The girls in the party were : Eula Burnett, Clara McCrae, Marjory Pickering, Emily Smith, Catherine Lavelle and Edith Willis who now do not believe in chaperonage in New York. Three doctors (Eddie Kearney, Campbell McLean and Clarence Elvidge) were called in for medical advice and with their nurse (Becky Levine) finally decided a throat operation wasn't necessary for the impersonating Aunt Billy," after their fees were pocketed. The situation clears up with the arrival of the real aunt (Sadie Levine) and Uucle Dick (Will Vollet) from Texas, and whose troubles diaperse by marrying each other. Stewart McIlraith made a flashy bell hop at the hotel where the guests stayed, and Clarence Noble and Walter Dunbar were a husky pair of stretcher bearers who knew their job better than most hospital attendants.

Dr J. F. Grant, Secretary of the High School Board,, before presenting the Middle School certificates, made a short address in which he pointed out the appropriateness of the remarks once made by the late Inspector Campbell, that the opportunities on all sides were as open doors to the young. In youth these doors stood invitingly open but one by one the doors became closed and regret was then occasioned, for not having entered the doors. The speaker referred to Ontario taking second place to none in the world of education and no place in Ontario offered better opportunities in this regard than Durham.

The students who received the certificates were Misses H. Milligan, E. Hunt, F. Kress, C. McCrae, B. Stoneouse, P. Mortley, D. Mather, M. Bell, G. McCallum, V. Ritchie, B. Traynor, S. Levine, B. Levine, M. Metcalfe, E. Burnett and Messrs G. Brunt, L. Hunt, R. Burnett, R. Smail, C. Wiggins, G. Riddell, W. Dunbar, M. Lauder, C. Noble, I. Sharp, W. Vollett.

To Mr Thos Allan, for 31 years principal of the school, fell the honor of presenting medals to Miss Marjory Ritchie, for highest standing from Forms I to II, and to George Hay for similar merit in passing from Form II to Form III. To gain the leadership in student's studies, he pointed out that it was necessary for the student to give the best of attention to the work in hand, to make application of what was learned and to learn to reason where memory was apt to be used.

The first part of the program was made up of two choruses by the School Glee Club, Dixie melodies sung by a score of "darkened" coons, solos by Miriam Cameron, Eben Cameron and Catherine Lavelle, duet by Misses Beulah Stoneouse and Mary Bell, reading by Marjory Firth, piano instrumental by Kathleen Lavelle, who ably presided as pianist for the evening, and Jean Harding, who with a doll, went through the simple and rhythm movements of a dance entitled "Two Dutch Dolls" in perfect time.

Principal Robb acted as Chairman for the evening and to himself and three assistants, credit must be given fo rthe merited program. The spirit and vim of the students were well displayed in several yells, some of them being modelled after Toronto Varsity yells.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Monday, Jan. 7 : In the Anglican Ch.
Topic : The parable of the Soil
Speaker : Rev. W. H. Smith
Tuesday, Jan. 8, In the Methodist Ch.
Topic : The Parable of the Talents
Speaker : Rev. Mr. Aird
Wedn'y, Jan. 9, In the Presby'ian Ch.
Topic : The Parable of the Great Supper
Speaker : Rev. J. E. Peters
Thurs., Jan. 10, In the Baptist Church
Topic : The Parable of the Good Samaritan.
Speaker : Rev. J. H. Whealan
The meetings will be at 8 o'clock ench evening and the offering will be for the Bible Society.

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J. G. Russwurm, Hanover, Ont.

The Health of a Town.

The official report of the examination made of the wells of the town in October last, appears below. It was sent to Dr. Hutton, M. O. H. and the record, as far as we understand it, is a formidable indictment of our water supply. The tests at different temperatures will explain themselves, though the results in their inconsistency, are obscure. Just how the colon bacilli in 3rd column, in 70 instances amounted to 1000—no more, no less,—we are at a loss to say. Only in six or seven instances are the wells comemndable. Wonder we re not all dead !

The report should give emphasis to the necessity of a better water supply as the pending by-law is intended to provide. It will be seen that the Lake supply is favored by the latest investigators, though they are wrong in supposing only one spring in East Hill. There are other inaccuracies.

