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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs David Morrison, of Toronto, spent over the past week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs John A. Graham.

Rev. and Mrs David Gowdy are spending Christmas with friends at Ayr.

Mr and Mrs Robert Renwick, Sr., daughters Miss Agnes and Mrs P. C. Litster, with Dr. T. H. Sneath, were Christmas guests with Mr and Mrs Lew Renwick, Palmerston.

Mr. Carman J. Queen of Western University, is enjoying Christmas vacation with his parents.

Mr and Mrs Earl Bunston of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs Thos. Bunston of Toronto, were recent visitors with Mr and Mrs Geo. Smith, and the latter's mother, Mrs. Menary.

Miss Helen Young has been engaged at Rocky Saugeen school as teacher for the coming year.

Miss Janet Kerr of Albany Hospital New York, and Mr Kenneth Kerr of Toronto, are spending their holidays at the home of their mother, Mrs. Jas. Kerr, Varney.

Mr Ted Middleton of Buffalo, spent last weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Middleton.

Mr and Mrs Robert Ledingham entertained at a large family gathering at their home Christmas Day, twenty two sitting down at the festive board.

Mr and Mrs Will Milne and children, Miss Ina Milne, all of Toronto, and Miss Effie Forrester, Winona, were Christmas guests of Mrs Robert Milne, while Miss Mildred Young of Toronto, was a guest at Mr. Alex Hay's.

Mr. Cliff Moon, ass't superintendent, at Beatty's at Fergus, and Miss Eunice Moon of the head office of Dominion Stores, Toronto, were holiday guests with their parents.

Messrs Arthur and Harold Ramage, Thornbury, were at the parental home for the holiday. Messrs Alex and Eddie McQueen, were also guests with father and brother.

Mr. Lindsay Hunt of the Royal Bank Norwood spent Christmas with his mother, sister and brother.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Coutts and family, Conn were holiday guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs Dan. McArthur.

Mrs Hyland, Kingston, is a holiday guest with her daughter, Mrs J. A. M. Robb.

Mr and Mrs J. Bowden, Petrolia and Mr. Don Smith of Western University, London, are visitors at Knox Manse.

Mr. Isaac Hooper, of North Egremont, sold his farm to Mr. Harold Grasby, and has bought a grist and planing mill in Markdale. He intends moving there about the end of January.

FINDLAY'S DAIRY TEAM HERE FRIDAY THE 27th

As the opening hockey attraction of the season, Durham's Int. O.H.A. Club have arranged for Findlay's Dairy team of Toronto, one of the best in the Mercantile League there, to play an exhibition game in Durham rink, Friday, Dec. 27th against Durham. Wallace and Hugh Findlay, well known locally, are sponsoring their Dairy team and local fans can size up Durham's 1935-36 hockey machine, as it meets stiff opposition. Game at 8 p.m.

Christmas Dance
Under auspices Canadian Greys' Chapter, I. O. D. E., Durham,
FRIDAY, DEC. 27,
In Town Hall, Durham
Ernie Brown's Orchestra. Walkerton will provide music.
$1 per couple ; 50c extra lady

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

We can think of no better way to greet you than simply to repeat the words that have been repeated a hundred times—'a Happy New Year', and yet have new meaning each time they are uttered. We mean them sincerely and warmly.

THE PUBLISHERS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Renwick, Sr., To Observe Diamond Anniver'y

On Sunday, December 29th, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Renwick will have attained sixty years of married life together—or their diamond wedding anniversary reached. As Edgar Guest, the great American poet says so nicely, "It takes a "heap of living to make a happy home." Yet in a fair measure of health, Mr. and Mrs. Renwick are blessed with a devoted family of six sons and two daughters, to whom it is the greatest pleasure to "come home". Sunday, the 29th inst., is the official date, Rev. Hugh Crozier of Holstein united them as man and wife: but the event will be publicly observed on New Year's Day, at their home on Lambton Street, Durham.

It seems superfluous to dip into the early lives of this sixty-year-wedded couple. Especially in Egremont township, where their best days have been spent, their lives have been an open book. But open books are ever good reading, and that is why we enlarge on the activities of such citizens as Mr and Mrs Renwick have proved to be.

Mr Renwick's accent betrays him as the ardent Scotchman he is, for it never wholly left him. Born in Dumfrieshire, Scotland, in 1852, he was a mere child of three years, when he crossed the ocean to Canada with his parents. He was the only child on board who could speak English, and the Captain made a considerable fuss over him. The faily settled at Port Credit and later went to Georgetown. The building of the Grand Trunk Railway was the first thing Mr. Renwick can recall. Mr. Renwick's father was a journeyman blacksmith, employed by the G.T.R. From Georgetown to the Gore, at Toronto, where his father had a blacksmith and waggon shop. He can remember the twelve miles of plank roads and it was here he began his schooling. Later, they moved to Fergus. Mr. Renwick well remembers the great County examination when pupils came in to be orally examined. Mr Tasker taught the school for 3rd and 4th books, and though handicapped with one arm he was a grand teacher.

