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Bentnick Council

Regular meeting of Council Thursday, Dec. 17, members all present, minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Communications were received and read. That Council extend to our Clerk, a resolution of sympathy, upon the loss he has so recently sustained, one of the pioneers of our Township. Signed on behalf of Council—D. J. McDonald, reeve.

Turnbull—Grierson: That a grant of \$15 be given in aid of the T'ship School Fair. Carried.

Grierson—Bailey: That the following sheep claims be paid: H. Patterson, 1 sheep injured \$2; J. Walsh, 1 sheep killed, 1 inj. \$7; F. Twamley, 2 sheep injured \$14; Jas Cotter, 1 sheep killed \$9; H. R. Riddell, inspecting \$2; W. Wright, insp. \$1.50; S. G. Hopkins, inspecting \$1.50.

McCaslin—Bailey: That all accounts as presented, including voucher No 8 be passed and cheque issued. Car.

McCaslin—Grierson: That J. H. Ahrens and Mark Mervyn be appointed auditors to audit the Treasurer's accounts for year 1931. Car.

Grierson—Turnbull: That the Treasurer be authorized to collect unpaid taxes. Car.

Turnbull—Grierson: That dog tax of each be refunded to Ben Coutts and Henry Metcalfe. Car.

McCaslin—Bailey: That we here-by pass resolution protesting against

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NINETEEN THIRTY ONE

While there is bound to be a natural regret that the passing of the old year finds most of us with a lot of uncompleted plans and unrealized ambitions, there also comes a pleasant conviction that our labors and endeavors have not been entirely unrewarded. We are richer by the experience—perhaps a little wiser. It seems such a short time since last New Year's Day when we started out with high hopes and ambitions and now another New Year's Day is almost upon us.

Life is so full of pleasant tasks, and friendly associations, the duties of the day come so thick and fast, the opportunities for service and helpfulness are so many that the days slip rapidly by and before we have realized it the relentless wheel of time has completed another revolution.

We are glad that another New Year has arrived. It gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation for the kindness of our many friends. When we retrospect over last year's splendid business, we are also reminded that some obligations are laid upon us to carry on to greater achievements and more fully deserve your confidence and respect.

We are ambitious, not for ourselves alone but for every one of the good friends to whose loyalty and cooperation we owe so much. We believe you're deserving of the best of our efforts and we enter the New Year with a firm determination to do everything in our power to merit your confidence and preference for the Review. That's our resolution for Nineteen Thirty Two.

FERGUS BENEFITS BY PROTON CHRISTMAS TREES

Last Saturday a couple of men from up in Proton came to Fergus with a load of Christmas trees. They did a good business for several reasons. Their trees were good, the price was reasonable, they came at the time the people were looking for trees and no person had been selling on the streets of Fergus before them. As a result they must have done well. There are over one hundred trees in the load and the average price would be close to 50c. If they sold them all they would make a good day's pay for these times.

These men came from near River View, away up near the headwaters of the Grand River. That was the place to which river drivers from Fergus used to go in the old sawmilling days, and from there brought the logs down the river in the spring drives. Times have changed, there is no longer large timber to bring down and saw mills are scarce, though one does run in Fergus during the winter. Now the trees come down at Christmas and probably the owners make as much out of the little evergreens as their predecessors did out of logs. However it is only once in a while that the winters in these parts are open enough for a truck from Proton to reach Fergus a few days before Christmas—Fergus News Record.

MRS THOS. MILLIGAN ENTERS TAING ABERDEEN INSTITUTE

A delightful afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs Thos Milligan, Hutton Hill, when the Aberdeen W. Institute met for their Dec. meeting on the 18th ult. The weather was ideal and there was a splendid attendance of members and visitors. The several of the members were unavoidably able to be present. The President was in the chair and conducted the opening exercises, while Mrs Herb Hopkins read the scripture verses. A letter from the Department re Relief, was read, and plans were made to pack a bale at the Jan. meeting to be sent to Sask. With regard to the quilt, the drawing will take place at the Jan. meeting, providing the few remaining tickets have been disposed of.

The program which followed was much enjoyed. With Mrs Will Noble at the piano, the Christmas hymns, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Silent Night", and "O Come all ye faithful" were sung. Excellent papers were given by Mrs Lamb "The Christmas Street", "Looking the right way" by Mrs W. Noble, who also read a lovely little Christmas poem "The cattle in the stall." Mrs Milligan, at close, served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be on Jan 15th at home of Mrs Jas Even, when all are welcome.

At this Christmas season it was thought a most appropriate time to show a little mark of appreciation to the President, to whose unfailing tact and faithfulness, is due much of the success of the Institute. Gift boxes containing a half dozen silver tea spoons and sugar tongs were presented to the President, Sec'y and Treasurer. These ladies deeply appreciate the lovely gift which will serve as a lasting and pleasant reminder of many happy days spent together in the Institute.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

Miss Catherine McLean, Stratford, is spending her holidays at her home here.

