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DOWN TOPICS

Cheer up! sleighing for Christmas and the days are getting longer.

Durham School Report and much other matter held over till next week. If you want to be sure of the very best possible for your Eyes, go to Dr. Meikle, Mount Forest.

Warning: All parties are hereby forbidden from using my credit as I will not be responsible.

Arch. Thompson

Cattle for Sale: 1 springer and 3 pure bred Shorthorn heifers, 2 years old. Apply to W. G. Firth, R.R. 1, Durham. Phone 606 1-4.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon of Basswood, Man., in forwarding his subscription, says: "We are enjoying very mild weather: not enough snow for sleighing."

The annual Christmas concert in Varnay Church will be held this year on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th, instead of on Christmas night as usual. The play "Miss Molly" will be repeated by the young people and other numbers given. Don't miss it.

Commission Can't Act
The decision of the Church Property Commission following the hearing at Walkerton of the United Church and non-concurring Presbyterians, reached town last week. It is a lengthy document or rather three documents and leaves things in Durham just as they exist now. Rev. W. H. Smith will read the findings at morning service next Sunday.

Won Good Prizes at Walkerton
Exhibiting at Walkerton Winter Fair held last week, Mr. Jas. Picken won first prize for his horse, in the carriage class out of 5 entries. Then Carriage and Roadster classes were grouped together for the championship animal, and here in 11 entries, Jim was awarded first honors. He is deservedly proud of the distinction attained.

Dropped 18 Feet
While in their barn last Saturday, Clifford Young, son of Mr and Mrs. Thos. Young, of town, climbed a ladder resting against a beam 18 feet from the floor. He was removing a jack knife from the beam, when the rung on which he was standing, broke, and he fell to the floor, lighting on his feet. He is suffering from a sprained ankle which will incapacitate him for a few weeks, but it is fortunate injuries were not more serious.

Santa Claus was Here
The arrival of Santa Claus at the Variety Store on Saturday afternoon, was a momentous and joyful occasion for the kiddies. Nearly 200 of them were on hand to greet him; they swarmed around and left him in no doubt as to their appreciation of his visit. He could not remain very long here, but he received many messages as to what was required for Christmas, and distributed peanuts among the youngsters as a reminder of his visit.

A Strenuous Car Trip
Returning to Buffalo Saturday morning after the funeral of their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. R. McGowan the previous day, Mr. Arch. McKenzie and daughter, with his son-in-law, Will McGowan, (who motored as far as Fergus back with them) had a trip to be remembered. So heavy was the Garafaxa to Arthur, that three times Will had to get teams to pull their car through the drifts and on other occasions, had to tramp ahead of the car or reverse and charge ahead to make headway. It took three hours to reach Mount Forest, and two more to get to Fergus. South of there, there was little snow and clear spinning. Will came home from Fergus by train and counts it his most strenuous car experience.

When the Children Entertained
The spirit of Christmas pervaded the Public School last Friday afternoon, when from 2 to 4:30 p.m., programs were given by the pupils in four of the rooms. The eight rooms combined in pairs for their concerts. Prin. Graham's and Miss S. McDonald's, Misses Browning and A. McDonald's, Misses Morton and McEachern's, Misses Withun and Schaffer's. The entertainment provided, consisting of solos, recitations, drills, dialogues, etc., was the best yet and a larger quota of visitors than usual enjoyed the various programs. Each pair of rooms was adorned with a finely decorated Christmas Tree, from which gifts were distributed. Each of the teachers was handsomely remembered by their pupils, Principal Graham receiving a beautiful leather bound volume of Pauline Johnston's poems, Miss McDonald a lovely purse, and such to all. The caretaker, Mr. Myers and his wife, were also surprised and tickled to receive thoughtful gifts.

Merry Christmas and Good Wishes to Everybody

To all our readers, which includes patrons of every kind, advertisers, correspondents and subscribers, the Publishers extend and reciprocate the Season's good wishes for

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year

Christmas Music in Churches was Fine

Good congregations were in attendance at all the town churches Sunday. The weather was all that could be desired. The pastors of the various bodies made reference of the Christmas time and preached sermons dealing with the birthday of the Christ and the influence that great event has had on the world.

The music was in keeping with the occasion and showed results of the work of several weeks. It was greatly appreciated by those who attended and aided greatly in acquiring the Christmas atmosphere.

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

In the evening at this church the music was in cantata form—"The World's Redeemer" and of an hour's duration. The cantata was divided into sections, viz: previous to the birth of Christ and succeeding His birth. Between these sections, Rev. W. H. Smith gave a seasonal address on the birth of our Saviour, marking the strong contrast of the only people who were aware of the Saviour's birth—the three wise men and the shepherds, and the millions who now know Him and revere Him. In excellence and the many choral, duet and solo arrangements, prompted a musical admirer in the audience in giving his verdict, as the "best yet." Every seat in the church was filled.