THE GOOD, OLD DAYS

The Renwick family came to Durham in the summer of 1860. Enroute to Durham they passed a circus that held sway on the vacant lot between the Ford Garage and the Smith Tannery. Their first home was on Elgin Street South: then for years they lived in the house at corner of Garafraxa and Saddler. A hotel stood on corner where Vic Noble's Service Station now stands. The Cochrane foundry was a great hang-out for boys on Saturdays. The Foundry made sleighs, waggons, threshing machines, etc.

The school in Durham of that date was a frame one, just north of Public Library, where Plunkett was at the helm. In the new school, the following winter, Archie McLellan officiated. He was followed by Mr Jones and here Mr. Renwick left his school days behind, to commence work for a farmer at $8.00 per month, and also had his home-made clothing provided. He went to church on the Townline, known as Hampden, where Patrick Greig was the minister. He worked for a time with Andrew Lindsay in Glenelg, and remembers being present at a logging bee on the farm F. W. Moon now works.

In 1866, the year of the Fenian Raid, Mr. Renwick was working in Smith's Tannery and recalls the excitement when word came from O. Sound that the Fenians were going to come with a gunboat: the summons for the soldiers to prepare, and the commandeering of a waggon to take them to Owen Sound. He sees clearly in memory, a woman coming to their home, asking his mother was she not frightened living on the main street, and Scotch answer made by his mother: "She would take the axe and smash everyone that dared to enter."

BUSY ADULT LIFE

At 14 years of age he went to work in Shield's Sawmill, but rented by Romains. The family eventually went to Holstein. They moved to Dromore district about 1870. There, he worked for three years with a Mr McCarty, with whom he finished his trade as a wagon-maker. At that time he was 19 years of age and joined the church. Shortly after he became interested in Sunday School work, this interest keeping up in an active sense, until two or three months ago. For most of his years in Dromore Church, he was the Sunday School Superintendent.

At the end of three years, he purchased McCarty's business, and started making nearly everything a man would need—waggons, sleighs, washtubs, churns, window sash, doors, etc. He was trustee and treasurer of Dromore School for many years, an elder now for forty years, of the Presbyterian Church. In the year 1871, his mill was burned. He continued in the milling business at Dromore until several years ago, when he sold out to Thos. Johnston, and five years ago they removed to Durham.

When the Temperance Society was organized in 1874, Mr. Renwick was made Recording Secretary, and his future bride, Jane Hastie, was also in office. Many pleasant memories remain from their activities in this society. It was first known as the Sons of Temperance, and later it became the "Good Templars". The members canvassed the whole district of Egremont township for the voting on the Scott Act. Among the enterprises was the creation of a community hall. This proved a great a great gathering place for the young people, and a good choir was organized.

Mr Renwick was also fortunate in choosing his co-partner in life, as she has been in shadow and sunshine, a true helpmeet. Previous to her marriage in 1875. Mrs. Renwick was known as Jane Hastie, daughter of the late James and Agnes Hastie, also pioneer residents of Dromore district. Their family today, are scattered over Canada, but each year in some manner, get home to see their parents. They are: Robert, Durham; James, school teacher at Westlock, Alberta; Hugh, in the Civil Service, at Ottawa; Lewis, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Palmerston; John, manager of a firm in Toronto; Dr. Edgar, dentist in Lakefield, Ont.; Miss Agnes, at home; Mrs. P. C. Litster (Jean) of Vegreville, Alberta. There are twenty grandchildren (ten boys and ten girls) and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Renwick was born at Ayr, Ont., but came to Egremont with her parents in early years, settling at Dromore. Amos Presbyterian Manse is built on the Hastie farm. Surviving brothers and sister of Mrs. Renwick are: Rev. Walter Hastie, Melbourne, Australia; James, at Rainy River; Mrs George Cushnie (Nellie) of Mount Forest.

Mr Renwick has several brothers and two sisters living, viz: William and Christopher of Toronto, both working for many years at Dromore mill; James, in Dakota; Walter in Alberta; John and Thomas at Dromore; Mrs. Salter (Mary) and Mrs. Norris (Eliza), both of Toronto.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Renwick will wish for them many happy years ahead, secure in the knowledge that they have reached the point where only the higher things in this life are their hope and anchor.

