

OLD HOME WEEK JOTTINGS

BY OLD-TIMER
"Hi you," said Sec'y Willis to Old Timer, as he stepped into his office one day last week, "take 63 from 2,900 and tell me what you get."

As you appear to be the "Kingfish" of the "Oldie Boys and Gals in yv Oldie Town of Durham", I want give ye a hint how things may be made interesting for some of the wistors. Now many of the old timers and half timers enjoy a game of golf, much more so than the fol-de-rol of circus side-shows and half pint girls running after a softball.

Claus, and hold open house, it would gladden the hearts of many gray-haired sons who toil in the cities. A few other questions: Has Brad Jamleson gone bald-headed? Does Pete Gagnon wear false teeth? Has Oscar Hahn got quintuplets yet? Does Ferg. Grant still tell ghost stories?

We just want to know these details so we can recognize them when we are there. Answer in the local press if you dare. "Sandy." Well Sandy your suggestion regarding the fishing is unique if nothing else, and if we can not succeed in what you suggest we can at least get Allan McFarlane, Howard McDonald or Ed Kress to whisper in your ear where they catch all those big ones they tantalize us with each spring. Failing this, Jim McLachlan can put you wise how to get a basket of rainbow trout with the stripes on them and everything.

Frank Morlock says they are the real thing for he caught some just like them only the red did not come off his when you handled them the way it did when you picked up Jim's. Miss Ada McLean, Toronto, says, "I'm coming sure", she sends a list of names. Mrs G. R. Peterson (Dode McRae) Saskatoon. Says, "If at all possible I will be there."

to Mr. and Mrs. H. McDonald, Rocanville, Sask., and Mr and Mrs McLean, McMabon, Sask. W. Robertson, Bliss, P.O., Wyoming, Co. N.Y., hopes to be with us and wants to meet Dan McArthur Billy Edge, Archie Robertson, Jack Smith, Jim Smith and Ed Kress. Some of those you asked for have passed on but the above are all here and we will have them all lined up to welcome you. It must be years since you have seen the old town Mr. Robertson.

Mr and Mrs Fred Torry and son say "We are coming," and want to meet while here, Mr and Mrs Williamson, Guelph, Mrs. Elijah Dennett, Markdale, Mr and Mrs Geo. Walker Roman, Montara; Mr and Mrs Geo. Butler, Bladworth, Sask., and Eddie Hutv. Rev. and Mrs Wm. H. Hill, Oak Park, Ill., write they are coming. Mr and Mrs John Wilson, Tisdale, Sask., sent a list of others they want to meet when they are with us next August.

Mr. Balennie, Toronto, is coming and wants to meet Peter Crawford, one of Durham's well-known old boys. Here is hoping Peter makes the grade, as everybody in town wants to shake hands with him "Old Timer" among the rest. Sarah Woodland, Cottingham St., Toronto will be here sure and wants to meet Mrs. W. D. Cameron, Brandon; Mrs. A. Flemming, Highland Park, Mich.; Jackson Cochrane, Denver, Colorado, and Arthur Parker of Edmonton, Alta. Mr and Mrs N. Sinclair write they are coming and want to meet some of the old boys and girls from S.S. No. 10 Bent. Space forbids any more this week but take it from me there is going to be a hot time in the old town next August.

Agnes Macphail's Weekly Letter

House of Commons Ottawa, Feb. 2nd, 1935 This session so far is distinguished by the cordial reception given private members' resolutions by the government. The practice has been to oppose or endure, but rarely to accept, resolutions offered by private members. It is a pleasant change to have the government accepting or referring to special committees for study, consideration of pensions for the blind beginning at 40 years, a national health policy, the housing program proposed by Mr. Church, the proposal made by Mr. Dickie that a national flag should be adopted and Mr. Woodsworth's proposal that the British North America Act be amended while safe-guarding the rights of minorities.

The first piece of the much-heralded social legislation presented to the House was the Unemployment Insurance Bill. It is a contributory scheme applying to men and women in certain industries, 21 years of age and over, who earn less than \$2,000 per year. The individual contributes 25c a week, the employer 25c and the Dominion, 10c. The contributions must be made for 40 weeks before any benefits can be drawn for unemployment. The longest time for which benefits would be paid would be 13 weeks, plus some additional days, depending on the amount of the contribution. During this time the unemployed man or woman would draw \$6 a week, with \$2.70 for each dependent adult and 90c for each child. It is a compulsory measure but does not apply to people employed in Agriculture, teaching, fishing, lumbering, banking and finance, government service, Policeman, army and navy, sailors, fliers, nurses, agents, domestic and casual labour.