QUEEN ST. UNITED CHURCH

The morning service had about it the spirit of Christmas. Hymns and anthems were of the joyful yet worshipful order and the minister took for his subject "Stars that lead to Christ."

The Sunday School was in charge of the evening service and the church was filled to overflowing. It was the evening for the presentation of "White Gifts for the King." All the decorations were of white, stars that were festooned all around the church. Prominent on the platform were a white star, brightly illuminated, a white cross and a white manger.

The program opened with the hymn "Joy to the World" followed by a short prayer by Rev. J. E. Peters. The school scholars then sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and Mr. W. Glass, superintendent, told the story of white gifts for the ancient king, that has culminated in our day in the offering of gifts at Christmas time for some worthy object. Jasper Greenwood followed with a recitation and the Misses Smith and McCrae rendered a duet very sweetly. The scripture lesson was read responsively by the minister and the girls of Miss Snell's class. Five little girls, Iris Hugill, Beryl Fakingham, Edna Elliott, Olive Ylvis, and Frances Hay stood by the manger and sang with appropriate gestures, Martin Luther's exquisite child's hymn "Away in a Manger." Clara Traynor followed with a recitation, and then came the presentation of the White Gifts, when a representative of each of the eleven classes of the school, placed the class contribution at the foot of the cross, while the orchestra played "Silent Night, Holy Night." Mr. Peters placed in the manger a white pack-members of the congregation amounting to \$1024, as their offering to the Maintenance and Extension Fund for the purpose of the United Church of Canada at home and abroad. The further items on the program were, a chorus by the school: recitation by Christine Goodchild: a hymn pantomime, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," sung by Mr. Benson and beautifully performed by Misses Margaret Lawrence, Juanita Holmes, Mary Metcalfe, Nellie Traynor, Iva Saunders and Nellie Mervyn: a short talk by Mr. Peters, the closing hymn, "It came upon the Midnight Clear," and the benediction.

The "White Gifts" have been forwarded to the Children's Shelter at Owen Sound.

Last Call Comes to Archibald Burnett

After scarcely a week's illness, resulting from pneumonia, the well-known Archie Burnett passed from this earthly scene, at the home of his son William, in town, on Friday last. He was in his 81st year, having been born at Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland in 1845.

He came to Canada with his parents, brothers and sisters in 1854, and of that rugged family of 12 children, of which he was the youngest, only one sister now survives, Mrs. Klein of Cayuga, N. Y. and she is several years older than deceased.

The family spent two years in Hamilton, and in the fall of 1856 came to lot 5 on 4, Glenelg and like the rest of the hardships of pioneer life. In 1865 deceased went to learn the trade of his choice, blacksmithing, at Lowerville, near Milton, and in 1868 set out for himself in Upper Town, Durham, near where the old Arkyte hotel stood, on the corner of D. B. MacFarlane's lot. When this hostelry was burned, he suffered by the fire also.

In 1869 he married Miss Barbara C. Yre. To them were born one son and three daughters. Some years later they moved to Hopewille, where for nearly 50 years the best part of his life was spent. Mrs. Burnett died about 6 years ago and in 1923 he came back to Durham with his son Wm., also a well known blacksmith.

Deceased won fame at his trade, and became noted for good work and integrity of character. He won 1st prize for horse-shoeing, three times in succession in the olden days when such contests were common. He was given a Diploma by the promoters of the Show, which, framed, adorns his son's home, and is a valued heirloom.

The son we have mentioned: the daughters are Mary, Mrs. C. Noble, Vancouver; Esther, Mrs. Harry Scott, Hopewille. A daughter Janet died 30 years ago.

Deceased was Presbyterian in religion and in his palmy days was a stalwart Liberal. Genial and kindly in his manner, and of robust conscientiousness, he was always held in highest respect by neighbors and old friends.

The funeral took place on Sunday last to Durham cemetery, and a large number of friends paid the last tribute. Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox United Church, had charge of the services at home and graveside.

The six pall bearers were all Burnett's, three grandsons being Archie of Dundalk; Mitchell, Detroit; William of Durham. The others were relatives: Hermie Burnett, Glenelg; George and Royden, Durham.

Christmas Services

TRINITY CHURCH
Christmas Service on Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
Sunday, Dec. 27th
Morning Prayer at 11
Carol Service at 7.

QUEEN ST. UNITED CHURCH

7 p.m.

