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## TOWN TOPICS

Don't forget the Red Cross Dance in the Factory Showroom on New Year's night. Don Cameron's orchestra of Owen Sound.

The A.Y.P.A. of Trinity Church, presented the bride elect, Miss Florence Kress with a silver coffee percolator.

Rev. and Mrs. Jas. P. Lowen, pastors of the Four-square Gospel Church extend heartiest New Year Greetings to all.

A Watchnight Service will be held in the Four-square Church Thursday night from 10 to 12 p.m. Come and watch the old year out and the new year in with song, testimony and praise.

Durham Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Phillip Lawrence, on Thursday, Jan. 7th. A full attendance of members is requested. Visitors welcome.

Successful Christmas Dance. Cat. Greys Chapter, I.O.D.E. had a successful dance on Tuesday evening in the Town Hall. Music was supplied by the Don Cameron orchestra, Owen Sound. \$85 were the door receipts.

## Death of Judge Sutherland

Early Tuesday morning, there passed away a noted resident of Grey, Judge Sutherland of Owen Sound. He had been ill for a few weeks but he had shown improvement and hence his sudden death came as a shock to those who appreciated the kindly Judge.

Judge Sutherland was known here for the part he played every second month, when he presided at Division Court sittings. He was a patient kindly Judge as we knew him for the last 12 years. He was learned in the law and his decisions were seldom disputed. He was known as an honorable man, with a judicial mind, honest and fair, he adorned the position.

He will be much missed in Owen Sound. He was prominent in hospital work and in everything that tended to uplift the community. He spent some of his leisure at cricket, curling and such like games. He was an active member of the Anglican Ch., and they will miss him.

He was born in India, in 1866, his father holding a medical position there. His mother was a daughter of a British Officer in India. He married Miss Heming in 1903, daughter of Howard Heming of Meaford and three children were born to them. A daughter died in infancy and two sons are Howard, of Bank of Montreal, Staff, Mt. Forest and Chas. T., at present attending Toronto University.

In 1912 he was appointed Senior Judge of the Co. of Grey; in 1919 he became Judge of the Surrogate Court and became Justice of the Supreme Court.

Good bye, Judge Sutherland

## Week of Prayer in Durham Churches

The annual Week of Prayer, will commence on Monday, Jan. 4, 1932. A series of sermons on "Some Supreme Things" will be delivered: Monday, Jan. 4, in Anglican Church Subject: "The Supreme need of Christ in the Home." Preacher, Rev. W. H. Smith. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in Queen St Church Subject: "The Supreme Experience—Prayer." Preacher, Rev. B. D. Armstrong Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Baptist Church A lantern lecture by the representative of the Bible Society. Thursday, Jan. 7, in Presbyterian Ch. Subject: "The Supreme Person—Jesus Christ." Preacher, Rev. J. T. Priest. Friday, Jan. 8, in Knox Church Subject: "The Supreme Force—Christianity." Preacher, Rev. Ernest Hayes.

The exchange of pulpits on the following Sunday morning, Jan. 10, will be as follows: Baptist Church, Rev. W. H. Smith Anglican Church, Rev. Walter C. Almack Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. Hayes Knox Church, Rev. B. D. Armstrong Queen St. Church, Rev. Jas. T. Priest

## Alex Sim Elected Minister of Education

South Grey's member, Alex Sim of Holstein, has been honored by a cabinet seat in the Ontario Boys' Parliament, assembled this week in Toronto. The new Premier, John Hunter, of Peterboro, chose him as his Minister of Education, and Alex made a rousing speech there, berating alcoholic drinks, after assuming his new office. Congratulations.

## Coroner's Inquest Over Hopkins Death

"We find that George Hopkins came to his death on Dec. 23, 1931 at the Durham Red Cross Hospital from injuries received in the said Hospital, by falling down an elevator shaft on the night of Dec 21st, 1931.

We also find that the automatic lock on the said elevator was defective and unsafe.

We further find that Mr Hopkins' physician instructed the hospital staff to keep this patient under constant surveillance, and that the hospital staff failed to obey this order."