Acting on the instructions from the Chief Officer of Health, a sanitary survey was made of Durham on Oct 11th, 1923. Mr. Delaporte was in charge of the work and reports as folows :

The town of Durham is situated on one of the branches of the Saugeen River. The major portion of the town is in the valley, but the north east section of the town is situated on a hill. There is no municipally owned water system in Durham nor are there any sanitary sewers. Nearly half the town is supplied with water from a gravity supply owned by one of the citizens. This supply is secured from two different springs in the north end of the town. One, called the east spring, is situated at the south side of the hill previously noted, the other being located perhaps half a mile north west of the first. This supply is augmented by water from a flowing artesian well situated to the south of the town. The water from the well is forced into the mains by a hydraulic ram. The samples from both the springs and the hotel tap show pollution, due possibly to a lack of adequate protection. Samples secured from the flowing well were free from pollution. The town is proposing to install a municipal supply and have retained a firm of engineers to report on the situation. The engineers in their report advocate the development of the east spring.

There are four sources of supply available for Durham : (1) The springs, (2) Deep wells, (3) The river and (4) Wilder's Lake, situated about six miles south east of the town. Samples secured by consulting engineers from the Lake indicated pollution but samples taken Oct. 11th, by the engineer of the Provincial Board of Health were free from pollution. Not having the data used by the consulting engineers it does not seem feasible to secure enough water from one spring for the whole town when the same spring, at the present time, is only part of a supply for less than half the town. This spring is located below part of the town, and with the installation of sewers in the area to the north of the spring, is certain to become polluted.

It should be quite possible to secure an ample water supply for Durham from deep wells : unfortunately the deep wells in use in the town are very hard and a number of the people object to the taste.

The Saugeen River is seriously contaminated with farm drainage and, before use as a domestic supply, would require very careful purification. It would be inadvisable to utilize this water at the present time when other supplies are available.

Wilder's Lake is about six miles south east o fthe town. Practically all, if not all, the surrounding land is owned by one man. This gentleman has offered this supply to the town of Durham . As the Lake is situated 160 feet above the town, the supply would be a gravity one. It would be necessary to take stringent measures to prevent the casual pollution of the supply. It would seem advisable for the town authorities to further investigate the possibilities of this supply before making any decision.

During the investigation 435 premises were inspected. Less than half (206) the premises were supplied with water from Mr. Snell's water system. 125 wells were sampled. Only 7 of these wells were free or comparatively free from pollution and 99 of them showed gross pollution.

Seven premises had private sewers to the river and 127 had septic tanks or cesspits. There were 313 privies located. The town dump is located north of the Durham Road and west of the Garafraxa Road in a marshy area south of the west spring. There are no local by-laws governing the type, construction or location of privies or the removal of night soil.

There are two dairies retailing milk in Durham. The milk is not pasteurized. There are no local by-laws regulating the sale or distribution of milk in Durham.

It is therefore recommended :—

(1) That Durham proceed with the installation of a municipally owned water system with all possible speed. The choice of supply should only be made after a very careful investigation into the possibilities of the various sources available.

(2) That Durham instruct their en-

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Whatever the world may be coming to, it isn't its senses.

If a man doesn't read the papers and hasn't sense enough to form an opinion, he isn't fit for anything except a juryman.

Santa Claus a Liberal Provider

The industries of Durham again played the Santa Claus role this Christmas to their employees. The men engaged at the Durham Stone and Sand Co. received plump turkeys from the officials of the Company, while the men of the Durham Furniture Co. were recipients of equally plump goose, the single men receiving neckties.

Lamb—Kelsey Nuptials

After the Review had gone to press last week, an intimation came announcing the marriage of Miss Catharine Ermine Kelsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Fred W Kelsey, to Mr James Wellington Lamb. The nuptials were celebrated in Cowan Ave Presbyterian Church, Toronto on Dec. 17th and the happy couple have taken up residence in Caledonia. Up to the time of her marriage, the bride was a student at the Normal School in North Bay and was one of the medalists at Durham during her school days here.

LIBRARY WARNING !

Notice to Book Borrowers

Notice is hereby given that all books borrowed from Durham Public Library, new or old, and have been retained over the two weeks allowed, must be returned to Librarian before Dec. 31st, 1923.

After that date the value of the books so retained will be collected. The Librarian has received instructions to impose a fine of (2) two cents a day, for every day a book is retained after two weeks. This rule will go into force Jan. 1st, 1924.

By Order Library Board

Waterworks Engineer Here To-Night

A public meeting to hear the facts regarding the installation of a waterworks system in Durham discussed, is being held in the Town Hall tonight, Thursday, Dec. 27th. Mr Redfern of James, Proctor and Redfern, the engineers, who made the survey, will be present and explain fully the cost and proposed system. There is no doubt we require waterworks if only for pure water, without considering the great need of adequate fire protection. Come and gain information.

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