Mr and Mrs Thos Reay entertained at a family dinner Xmas Day.

Mr Wm Cain, Hanover, was a visitor for a few days with his sister, Mrs Arch. Thimpton.

Mr Jas Young who has been seriously ill for the past week, is being tenderly cared for at the home of his sister, Mrs Gillen Boyd, Glenora.

Mr and Mrs Herb Trafford and family, Mrs Heppner and son from Durham, were Christmas guests with Mr and Mrs Jas Miller.

Mr and Mrs Lance Rumble and son Bob, Miss Isabel Lawson and Alex, spent the holiday with their parents, Mr and Mrs Robt Lawson.

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Misses Margaret and Myrtle McLean, Toronto, were holiday guests at the parental home.

Mr Sandy Cranston was a visitor for a few days around the old home.

Mr David Watson, Miss Helen and Muriel ate Christmas dinner with Mr and Mrs Arch Watson, Welbeck.

Mr and Mrs L. McLean and family were Christmas guests with Mr and Mrs Jas Ledingham, Durham.

WELBECK

We extend to editor, staff and readers a very happy New Year.

Mr and Mrs Percy Ledingham and family spent Christmas day with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Chas. Lawrence, Durham.

Misses Esther Riddell and Muriel Heift, Toronto, have been holidaying at their respective homes here.

Misses Madge Stafford, O. Sound, and Ruth Bernhardt, Preston, are guests of Mr and Mrs A. Preston.

Misses Margaret and Lottie Fletcher spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs Hugh Riddell.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Riddell were visitors with the latter's father for Christmas.

Mr and Mrs F. Heift entertained a number of friends to dinner on Saturday last.

Messrs Bert and John Ledingham, Tom Lawrence, all of Durham, called Saturday.

Mr and Mrs P. Ledingham on Saturday.

Miss Freda Eagles is holidaying with Toronto friends.

Miss Loreta Vasey, Toronto, is another visitor at the parental home during vacation.

Miss Mortley Tendered a Farewell at Aberdeen

Though the snowman is somewhat belated in his share of the festive touch to this happy season of the year, it was not lacking indeed when the schoolhouse at No 10, Bentnick, gay with Christmas decorations, was the scene of a happy gathering on Monday afternoon. Gordon McLean capably presided and the lengthy program gave evidence of much care and preparation on the part of Miss Mortley, the teacher. There was, not a dull moment from first to last. A "Vocalise" song" was the opening number. Recitations were given by Bessie Miller, Velma Goldsmith, Howard Grierson, Jack Chapman, Clarence Lynn, Hazel McDonald and Elsie Ewen. Monologues by Grace Davey, "Miss Dorothy entertains the minister" and John McLean "Bring- ing in the Wood" were well given. In the several dialogues all took their parts creditably: violin solos, by Geo. Miller; step dancing by Alfetta Noble; a song by seven girls, representing the seven days of the week and a motion song by a group of boys. "Silent Night" was nicely sung by three girls, Alfetta Noble, Grace Davey and Bessie Miller. The closing number was a chorus by the school "Christmas Bells", after which the National Anthem was sung. Miss Mortley was then called forward, Arthur McArthur reading an address sented Miss Mortley with a walnut table, on behalf of the pupils and parents of the section. Though taken by surprise, Miss Mortley expressed her thanks in a neat little speech for the lovely gift. Miss Mortley has endeared herself to the community, during her short term here and tho' regretting losing her, are pleased to have her located not far distant in her home town, Durham.

A short address was given by Mr. S. Petherborough who reminded the children of the good fortune they enjoyed in their comfortable well-furnished school, compared to what he enjoyed when he attended school as a boy. The thrilling moment at last arrived for which all had so patiently (?) been waiting when Santa Claus himself appeared and proceeded, with the assistance of Miss Mortley, to distribute the gifts from the well-laden tree. This completed, a bountiful lunch was served from the abundance of good things provided by the ladies.

Mr and Mrs Hugh N. McDonald spent last week end in Proton and attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr John Ferguson.

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MULOCK

The annual Xmas concert in S. S. No 6, on Friday afternoon was a success. The teacher, Miss McQuarrie had her pupils well trained. The Rev J. Galloway was the efficient chairman and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed. A Xmas tree with many little gifts and good wishes was a centre of interest, especially for the little folks. Each pupil received a small gift with nuts and candy from the teacher and an exchange of gifts among the pupils. Lunch was served at the close.

