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The Review wishes all its Readers a Very Merry Christmas

TOWN TOPICS

December 22nd—the shortest day.

The son of Robert Johnston, Victoria, was operated upon at Durham Hospital Tuesday for a growth upon his knee by Dr. D. B. Jamieson.

Mr. Robt. Smith underwent an operation for appendicitis at Durham Hospital Friday last. Living in close proximity to the hospital, as does Mr. Smith, does not debar one from being a victim of this trouble.

Cheer up, the days are getting longer. We have got well through winter, thanks to general mild weather.

The annual Christmas Entertainment of St. Columba's United Church, Priceville, will be held Friday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. The program will include "A Canadian Fairy Tale" and choruses, drills and recitations. Admission 35c and 15c.

Christmas Windows
Rarely have the windows of the merchants in this town looked brighter and Christmasier than at present. Be sure to see them and if you step in and buy you will find the proprietors and their goods in Christmas mood and good value given.

Glenclyf Nominations, Friday, Dec. 23
Owing to Monday being the Christmas holiday, Glenclyf Township nominations have been advanced to Friday, Dec. 23rd, at 12 noon: speaking to commence at 1 p.m. at the Township Hall. All electors kindly take notice.

Lost his life in the Storm
The late Ivan E. Moon of Owen Sound, who lost his life in the lake storms recently on the Steamer Lambton was a nephew of Mr. F. W. Moon of town. His ship was wrecked on Parisienne Island, about 30 miles west of the Soo, and with Manley Baird of Colpoys Bay, was furnished with life preservers, attempted to get to shore and secure help for the imprisoned crew. They have not since been heard from and it is most probable they lost their lives in the storm.

Aberdeen Women's Institute
Mrs. David Lamb entertained the Aberdeen Women's Institute last Friday afternoon when 24 members were present and responded to the roll call. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Dan McLean for book received when ill. Mrs. D. McQuarrie gave an excellent report of Convention held in Toronto, being sent as delegate. A splendid paper was given by Miss Stella Lynn on "Witness to God and Nature." One new member was added to the roll. The National Anthem closed the meeting. The ladies spent a busy hour quilting quilts to be sent to the O. Sound Shelter. Lunch was served by the hostesses and several of the ladies. The first meeting in the New Year will be held on Jan. 26th, at the home of Miss Sara McCormack at 2 p.m., when all ladies are cordially invited.

Quiet Closing Session of 1927 Council

The final Town Council meeting of the year was held on Thursday night but there was little business to transact. Reeve Bell was absent in Toronto, owing to the illness of his sister there.

Communications were read from the Sec'y of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, requesting the attention of the Council in seeing that fire hall was heated and all fire appliances ready for the cold weather, and from the City of London asking assistance towards a \$2,000,000 Endowment Fund for Western University there. No action was taken in the latter.

A communication was read from the I. O. D. E. asking free use of Hall by that Society in consideration of their work in building new stage and flooring hall. The Council deemed they could not make agreements for councils away in the future but granted free use for the year 1928. Accounts totalling \$364.37 were presented by Finance Com. and passed, also \$85 to F. W. Moon, balance of hall furnace contract.

The Town Hall was again up for discussion. Electric heaters were recommended for new dressing rooms, as there is no way of heating same and they are now required to be plastered. A guard will also be built around pipes from furnace on first floor to prevent damage, or collision with them.

The Treasurer's Statement showed \$27,142.87 paid in 1927 taxes, leaving \$3196.62 outstanding.
At the first meeting of the new Council in January, a new schedule of rates for rental of the Town Hall will be adopted. It is planned to double, or perhaps a little more than double, the low rates now existing.

To start the New Year right, subscribe for the Review for a year for that distant friend of yours.

Welcome Snow
Last week end the snow came down in good style and for the first time this season, good sleighing was assured. It has not drifted much, cars are still in use. Christmas without snow does not seem natural, so now enjoy it.

New Assistant clerk and solicitor
Mr. C. C. Middlebro, former barrister here, but now resident in Owen Sound, has been appointed city solicitor and assistant clerk of Owen Sound at a salary of \$1000 per year. He is on duty mornings at the clerk's office. Mr. C. S. Cameron, former city solicitor, gives up the position.

Again Outfitting Hockey Club
Word was received last week from Mr. H. A. Hunter, Hon. President of Durham Hockey Club, that new sweaters for the players are now being finished and new stockings to match are already manufactured. All will be shipped here before the end of the year and if the boys can display as much class in their play as in their outfits, they should be top-notchers again this season. Mr. Hunter previously equipped the team and his continued interest and assistance are deeply appreciated by the boys.