Such was the verdict handed in by E. D. McClockin, foreman of the coroner's jury, after the inquest, presided over by Coroner Dr. E. Brown, of Hanover, in the Town Hall here on Wednesday. The nine jurors were out nearly an hour before reaching the unanimous verdict. The other members were J. P. Smith, A. G. McComb, C. H. Darling, Guy Kearney, T. E. Brown, R. L. Saunders, Clarence McGillr, M. G. Calder.

Crown Attorney W. D. Henry questioned the witnesses, and elicited full particulars of the unfortunate fatality. Witnesses heard were Dr. D. B. Jamieson, Dr. T. H. Sneath; Miss C. Pettet, matron; Miss Annie Robinson, nurse-in-training in charge; Miss Marjorie McLeod, relieving nurse; Mr. Harry Scates, janitor at the hospital; and Hugh Adamson of the Rawlinson Elevator Co., of Galt, who had installed the elevator.

The evidence went to show that the late Mr. Hopkins, who had been admitted as a patient on Dec. 17th, was at times quite clear in his mind and at other times hazy. He had seemed a little better the day of the accident. His physician, Dr. D. B. Jamieson, had given instructions that he was not to be left alone. Miss Robinson had come on duty at 7 p.m. as his special nurse, and had come away about 11 p.m. to the kitchen for lunch, Miss McLeod offering to, and relieving her.

The patient was sleeping from eleven o'clock on, and Miss McLeod went down cellar some time after. Miss Robinson returning to her asleep, she had gone back to kitchen (about 20 feet away), and was talking to Miss McLeod for a minute, when they heard a noise. She rushed back to patient's room, and found it empty Mr Hopkins having arisen from his bed, come out a few feet in hall to elevator door which opened for him when he turned knob, and he had fallen 12 feet down the shaft. The door was presumed to be, and should have been, automatically locked, as the elevator was opposite the floor above. Noticing door a little open, the nurses soon discovered the sad mishap, and reported to Miss Pettet, who called the janitor, Harry Scates from his bed. He opened the door to the elevator in the basement (which door was automatically locked) by putting his hand through door where a pane should have been, and pulling bolt back. The injured man was lifted into basement, then elevator was lowered, and he was conveyed on it to his own floor, medical aid meanwhile having been summoned.

The elevator had been in use quite frequently recently by Miss Pettet and staff, and none were aware that the door had not locked. It had been working well lately, but had given trouble thirteen months ago, when Mr Adamson, the erector was sent for, and came and adjusted it. The cause of door opening when patient had turned knob, was found to be a loosened screw nail, which the expert said, had probably hindered the bolt from sliding far enough into the door to hold. The jury viewed the defective door the day of Mr Hopkins' death, and it was promptly repaired.

## Vote for By-Law Monday

Though no municipal contest will be on in Durham Monday, all electors should go to the polls and cast their ballots in favor of the organization of a Public Utility Commission, to have control and management of both the Hydro and Waterworks. This has proven the most satisfactory method of managing utilities, by all municipalities having more than one, and Durham should fall in line on Monday. A majority vote is essential. The Commissioners, H. W. Wilson and G. S. Kearney are already elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Hen was in tears. One of her little ones had been sacrificed to make a repeat for a visiting clergyman. "Cheer up, madam," said the rooster. "You should rejoice that your son is entering the ministry. He was poorly qualified for a lay member anyhow."

## Durham Council Returned by Acclamation

New Nominations Required as only Five Councillors Qualified.

With 21 nominees for Councillors in Durham Monday night, it looked easy to find six good and willing rulers of the Town for 1932, but by 9 o'clock Tuesday night, only five could be induced to qualify, thus another nomination must be held after new Council first sits, to secure a sixth. Mayor Murdoch and Reeve Bell are again in the saddle, all other nominees withdrawing. The two former Hygiene Commissioners, H. W. Wilson and Guy Kearney are also elected by acclamation as Public Utilities Commissioners.

Of the six 1931 Councillors—only two, Bert Stonehouse and W. H. Kress are back. The other three elected are Bert Willis, Ralph Catton and Cliff Ritchie. All should be good men a-riding the board. Former councillors R. Whitmore, J. P. Smith and M. G. Calder all declined to re-enter on account of business interests demanding more time, while Cunn. W. J. Snell has moved to Toronto.