DIAMOND WEDDING RECEPTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Renwick, Sr., will be at home to their friends on New Year's Day, January 1st, from 4.00 to 6.00 p. m., on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary.

O. H. A. INT. HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Dr. Burnett, convener and Mr. J. B. Duffield were Durham's representatives to the schedule meeting in Palmerston last Friday, when Group No. 14 was drafted as follows:

Dec. 27—Milverton at Owen Sound
—Harriston at Palmerston
30—Owen Sound at Harriston
—Durham at Arthur
—Palmerston at Milverton
Jan. 3—Milverton at Durham
—Arthur at Owen Sound
6—Arthur at Palmerston
7—Durham at Harriston
—Owen Sound at Milverton
10—Harriston at Durham
—Milverton at Arthur
—Palmerston at Owen Sound
14—Arthur at Durham
—Palmerston at Harriston
17—Durham at Palmerston
—Harriston at Milverton
18—Owen Sound at Arthur
20—Milverton at Palmerston
21—Harriston at Owen Sound
22 Arthur at Milverton
24—Owen Sound at Durham
—Milverton at Harriston
—Palmerston at Arthur
27—Durham at Milverton
—Owen Sound at Palmerston
—Harriston at Arthur
29—Palmerston at Durham
31—Durham at Owen Sound
—Arthur at Harriston

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Group Championship Series

First and third teams play off Feb. 4th and 7th; 2nd and 4th teams, Feb. 3 and 6. Goals count on round; first and second teams have choice of home dates.

Winners play off on Feb. 10, 12 and 14, games to count. Winners of 1st and 3rd series have choice of home date. If third game is necessary, it will be played on neutral ice. All postponed games must be played by Feb. 1st.

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It looks as if Harriston would not have an Int. O.H.A. team this winter which no doubt will be unwelcome news to many of our readers. It does not look as if sufficient players could be mustered among the senior ranks to place a strong team in the league. Palmerston are playing intermediate hockey this year, and the Bronchos cannot draw from there; besides this they have lost Artie Gregor to Kincardine.—Harriston Review.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Durham Ministerial Association have arranged a special Week of Prayer program on the general topic: "We Choose Christ". The meetings will be held (D.V.) at 8 o'clock on the following evenings:

January 6th: Rev. J. T. Priest will speak on "Christ in us" in Knox Church.

January 7th: Rev. David Gowdy will address the meeting on "Christ in our homes", at Anglican church.

January 8th: The Annual Bible Society meeting will be held in the Baptist church. It is expected that Rev. Mr. Allnut will be the speaker. There will be an opportunity each night to contribute to the work of this Society, which helps all of our churches on the various Mission fields.

January 9th: Rev. R. G. Halbert will give an address on "Christ in our churches", in the Presbyterian church.

January 10th: Rev. J. R. Thompson will present "Christ in our community", at the Queen St. United church.

Start the year right and plan to be present at each and all of these Week of Prayer services.

On Sunday morning January 12th, 1936 the following Durham Ministers will exchange pulpits:— At 10.30 a. m., in the Baptist church, Rev. R. G. Halbert; at 11 a.m. in Knox United church, Rev. David Gowdy; At 11a.m. in Presbyterian church, Rev. J. T. Priest; At 11 a.m. in Queen St. United church, Rev. W. H. Smith.

Your presence will help to make these Christian Fellowship meetings a success.

High School Commencement Furnished Varied Entertainment

Annual Students' Night Pleases Audience

Like the brook, the High School Commencement Exercises are a running institution in the life of the town and on Friday night last, this brook ran clear and strong. It is the annual reflector of student activities aesthetically and they prepared a splendid evening's entertainment. As well as the program proper, medals were presented for honors in scholastic and gymnastic work. Mr. Jack Gagnon, president of the High School Literary Society, was chairman of the evening and in a neat speech, welcomed the large gathering.

Mr. G. C. Webster of the school Board, had the honor of presenting the medals for scholastic showing in the different grades. In Form I, Catherine Rowland, now of Elmira, was the highest standing pupil for the year, also winning the Entrance medal for 1934. It may be mentioned here that this Entrance medal of 1934 was the last granted, due to the decision of the Department of Education to allow pupils through the Entrance on term standing. Jean Firth captured Form II medal; Murray Smith for Form III, who also won medals in 1933 and 1934 and as Mr Webster stated appeared to have the habit; Form IV medal was donated by Miss Weir to the student making the greatest progress during the year, but not necessarily the highest marks. This medal was awarded to Norman Greenwood who has also won medals in previous years; Form V was donated by Principal Robb and awarded to Sadie McEachern, for greatest proficiency.