THE ANGELIC CHOIR . . . Adams

1. Choir: "Hark, Hark, what music fills the sky"
2. Baritone solo with quartette, accompaniment: "There came three kings."
3. Contralto recitative: "And there were Shepherds."
4. Choir: "Good Tidings of great joy"
5. Ladies' Quartet: "Glory to God in the Highest."
6. Viola solo
7. Mixed Quartet: "Bethlehem"
8. Soprano solo: "Mary's Manger Song."
9. Choir: "Night, all Nights Excelling."
10. Male Quartet: "All my heart this night Rejoices"
11. Ladies' Trio with tenor obligato: "Hark, Hark, my Soul"
12. Choir: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed."

Married at Mildmay

A quiet wedding took place at the United Church parsonage, Mildmay, Wednesday morning of last week. Miss Myrtle, third daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. Fortune of Ayton and one of the most popular young ladies of that village, was united in marriage to Mr. Isadore V. Schenk, son of Ex-Reeve and Mrs. Andrew Schenk of Normanby. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Alex. McGowan. Mr and Mrs Schenk will reside in Normanby. The groom and bride in these nuptials, are brother and sister respectively to Mr and Mrs Ezra Schenk of town.

Can. Greys, I.O.D.E. receipts amounted to about \$40 by Saturday's baking sale. The greater part of this is going back to the town in providing Christmas cheer for the sick and shut-ins.

Royal Arch Officers

At a meeting of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 221, Durham, Tuesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: I. P. Z., W. S. Hunter; Z. W. C. Pickering; H. C. Darling; J. J. F. Grant; S. E. T. M. McFadden; S. N. J. A. Magee; P. S. R. E. Richardson; S. S. T. Henderson; J. S. F. McIlraith; Jan. Jas. Dart.

Rev. Fraser Smith here Sunday

Rev. J. Fraser Smith, who as preacher and missionary has done honor to Dornoch, his early home, will speak in Knox United Church on Sunday evening next, giving his experiences and impressions received from his recent visit to the various mission fields of the church in the Orient. He may be described now as a veteran missionary, having been a worker there 25 years ago, so he speaks with first hand knowledge of people and conditions.

Mrs. R. McFarlane Mourns Neice

Death at any time is an unwelcome visitor, but when it comes as a sudden shock, and a few days previous to Christmas merry-making, it is doubly hard. Such was the news to Mrs. Robt. MacFarlane on Thursday last, when word was received of the death in Halifax of her neice, Mrs. Gilbert Stairs. The Monday previous Mrs. MacFarlane had received from her a letter, in good health and on Wednesday, she was dead away. It will be recalled Mrs. Stairs, as Miss Vera McDonald, spent a winter a few years ago with Mrs. MacFarlane, when she made many friends by her friendly and affable manner.

Presentation at Rectory.

The children of Trinity Sunday School, tendered a little surprise party to one of their number, Master Clifford Redhead on Tuesday night at the Rectory. Clifford has for some years made his home with his uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. Whealan, but on Saturday he leaves for Winnipeg where he will again join his father. Accordingly his young friends met as previously stated, to do him honor by presenting him with a fountain pen, as a little "good-bye" memento. Masters Ned Burnett and Donald Knight read and presented the gift on behalf of the other scholars. Cliff was surely surprised but managed to find words of thanks for his friends.

Young Mother Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Mrs. W. R. McGowan (nee Edie McKenzie) last Friday, was largely attended, her pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith conducting an impressive service. Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket. The pall bearers were Messrs P. Gagnon, W. McDonnell, Roy Lamb, Bryce Morlock, Frank McIlraith and Peter Ramage, who laid the remains in the family plot in Durham cemetery. Those present from a distance were Mr and Mrs. Wm. Gray of Portage la Prairie, uncle and aunt of deceased's husband, the deceased's father, Mr Arch McKenzie and two sisters, Mrs. Banhazy (Marjorie) and Mrs. Blanchard (Marion) of Buffalo, and Mr Thos. Little of Walkerton, a cousin of the McKenzie family.

Knox United S. S. Concert

Knox Church Sunday School room was filled Tuesday night by children, parents and friends, when the Sunday School scholars put on a most enjoyable program. For the training necessary, much credit is due to the director of the S. S. girls, Misses Ina Burnett and Bessie Smith, who took it in charge and prepared a splendid play "Santa Claus and the Magic Carpet." Marjorie Noble as a girl who believed in Santa, well enacted the leading role, and Isabel Jamieson, Isabel Henderson, Helen Young and Evelyn Baird were girls who were tired of Santa and planned to supplant him by a princess. Jimmie Henderson possessed the magic carpet on which the four stood to obtain their wish, but the substitutes who were presented as princesses (taken by Jean Grant, Norman McIntyre and Ken Wilson) did not suit, and the rebellious four were glad to welcome old Santa (Geo. Noble) who appeared at the close. Pretty features of the play were six little tots, representing talking dolls, a sailor dance by Florence McDonald and a novel holly treat drill by 12 older girls in white. Previous to the play were numerous recitations by the children, a song by Ian McDonald and Allan McLean and a chorus "Jolly old Santa Claus." Two brief, timely addresses were given by ex-Supt. Thos. Allan and Supt. John Snell. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, presided and superintended the distribution of candy boxes and oranges to all the scholars at the close.