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WELBECK

The snappy temperature of last week caused our blood to tingle with renewed energy, the result being that some of the ladies are planning for quiltings, others to get some hooked rugs done while the men are at the old job of providing the year's fuel and a few extra cords for sale. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. P. Ledingham in the death of a beloved father.

George Bayley, Crawford is employed with Percy Ledingham at present. Mr and Mrs Donald Hastie spent Sunday with the former's sister Mrs H. Boyce. Mrs. Jas. Crutchley was the guest of Durham friends for a few days last week. Mr and Mrs John Walsh spent a pleasant evening with Mr and Mrs Nelson Petty.

Mr. F. Heift was a visitor with his mother at Williamsford on Friday. Mr and Mrs John Corlett Sundayed with Crawford friends. Mrs Miller, Williamsford, Mr and Mrs Goldsmith spent an enjoyable evening with the Walsh family. Mr. C. Dunsmoor is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Sharp.

DORNOCH

Two brothers die within a week of each other; Mr. Edward Barry was buried Jan. 22nd, his brother Michael died the following week. Edward Barry passed away in his sleep, while Michael passed away very suddenly with heart trouble. Their sister Margaret who lived with her brother Michael has our sympathy as she is left alone. Mrs. Edward Barry who has been in bed for over a month, is still very poorly. It will be a while before she is able to go around, as she had a stroke which paralyzed her right side. We hope for the best. The last Sunday morning in Jan. it was 30 below in Dornoch. Durham got off easy. The annual meeting of the Dornoch Presbyterian church was held Wednesday, Jan. 23rd. All reports showed a surplus for a change. Mrs Norman Smith of Owen Sound spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs J. Robertson. The Misses Olive Robertson and Miss Lee of Owen Sound, visited a few days with the former's parents. Mrs. E. B. Dargavel entertained on Saturday eve. All enjoyed a few games of bridge. Mrs. D. served a dainty lunch, giving her company plenty of time to get home before the Sabbath morn dawned upon them. Mrs. Burr entertained her friends by making a quilting bee, everyone did their best to finish it, but failed as night draws on too quickly these dark days. Miss Bolen spent a few days with her parents in Kenilworth. She has not been feeling the best for the past week. We hope she will be able to return to her school. Institute Women are very busy making a quilt and selling tickets for 10c. a ticket. Come along and win a pretty quilt for 10c. As the show men would call out in days gone by: roll up, tumble up, any way to get up. If you can't get up, throw your money up: don't miss this good chance. Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Crutchley, Feb. 21st. E. B. Dargavel is recovering from his accident which he received two weeks ago.

VICKERS

February is with us again and the bear has missed seeing his shadow. Mr. Radley the weather prophet predicts the coldest days in February to be from the 3rd to the 13th, so perhaps after that we may look for spring. Miss Annie Turnbull spent a few days last week with Mr and Mrs. G. Turnbull. Mrs Wm. McCulloch and sons Joe and Kenneth were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs John Marshall Jr., Normanby, on Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Brown of Hanover is visiting with her daughter Mrs J. Reay. The U.F.W.O. met at the home of Mrs George Turnbull on Friday afternoon last with an attendance of 17 members and 7 visitors. Minutes were read and adopted. Letters were read from headquarters and resolutions were sent to the Ont. Temperance Federation against the beer by the glass. The quilt patches were brought in and it was decided to quilt it on Friday next, Mrs. Joseph Porter offering her home. Miss Mary Hopkins and Mrs George Mighton Jr. were appointed to make tickets for quilt. A letter of thanks was read from Mr. Wilfred Alexander for box sent to him when sick. Then followed a short program: contest by Mrs G. Alexander guessing the number of raisins in a small fruit cake, Miss Grace Reay winning first prize and Mrs. G. Mighton Jr. the low prize; Mrs. Fred Torry had another guessing contest, Mrs G. Alexander, Mrs. J. Reay and Mrs McCulloch being the winners. Mrs John Bailey had a flower contest which was very interesting; Mrs F. Torry and Mrs Ben Coult's both sang a solo. The meeting closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again" and lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Alexander on March 1st. Roll call will be answered by an "Irish joke".