Reeve Allan Bell, honored with his seventh term by acclamation, is strongly in the race for Grey County Wardenship for 1932 and if elected, will worthily uphold the dignity of the office and bring honor to his home town. As he points out, 1932 is an urban municipality's year for the Wardenship as the towns or villages of the county have had only one representative in the big chair during the last seven years and it is seventeen years since Durham's reeve then the late Wm. Calder, held the Wardenship. With sixteen townships and nine towns and villages in Grey, an urban representative's turn should average one year in three and Mr. Bell has easily the brightest prospects and claim of any urban reeve to the office.

Nominations in Durham Monday evening, passed off with little excitement, but with a plethora of nominees. When the hour had elapsed, Clerk Rose had the following list:

For Reeve—Allan Bell, W. S. Hunter, O. S. Hunter, R. M. Sparling, M. G. Calder.

For Councillors: Harry Kress, Bert Stonehouse, Jno. Aldred, J. W. Ewen, C. Moffat, R. Whitmore, A. W. H. Lauder, M. G. Calder, T. Henderson, J. P. Smith, W. A. McGowan, Bert Willis, John Henry, Cliff Ritchie, Ralph Catton, J. C. Howell, G. McClellan, J. H. McQuarrie, Robt. McLean, Cameron Lauder, A. McFarlane.

For Public Utilities Commission: H. W. Wilson, G. S. Kearney, W. A. McDonald, T. Henderson, O. S. Hunter, D. C. Town, R. Aljoe.

Public School Trustees: J. S. McIlraith, John McGowan, Guy Kearney (elected by acclamation).

Mayor Murdoch, first called upon, reviewed the installation of waterworks system, showing total cost to date to be \$70,000 which meant cost to town after deducting Gov't grant, of \$57,444.55. Six months' revenue from present users would be \$1975, and this could be considerably increased. The bonds had sold well last Spring, the highest of any town, and we had received \$1841.10 premium on them, including accrued interest. He didn't think waterworks should be run by the Council and wanted to see a Public Utilities Commission to take it over. He referred to the town's increased assessment to its satisfactory industrial condition, with creamery now in successful operation, furniture factory working steadily, stone plant being busy all summer, and the Rob Roy Mills re-built, ready for operation soon.

Reeve Bell credited the retiring Council with being the most peaceful and harmonious he had worked with. Each committee did its own work faithfully. \$200,000 had been spent the past three years, yet good financing had held our rate to 52 mills each year. As well as paved front streets, our back streets were in better shape than in other towns around. He had been two years the Chairman of Property Com. in County Council. He expected Durham Rd. from Durham easterly, would be taken over as a Prov'l Highway in a year or two, when a 30 per cent saving to the County in maintenance would be made. County links in Grey were now all paved, Fiesherton work costing \$25,096.03, Markdale \$30,733.40 and Meaford \$18,611.00, of which County's share was one half or \$37,257.22 in all.

There was no construction on Co. roads this year: bridges costing \$10,000 were built and \$142,502.22 spent on all works, roads and bridges. The big item was \$112,000 County paid to

Province as one fifth cost of Prov'l Highways in Grey for year ending June 30. Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances took one mill of Co. rate and education costs had mounted greatly, being now \$80,000 to \$90,000 annually, whereas in 1926 they were \$25,000 and 25 years ago \$10,000. However Durham High School received back from County approximately \$6000 for maintenance of rural pupils and grant towards building.

Reeve Bell in closing, stated he would appreciate re-election to have the chance to try for the Wardenship of the County, which he contested last January, but was defeated in a close vote.

O. S. Hunter, nominated for reeve, said he was not a candidate. The County and municipalities are over-governed, he stated, requiring too much taxes. One sixth of our income goes to pay taxes. He was pleased to see waterworks installed, though at a little higher cost than estimated.