Both Finalists last Year Beaten in Debates

Edge Hill, Ebenezer and Bunesan Winners of First Series

Three debates, the first this season in the South Grey Debating League, were held last week on the subject, "Resolved that Township School Boards should replace the present system of Section School Boards." In two, the affirmative won, and the last, the negative, the outstanding feature being that No. 7, Normanby, the cup holders, and "Onwards" of Artemesia, runners-up, were both defeated by new clubs, Ebenezer and Bunesan.

Edge Hill and Rocky Saugeen met Thursday night, with their teacher on each team. Miss Armetta McKennie and Hector McDonald, Edge Hill's representatives, had the affirmative, and the judge, Rev. J. H. Whealan of Durham, gave them the decision over the Rocky team, Miss Kathleen Firth and Chas. Wepler. At Ebenezer the home Club won from last summer's champions, No. 7, Normanby Club. Miss Pearl Wilson, teacher and Douglas Donnelly were Ebenezer's orators and Judge J. A. Patterson of Hanover, gave them the honors without question. They backed up every argument with proof, which the negative could not shatter. Miss Elizabeth Hughes and Wilfrid Anderson upheld No. 7.

Saturday evening at Bunesan school, the home team, Miss Winnie Blainie and Patrick McMillan (negative) proved stronger than the "Onwards" duo, Miss Kate McMillan and Elford Walters. Barrister Middlebro of Durham was judge. All were sudden-death meets and the losers are out for the season. Each member of winning team can take part in one more debate. The next literary battle is expected to be between Ebenezer and Edge Hill about Jan. 15th.

Six League Hockey Games Here in January

With teams in Intermediate O.H. A. Senior Northern and Junior Northern League, Durham will have a strenuous month of hockey in January. Durham teams will play six games at home in January and one in Dec. and six in January. In both leagues they will meet five different towns, and some top-notch hockey may be anticipated.

In the O. H. A. series, No. 11 group was split, three teams in each section:

- "A" Section
January 5—Listowel at Palmerston
January 12—Palmerston at Durham
January 18—Durham at Listowel
January 22—Listowel at Durham
January 25—Palmerston at Listowel
January 28—Durham at Palmerston
- "B" Section
January 5—Wartown at Hanover
January 8—Hanover at Chesley
January 12—Chesley at Wartown
January 15—Wartown at Chesley
January 19—Chesley at Hanover
January 26—Hanover at Wartown
- Winner of Section A at winner of Sec. B on Feb. 5th, with return game at winner of A on Feb. 8th.

Convener "Ike" Stelnacher and Harry Kress were in Hanover Tuesday when the following Northern League schedules were drafted:

- SR. NORTHERN
Dec. 31—Chesley at Walkerton
Jan. 1—Hanover at Durham
Jan. 5—Durham at Chesley
Jan. 7—Walkerton at Durham
Jan. 12—Hanover at Walkerton
Jan. 15—Durham at Hanover
Jan. 22—Durham at Chesley
Jan. 26—Durham at Walkerton
Jan. 29—Chesley at Durham
Jan. 29—Walkerton at Chesley
Jan. 29—Chesley at Hanover
Feb. 1—Walkerton at Hanover
- JUNIOR NORTHERN
Dec. 29—Durham at Chesley
Jan. 11—Durham at Hanover
Jan. 18—Hanover at Durham
Jan. 28—Chesley at Hanover
Feb. 1—Chesley at Durham
Feb. 3—Hanover at Chesley


FINE CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

Radio for the House of Refuge

Whoever first conceived the idea of a community effort to supply the inmates of the House of Refuge with two radio sets, had the true Christmas spirit. The movement was inaugurated by the "Sun-Times" of Owen Sound on Monday last, and there should be and no doubt will be a hearty response. Generous citizens who wish to help along this movement to lighten the lives of inmates of the House of Refuge, can do so by remitting their gifts direct to the "Sun Times" at O. Sound, or, if more convenient, they can leave them at Review Office and they will be promptly forwarded. No matter how small the con-

tribution, it will be thankfully received, but the larger the gifts, the better the radio sets will be. This thing should be done at once while the generous Christmas spirit is abroad. Who will be the first to help? Send direct, or leave with the Review and we will send.

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McFadden's Drug Store

Season's Greetings

Among the many pleasures that attend the holiday season, there is none that we enjoy more than that of greeting our friends. Many new ones have been made during the year and the consistent support we have received from our old ones has been most gratifying.

To all these, we extend our hearty wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

SMITH BROTHERS

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