MULOCK

The weekly meeting of the Y.P.S. was held in the personage Tuesday evening in the form of a birthday party, each member representing the month of their birthday. The social convener, Miss Ulva MacDonald was in charge. Mr Hugh MacLean read the scripture lesson. Mr. Homer offered prayer, after which Miss Florence MacDonald favored the audience with a piano solo entitled the "Robin's Return". The address of the evening was given by Mr. Homer. Quite a number were present and enjoyed a social evening by having games, contests and singing. Lunch and candy were served by the members which brought the evening's program to a close. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr and Mrs Homer for their kind hospitality. Miss Nellie Stinson returned to her home at Crawford after a pleasant three weeks holiday with her friend Miss Margaret Lunney. Mrs Brown of Hanover accompanied by her daughter Mrs Reay, attended the service here Sunday morning and visited with Mr and Mrs Erwin Brown. Mr. Alex Trayner, former resident of Mulock, made a short call at the different homes of his old neighbors Friday of last week, before returning to his home in Southampton. Mr. Jas. Pilgrim of Mesford spent several days at the home of Mr and Mrs Wm. Markle last week end.

HAMPDEN

Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Candlemas Day and as the old legend says if the bear sees his shadow on that day, we are to have six weeks more winter. All signs may fail, he surely didn't see his shadow this time, but we are of the opinion we will have three allotted winter portion anyway. And as the weather man has been handing out all kinds in January and those on the shortest notice, we may be prepared to take it as it comes and be good. The united congregation held their annual meeting Thursday afternoon in the church, to which there was a goodly turnout. The business and different reports were successfully given and everything was recorded. After the meeting was over the ladies provided a dainty lunch. A managers' meeting, and the W.M.S. meeting were held at the close of a delightful afternoon. A most enjoyable crokinole party was held Friday evening at the school by the young people of the section. Mrs. Boddy and daughter Isabelle returned from a month's holiday on Saturday from Cargill and Dunkeld.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

The U.F.W.O. will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mr and Mrs Murray Ritchie, Thursday afternoon Feb. 14th. Mr and Mrs Neil McLean were visitors this week with Mr and Mrs John Heift, Durham. The U.F.W.O. club with their families enjoyed a social time at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Lawson last Friday evening. There were 9 tables and progressive euchre was played for a couple of hours. Mrs. Lauder and Mrs. Young were tied for high prize. Mrs Lauder winning in a five point game. Mr Robert Lawson and Mr. Robert Grashy were tied for men's prize. Mr. Lawson winning in the play-off. A beautiful lunch was served after which a short program was enjoyed. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr and Mrs Lawson for their kind hospitality. Mr and Mrs J. D. Brown spent an evening this week at the home of Mr and Mrs L. McLean. Mr and Mrs Wm. Bell were guests the first of the week with Mr and Mrs Thos. Bell, Berkeley. Sorry to hear Mrs. Bell is not in good health. Mr. Campbell McLean and sister Miss Catherine were guests the first of the week with Mr and Mrs Joe Davison, Durham. Mr and Mrs Clarence Head and family were visitors on Sunday with Mr and Mrs James Miller. Mr. Archie McLean is engaged at present with Mr. Walter Nichol, of Glenora. The Ladies' Aid are holding a social time at the home of Mr and Mrs James McCrea on Friday evening of this week when the ticket will be drawn for the quilt. The program is being prepared by the men. Admission 10c. Ladies please provide lunch. The young people of the community enjoyed a very pleasant time this week at the home of Mr. Norman Thompson. The evening was spent in games and dancing till the hours were growing shorter. All dispersed feeling that they had a jolly good time.

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Sailing recently on her fourth annual cruise around the world, which will take 130 days, with calls at thirty-three ports in twenty-four countries, Canadian Pacific Atlantic flagship, Empress of Britain, left New York with close on 400 passengers. She will return to New York late in May, Honoring Captain A. J. Halley, R. N. R., who retired from command of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada after thirty-four years with the C.P.R., shipmates and shore-side friends presented him with an engraved wrist watch at a luncheon recently aboard the ship. Captain Halley left the sea with forty-four years of service behind him on the seven seas.

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The Young People's meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Mr. Gowdy. Scripture lesson was taken from psalm 24, read by Esther White; Alex Tobin recited; Mr. Cornwall gave a traveltogue on the war, which was very good. The quartet sang two selections, the national anthem was sung and Lord's prayer repeated in union. KNOX Y. P. S. A meeting of Knox Young People was held Tuesday, Jan. 29th. The citizenship committee had charge of the meeting. George Hay read the passage from scripture. Helen Young read a paper on "New Year's Resolutions" and Dan Ritchie's topic was "Little things." It was decided to have a skating party on Thursday evening Feb. 7th.