Dentnick Baptist Church Christmas Tree concert was held on Wednesday evening, Dec 23rd. The weather was ideal, the church being filled with an attentive audience who had the opportunity of hearing a fine program. Pastor Rev J. Galloway was chairman and filled in between numbers with his ready wit and kept the crowd in good humor. Every participant in the program performed the part assigned to them with credit to themselves and Rev and Mrs Galloway and Mrs Fulton who prepared the program. The recitations and star exercise gave the little ones a chance to show their ability on the platform. An especially good number was a pantomime "Abide with me" by blue girls, in which the solo was taken by Mrs Galloway. The program came to a close with a beautiful cantata, "The Light of the World," which was a fitting close to a Christmas program. The various scenes and carols sung added greatly to make the Cantata impressive and beautiful. The tree was a large one, nicely decorated and the children enjoyed receiving gifts. There was a gift for each church member and candy and nuts for all. Special prizes were given for regular attendance and membership verses. Short addresses were given by Messrs D J McDonald, Jno. McDonald, Alex McDonald and the Rev. A. C. McDonald. At the close a beautiful quilted silk comforter and boudoir pillow was presented Mrs. Galloway, on behalf of the Mulock Ladies' Aid. Proceeds amounted to over \$32.00.

CRAWFORD

Mr and Mrs F. Twamley and son Murray; Mr and Mrs W. Campbell and two sons, spent Xmas at the McClock's home at Zion.

Mr and Mrs Jas Sumption, Port Elgin, are visiting with Mr and Mrs. And. Hastie and other friends in the vicinity this week.

John Matheson and family of Southampton spent the Xmas holidays with Mrs N. Anderson.

Mr and Mrs E. Boyce and children, Mr Eric Ashton and Miss Vera McCaslin visited Sunday with Wm and Mrs Macdonald, Cruickshank.

Mrs M. Brown and two sons, Owen Scud with Mr Frank Bobzener, were the guests of Mr and Mrs Andrew Hastie, Sunday.

Mr and Mrs M. Livingstone, Mr and Mrs Herb Livingstone and family, of Elmwood; Will Livingstone, London, spent a day recently with Miss Tena Livingstone and Miss M. McGilvray.

A number from here attended Mulock Xmas Tree and enjoyed the excellent program.

Miss Florence McDonald is spending a few days with her aunt, Miss Faith Brown, Lanias.

Miss Florence McCaslin spent last week end with her parents.

Mr and Mrs Robt Hastie and daughter Evelyn, Toronto, spent a day recently with Alex and Mrs McDonald.

Harry and Mrs McDougal and children, Durham, were Christmas dinner with A. and Mrs McDougal.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Albert Wright, Kinghurst, who were married on Dec. 23rd. Rev Mr Heeney officiating. Mrs Wright was formerly Miss Annie Hastie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Hastie, Kinghurst, Sullivan Tp.

Crawford S. S. Entertainment

The annual Xmas Tree of Crawford United S.S. was held last Monday evening, Dec 21st. The weather was ideal and the attendance was excellent considering the counter attractions so numerous. Rev Mr Heeney presided over a splendid program, consisting of recitations, drills, choruses, solos. A humorous dialogue "Organizing an Uplift Society", a pantomime "Come hither ye Faithful" and a pageant "Faith, Hope and Charity". Short addresses were given by Rev. Galloway, Mulock and A. C. McDonald, Supt of Mulock S. S. At close of program, gifts were handed to the children and candles and nuts. Special prizes were awarded Eric Ashton, W. Henderson and G Krauer for perfect attendance in Bible class and D. J. McDonald for memorizing scripture verses and perfect attendance. This was from his teacher Mrs E. Boyce.

School Xmas Tree

The teacher and pupils of SS No 9, Port, staged their Xmas Tree on the 22nd inst. D. J. McDonald, Sec'y of the school, was chairman. A lengthy and well varied program was rendered. The children showed careful training and all took their part well. Mrs McLean, teacher, is to be congratulated on the excellence of the entire program. At conclusion of program, a well laden tree was stripped of its gifts. The ladies of the section provided a bountiful lunch.

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We join in wishing ye Editor, staff and readers, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr Joe McCulloch is engaged with Mr Geo. Turnbull a few days, while George is recuperating from gripple.

Mr and Mrs Jno. Hodgson and two daughters, Myrtle and Edith, Durham, \$2 per meeting being paid Council Frank Wise, Allan Park; and Mr and Mrs Jesse Wise and son Clayton; also John Reay spent Christmas afternoon with Mr and Mrs G. Wise and family.

Mr and Mrs P. Hay and son Hubert, Mrs Hugh McDonald, Durham; Mr and Mrs Geo Reay and daughter Grace, also Mr John Reay, ate Xmas dinner with Mr and Mrs Harry Reay and family.

Mr and Mrs Harry Reay and daughter Sadie, spent Saturday afternoon dinner with their aunt, Miss Annie Hobkirk, Crawford.

Mr and Mrs Richard Boyce, Durham, spent Xmas at their daughter's, Mr and Mrs Geo H Torry and family.

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