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## HYMENEAL

### BURNS — KRESS

The home of Mr and Mrs Edward Kress, Queen St., was the scene of a quiet wedding, Wednesday, Dec. 30, when Florence Mae, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Kress, was married to Robert Burn, son of Mr and Mrs George B. Burns of Ottawa. Reverend Ernest Hayes, reciting of Trinity Church, was the officiating clergyman and the wedding music was played by Mrs W. H. Kress.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was charming in a dainty wedding dress of eggshell satin with bridal veil of tulle and coronet of pink and white roses.

Following the ceremony, a buffet luncheon was served, where the guests were received by Mr and Mrs Kress, assisted by the groom's parents. The bride's mother wore a becoming gown of black georgette, while Mrs Burns wore a gown of black and white printed silk. Miss Alma Kress was attired in powder blue net and Mrs W. H. Kress in black chiffon velvet.

The bride's travelling costume was a smart chiffon velvet suit with seal coat and matching hat and shoes. After a wedding trip to Algonquin Park, the bride and groom will reside at Welland, Ont.

Previous to her marriage, several evenings in honor of the bride were given by her friends. Before Christmas, Miss Emily Hunt entertained: on Saturday evening, Miss Marjorie Pickering at a bridge and clothes-line shower; Monday afternoon, Miss Elizabeth Harding, a tea; Monday evening Miss Marion Calder a bridge and pantry shower. The bride has been a valued member of Durham Public School staff for the past few years and her many friends in town, wish for her the same success in her new role.

## HOLIDAY TRAFFIC GOT THE BETTER OF OLD MAN DEPRESSION

Christmas traffic to Durham this year was as heavy as in the past, many going and coming by motor and C.P.R. trains and by C. N. cars. The special holiday fares on the railroads did considerable to augment their usual holiday business. The C.P.R. helped many with a return train to Toronto on Sunday.

C.N.R. report heavy traffic for a few days before Christmas, the peak coming on the 24th inst., when on the evening train leaving Guelph, the conductor punched 730 tickets for Palmerston and radiating lines to Durham, Owen Sound, Southampton and Kitchendie. On the morning train there were 439 on board at Guelph.

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' AID OFFICERS FOR 1932

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Miss E. Calder, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, when the following officers were elected to act for 1932: President, Mrs J. M. Burgess 1st Vice Pres. Mrs J. Morrison 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs H. J. McFadyen 3rd Vice Pres. Mrs B. D. Armstrong 4th Vice Pres. Mrs A. McCormack Sec'y, Mrs J. Hepburn Treasurer, Miss J. Weir, B. A. Executive, Mrs Harding, Mrs Lauder, Mrs Pickering, Mrs T. McFadden, Mrs C. Howell, Mrs McCormack, Mrs W. G. Firth, Miss Mary McFayden, Mrs T. Milligan, Mrs E. S. McArthur, Mrs W. Derby, Jr., Mrs G. Geddes, Mrs McCannel, Mrs W. Kellar. Press Sec'y, Mrs Geo Sharp Flower convener, Mrs J. Burgess Pianist, Miss Leah McComb. About \$500 were the total receipts for 1931.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr Wilfrid Barbour spent Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Barbour, Egremont, and left Wednesday for Toronto, where he will spend a few days before commencing teaching duties at Cache Bay.

Mr Martin Lauder of Buffalo Biscuits Hockey team, is at the parental home for Christmas.

Students and teachers home for the holiday season here are: Audrey Bell from McMaster, Hamilton; Albert Kress, Humber College, Toronto; Miss Marjorie Pickering, College of Education; Miss Bessie Smith, of Petrolia Collegiate staff; Miss Edith Edge from University, Toronto; Miss Alice Edge, Barrie Collegiate staff; Misses Margaret McKenzie and Clara Aljoe, Agnes Petty, Mary and Gussie McAllister of Toronto school staff; Donald Young, Medical College.

Mr Stewart McIlraith, Toronto, Christmas with his parents. Stewart is employed as pharmacist in the second McIlraith store, the new one on Bloor and Yonge, and known at 'McIlraith Ltd.'

Mr and Mrs George B. Burns, and daughter Louise of Ottawa, were the guests Wednesday of Mr and Mrs E. Kress, at the wedding of their son here.