Rink Season Open
The "Skating To-night" signs were hung up last Saturday for the first time this season and a fair crowd attended that evening. No music was available, the batteries being removed from the magnavox, but they were placed this week and the strains of "Three O'clock in the morning" and some new records, are again heard thru the rink. Most of the Senior Hockey team were out Monday night for their initial practice and loosened up a bit. Yank McEachnie, a Junior lad, had a try-out in goal.

HYMENEAL

ORCHARD — TRAFFORD

A pretty wedding was solemnized at 2:30 on Wednesday, Dec. 14th, at St. George's Church, Guelph, when the pastor, Rev. Mr. Scovill, united in marriage Eva Olive, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Trafford, Glenclyf, to Alfred Edward Orchard, son of William Orchard of Guelph.

The bride wore a gown of blue crepe de chene with silver slippers and stockings to match and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and ferns. She was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Lucy Orchard who wore a becoming frock of crepe de chene. Mr. Raymond Neil of Guelph, acted as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony the bride and groom and attendants, motored to the home of the groom's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orchard, where a dainty wedding supper was served.

After supper the bride and groom motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Marselles, Dornoch, where an enjoyable dance took place. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Orchard will reside in Guelph.

WRIGHT — GEROW

The marriage was solemnized in Toronto on Dec. 14th, of Miss Iva May Gerow, formerly of Trenton, Ont., to Hon. Mr. Justice Wright, Toronto, of the Ontario Supreme Court Bench, formerly a prominent figure in public affairs and a member of a well-known law firm in Owen Sound. He also some years ago was Liberal candidate for South Grey for the Federal House but without success. The bride and groom are spending their honeymoon in Atlantic City. The groom is a brother of Public School Inspector Robert Wright of Hanover and Prin. Wright of Dundalk.

Week of Prayer First Week of Year

January 2nd to 6th, 1928

The ministers of the town have made arrangements for the services as follows:

MONDAY, Jan. 2nd, in the Presbyterian Church. Address by Rev. Wm. Spencer on "Fellowship with God in Joy."

TUESDAY, Jan. 3rd, in the Baptist Church. Address by Rev. H. S. Fiddes on "Fellowship with God in love and family life."

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4th, in Knox Church. Address by a representative of the Bible Society.

THURSDAY, Jan. 5th, in Queen St. Church. Address by Rev. E. Hayes on "Fellowship with God in Industry."

FRIDAY, Jan. 6th, in the Anglican Church. Address by Rev. W. H. Smith on "Fellowship with God in Redemption."

The services will begin each evening at 8 o'clock and it is desired that all our church people should keep the week free of other meetings and attend in such numbers as to fill all the churches. The offerings, as in former years, will be sent to the Bible Society.

A Golden Wedding in Durham Durham Inspected the New Ford

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Laidlaw Married Fifty Years.

Monday last, 19th December, was the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of our Police Magistrate and his wife, who was Miss Wylie, daughter of one of the business men of early Durham. The years have dealt lightly with them, both being in fair health, and here and now we extend to them congratulations and hope they may see their diamond wedding under the same happy conditions.

The young couple of 1877 were married by the late Rev. Wm. Park in Mt. Forest, he having to be there that day on Presbytery duty. No train then so the journey was made on wheels, an indication of a mild season. The marriage was duly consummated and bride and groom took train to Walkerton, their first stop on their honeymoon trip, being at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Hugh Wilson of that town.

The happy couple started house-keeping in Upper Town. Later they moved to the old Limin property, east of town (now T. Greenwood), for short time and before 1878 was closed he had bought a cottage in lower town. Mr. Laidlaw in those days was learning practical masonry with his father who was an expert. They built the schoolhouse No. 9, Glenclyf, Geo. Nell's house, some miles south of Varney, assisted at No. 13, Egremont, schoolhouse and other structures. When Durham Public School was built, he was given supervision of the work and the trustees of that day honored him with a gold headed cane, which he yet proudly shows.

In 1881 he went into business and continued in business for over 25 years, for a time running a branch store at Allan Park and made a success of it. He entered the Town Council in 1885, beginning a municipal career which lasted till 1918, when he was appointed Police Magistrate, and has been since. He was returned as Mayor in 1890 and again in 1891 and 1901, again in 1910-1911, and again in 1917-1918. No copy path was his these municipal contests. He met defeat several times, roused opposition which sometimes was bitter, but came up smiling and was elected again.

Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw were blessed with a family of four boys and four girls, who are all ready to rise up and call their blessed. Later, if God wills it, a family reunion may be held, but at present the jubilee is recognized by letters breathing warmest devotion and counted more precious than even the golden gifts they send. The boys have been remarkably successful: some of them in engineering, law practice, electrical work, etc., having distinguished themselves.

For a good many years Mr. Laidlaw has been a selling agent for a cement firm and this with the Police Magistracy fills up his time. In this latter office he has been successful, his decisions rarely being questioned. It may fairly be said that he "has been a terror to the evil doers and a praise to them that do well."

Annual Meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church held their annual meeting on Monday last in the lecture room of the church with a fair attendance of members. Mrs. D. B. Jamieson, president, conducted proceedings, and several matters of business pertaining to the Society were put through with quick dispatch. No vote was unanimously decided that the Society should send a Christmas gift to Rev. and Mrs. John Bell at Brookdale, Manitoba, as an expression of good wishes of their wedding last August.

Accordingly a handsome silver platter, well and true pattern, was dispatched to Brookdale and to reach the Maize in time for Christmas. While the ladies have not overworked this year, they have made a nice sum of money and after all expenses and grants are made, will still have over \$100 in the treasury. Election of officers took place and will be the same as last year, with the exception of Vice President and Treasurer, who will be for 1928, Mrs. T. E. Brown and Mrs. S. McIntyre, respectively. Mrs. Jamieson, again President, and Miss Alice M. Ramage, Secy.

A social time and refreshments closed the meeting.

The new model of the Ford car was on exhibition as advertised last Saturday morning and for well on into the afternoon, and despite the stormy day, drew continuously an admiring crowd of spectators at the Smith Bros. garage.

The model shown here was a Ford coupe and it is much improved in appearance, as well as being fully equipped with all the accessories that go to make driving a pleasure. To a certain extent, the air of secrecy which has proved to have such an advertising value, was maintained, and the engine could not be started. The old type of springs are retained and the gasoline tank remains under the cowl. The spark and throttle levers are also similar but much improved in appearance.

The car arrived in Durham from Hanover in early morning hours Saturday, being driven over by James Park and left Saturday afternoon to be displayed in Mt. Forest. Mr. Stanley of London, sales manager for Western Ontario, was also in attendance. We learn fifteen orders have been taken in Hanover for some model of the new car and several here.

May be Acclamation in Durham Monday

Just who will enter the field for the Council positions in Durham at Monday's nominations is yet uncertain, except for offices of Mayor and Reeve. Reeve Bell is again in the race and we have heard of no probable opponent. Mayor Murdoch once had eyes on the reeve's chair, but he has stated he will not oppose the present reeve this year, who has made a satisfactory representative at County Council the past two years.

The Mayor had mentioned giving up his seat but has been induced and has decided to run another year. Coun. Oliver Hunter is also mentioned as a candidate for the Mayoralty, but in-formed the Review he had not yet decided to stand. The personnel of the Council is uncertain, but we believe the town could not do better than save the expense of an election and return the present Board unopposed. They have given reasonably good service and tackled the renovation of the Town Hall,—their biggest undertaking of the year,—which our Councils declined to take in hand.

Up to date they have expended \$1545 on the Hall and the I. O. D. E. several hundred more. While some may criticize the Council for the outlay, the Review believes the great majority of the ratepayers will agree that it was money well spent, and that soon we will have a hall we are not ashamed of, interiorly, instead of an eyesore. The I. O. D. E. whose entrance, included in the council to commence the renovation, are as well to be commended for their share of the work, having been responsible also for the new floor in lower hall recently laid.

Last Thursday, Knox W. M. Society held their final meeting of the year to hear the report of the Dominion meeting, by Mrs. (Dr.) Staples, of Hanover, President of Grey Presbyterial. The ladies of Queen Street Church had been invited and also Dornoch W. M. S. They attended in goodly numbers to hear the fine report Mrs. Staples gave of the work of the United W. M. S. all over the Dominion, of the need of more schools and homes, especially in the West among the foreign element. More money is also needed to cope with the religious necessities of the people.

An enjoyable social hour was spent at the close. The ladies were much pleased when the Treasurer informed them that they had reached their allocation, \$300, for the nine months of the year.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to convey our thanks to the friends at Durham for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our brother, George Shier. Signed, Brothers and Sisters

LOGS WANTED

We will buy a limited amount of maple, elm, beech and birch logs. Apply at office or to Mr. D. Kinnee, Durham Furniture Co. Ltd.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Beulah Stonehouse returns to her parental home here today, Thursday for over Christmas. Miss Beulah has just completed writing her exams, qualifying for her 'R.N.' or Registered Nurse degree from Toronto General Hospital and we are pleased to be able to state she has been successful.

Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Jamieson and children are part of a family party in Kitchener for Christmas with Mrs. J's father, Mr. C. M. Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowman, O. Sound and Mr. and Mrs. Lord, Pittsburg, Pa., comprise the party. Mrs. C. M. Bowman suffered a splintered wrist bone in Kitchener recently when she slipped on the icy steps of a church in that city.

Mr. Will Buchan, Dunsville, was awarded a \$5 prize in a window dressing contest, put on by the Lux people. To be a prize winner at all in so many entrants is worth something.

Mr. and Mrs. Helminkay of Creemore and daughter Miss Dora, of North Bay Collegiate staff, will spend over the holiday with daughter and sister, Mrs. W. R. Alder.

Mr. Eddie Kearney of the Royal Bank staff, Walkerville, is on a two weeks' vacation with his mother here. Mr. George Dunn, Toronto University, is spending the vacation with his grandparents, Wm and Mrs. Laidlaw.

Misses Marion and Ruby Scarf are spending the Christmas season in Toronto with their brother and other old friends.

Mrs. Leotherdale and daughter, Miss Bertha, Toronto, are spending the Christmas with daughter and sister, Mrs. Walter Porter.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramage, Brussels, and Messrs Arthur and Harold, of the Thornbury 'Review Herald', are holidaying at the parental home here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McGill of Cobawa and Miss Christie of Campbellford, are home for the holiday season. Misses Bessie Smith, Kathleen Milne and Marjory Pickering, are University students home for the vacation from Toronto, while Messrs Royden Burnett, H. Mountain and Albert Kross and Miss Eula Burnett are home from Western, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McGill, Lambton St. East, leave Friday to spend over Christmas with part of their family in Detroit.

Mr. Martin Lauder of the Boston "Bruins" hockey team, is home for Christmas festivities. This holiday would not have been coming to him were it not that he is recuperating from his operation. He is not to use the hockey stick till the close of January but reports in Toronto where his team will be on Dec. 29th.

Dr. G. M. Leeson, Varney, left last week to visit his brothers and sister in Chicago and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell of Sask., are visiting for the winter with the latter's mother, Mrs. Jos. Patterson, Varney.

Mr. Anthony Holmes and daughter Ada, are spending Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Farr at Maple Hill.

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Lorne Robertson, Stratford, visited with Mrs. E. L. Knight this week.

BORN

At Durham Hospital, on Monday, Dec. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Town, a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, Dornoch, Ont., announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Ruby Ethel, to Charles Wilfrid Browne of Picton, Ont., son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Browne, Priceville. The marriage will take place quietly in January.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, Dundalk wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret, E.N., to John G. Spence, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spence, Saskatoon. The marriage will take place Dec. 28, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mitchell, Millgrove, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ida May, to Mr. Melvin G. Reid of Hamilton, son of Mrs. Reid and the late Henry Reid of Holstein, the marriage to take place quietly the latter part of December, at Orangeville, Ont.

Queen St. Sunday School Hold Good Concert

A bright tho' lengthy Christmas Entertainment was given by the S.S. of Queen St. United Church Tuesday evening, the auditorium of the church being crowded to the doors. Pulpit and choir seats had been removed and the platform extended and it was crowded to the limits to contain the large Sunday School in their chorus singing. A rose drill by Miss Snell's class and hoop drill by 16 girls were two beautifully executed numbers and a playlet "A perplexing situation"

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was well acted, and provided much in other ways helping, during my birth. The orchestra comprising Mrs. Earl McDonald, Royden McDonald on saxophone and Arch. Clements on ukelele, was forced to give encores each time. A pantomime "Silent Night, Holy Night" was the closing number. It was depicted by 5 older girls in beautiful motions, while this fine Christmas hymn was sung by Mr. Wm. Benson. Other numbers were a brief address and notices by Rev. Mr. Fiddes; choruses by school, by primary classes, by primary girls; exercises by primary boys and by Edmund Falconer's class, star chorus by Misses Smith and Kinnee's classes; choruses, with upturned feet showing above curtain, by R. Paddfield's class; and recitations by Geo. Hay and Geo. Prue. It was almost 10.45 when the audience dispersed, well pleased with the whole evening's performance.

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