Miss Elizabeth Burns of Ottawa, and Miss Margaret Farr, London, aunt and cousin of groom and bride, were guests at the Burns-Kress wedding Wednesday.

Mr John Turnbull, manager of the Commercial Motor Bodies, Kingston, spent Christmas with his parents, S. Bentinck, and with his sister, Mrs B. Barber, Varney.

Messrs Arthur and Herb Atkinson, and Mr and Mrs Ben Couits, Vickers, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs Thos. Atkinson, at Rock Mills, Monday.

Misses Jean and Maggie Derby, nurses of Toronto and Stratford, respectively, are holidaying at the parental home with Mr and Mrs Andrew Derby.

Miss Mary Brown, nurse, of Hamilton, had a five hour visit at her home here on Christmas Day, accompanied by her cousin, Newman Truax.

Mr and Mrs Nichol Bell and children of Elora, spent Christmas Day with Mrs Jas Kerr and family, Varney. Mrs Jas. C. McDonald, sons Will and James and Miss Janet, ate their Christmas dinner with Mr and Mrs German Johnston, Mulock.

Mr and Mrs Geo H. Bailey, Blenheim, spent over the week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs D. Lamb, Aberdeen. Mr Roy Lamb returned with them to spend the remainder of the holiday.

Mr Arthur Allan, Montreal, spent over the week end with his parents, Mr and Mrs Thos Allan, who are neither in the best of health.

Mrs Robert Milne, daughters Ina and Kathleen and son Robbie, are spending Christmas week holiday with relatives at Winona and Toronto.

Mr and Mrs W. R. Alder spent over Christmas with her parents at Creemore.

Messrs Doug. and Ian McKinnon and Misses Kate and Mary McKinnon, Chesley, were visitors on Thursday last at Mr C. Ramage's.

Mr Lucas Perdue and sisters Elvada and Vera and Miss M. McKessock, all of Toronto, were Christmas visitors with Mr and Mrs Nelson Perdue. Miss M. McKessock sang a delightful solo 'The Star of Bethlehem' in Knex Church Sunday evening.

Miss Peggy Finch (London, is visiting this week with Mr and Mrs J. C. Howell.

Mrs Wm Collier, of Austin, Man. after an absence of over 20 years, is around her old home in this district, and spent Christmas with her brother Mr Thos. Ritchie, Edge Hill.

Miss Marjorie Pickering entertained at three tables of bridge on Saturday evening in honor of the bride-elect, Miss Florence Kress, followed by a clothes-line shower.

Misses Ella, Grace and Jean Baird, of Hamilton, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr and Mrs Archie Baird.

Mr Walter Mason, Hamilton, spent Christmas at the home of Mr and Mrs Arch. Baird.

Mr and Mrs Finlay Graham, of Montreal, are spending the holidays with Mrs Wm Calder and family.

Mr and Mrs Robt. Renwick, Jr., had all their family home for the festive season, which also saw the 25th wedding anniversary. They received many useful and tangible silver gifts while the wishes were just as expressive that were extended.

Miss Frank Davidson, Port McNicoll, was the guest of Miss E. Winnifred Perk from Saturday to Wednesday of this week.

Miss Alma McLean, Priceville, was operated upon in Durham hospital on Tuesday for appendicitis. Mr Harold Eccles, Egremont, is also a patient in same building receiving treatment.

Mrs Ed. Gornley, Toronto, visited with her aunt, Mrs A. B. McLellan for Christmas holidays.

## Triplets in Proton Township

George Duncan the auctioneer, has another claim for fame. He has become the father of triplets,—three sons and each tip the scale at five pounds. 'Going, going, gone,' will mean three times as much for George in the future, when he presides over a sale. We hope they will all become good Proton farmers and help to make prosperity in the land,—something that is badly needed now.

**NEW YEARS' DANCE**  
**FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 1**  
 Under auspices of Durham Red Cross Society

In Durham Furniture Company's Showroom

Don Cameron's Orchestra, O. Sound

Dancing from 9 p. m.

Gentlemen, \$1.50; extra lady 50c Ladies Please Provide

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 5 lbs Pot Roast..... 55c

PORK : 5 lbs Pork Roast..... 60c  
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