MEDALS PRESENTED

Mr. Robb made the presentations of medals to Jean Rowe, Betty McIntyre and Bert Whitmore for winning most points in Sr. girls', Jr. girls' and Jr. Boys' events in Field Day at Flesherton last October. As well Mr. Robb presented the silver cup, emblematic of Durham school winning the girls' championship. While we are speaking of presentations, the scholars presented Mrs. Gowdy with a small token for coming to the rescue as pianist on short notice. Miss Gerrie of the staff was also presented with a gift by the caste of the play, for her patience in training them.

PROGRAM PLEASES

The opening number by the Glee Club was an attractive bit of travelogue work, wherein the singers entered with spirit into songs descriptive of the sunny south, later taking you to Ireland, England, Scotland, Holland, Japan, ending with Canada, when "O Canada" was loyally sung. Each country as they came forth, were dressed in native attire, while at the back of stage, a shifting ball of light followed the Glee Club in their travels over the earth.

Miss Thelma Priest had quite possession of herself as she gave a rendition of "Pigs is Pigs". Misses Shirley and Betty McIntyre were quite taking in their dances in costume, "The Gay Nineties." A Japenese dance in costume, by Junior girls was well executed. Comprising the personnel were Ada Becker, Jean Black, Jean Simmons, Ruth Nichol, Janet Robb, Margaret Moore, Florence McLean, Myrtle Hodgson. Also a Danish drill by Senior boys was well executed,—Edward Hunt, Norman Greenwood Robert Milne, Murray Smith, Allan Watson, Gordon Graham, Arthur Newell and Raymond Hopkins.

However the play, "The Arrival of Billy" was the "piece de resistance" of the night. It carried the plot of a childless couple receiving word from a friend in California, that she was sending to them her special charge, "Billy" as she was taking an extensive leave from her home and felt "Billy" to be safe in her keeping. Though very much surprised at their friend's action, they immediately set to work to make the most of the situation, and accordingly went to great length, in expense, etc. in fitting the home with child comforts and toys for Billy,—going even to the length of engaging a nurse for him. To their great amazement what should descend upon them next day but a large tom-cat. The characters were well taken by Susie Bell and Ronald Rudd, as Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Margaret Firth as Mrs. Nelson, a friend of the family; Kathleen McFadden, a lady with ideas of her own as to how children should be brought up; Marion House as Mrs Noves (Mrs Sherwood's mother) and Elsie Hunter as the trained nurse.

Misses Margaret Sparling and Jean McGirr were the pianists of the evening and Mrs Gowdy capably acted for Olieda Hahn, who became ill that day.

The National Anthem and school yell closed a bright program.

CHRISTMAS DAY WAS QUIETLY OBSERVED

Christmas Day was a family day in Durham and district. The weather was keen but bright and clear. Roads being good, many used the car or horse and cutter to visit relatives and friends in adjacent points. In several centres, the 26th, of December, Boxing Day, is being observed officially. This day has been observed in England for centuries. It is really an old Roman custom, where it is said, boxes were left outside of the home the day after Christmas with money therein, as a contribution to the poor. A local version of the day is that duplicate Christmas boxes are returned on this day.

The radio message in the morning from a representative in each of Britain's far-flung dominions, gave a thrill, and the warm greeting of King George to his subjects left no doubt in the minds of his listeners in, that the interests of his vast Empire are of much concern to him.

The postmaster and his assistants in Durham had a heavy week and handled the great volume of mail with admirable promptness considering everything that goes in the way to prevent speed. Many towns state the mail Monday last through their post office, the largest in years and Durham Post Office was no exception to the rule.

DURHAM BOY'S NAME APPEARS IN K.C. LIST

Christmas was further enhanced for Robert E. Laidlaw, in Toronto, when through Attorney-General Roebuck, he was informed that he was one of several new "K. C's." in Ontario. This is a recognition that gives much pleasure to Bob's friends in his home town of Durham, where he received his public and high school education. One of the strings attached to a "K. C." is that the lawyer so honored has to have fifteen years' experience in the profession. This is hard to believe in Rob's case as it seems but the other day that he entered law school. He first graduated in Civil Engineering at Toronto University, later entering Osgoode Hall. For some years Rob. has been solicitor for the C.N.R. and devotes a certain amount of his time to giving lectures at the University to engineering students.

BORN

BELL—In Durham Hospital, Dec. 25, to Mr and Mrs George Bell, Glenelg, (nee Mary Mather) a son.

New Year Greeting

Just three words—"Happy New Year"—but behind them all are our thanks to you for your friendship and patronage during the past year and all our hopes for your continued encouragement and support.

McFadden's
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THE MEN'S STORE
NEW YEAR GREETING
The New Year has almost arrived and sends his best regards to you via yours truly.
We wish you the best of everything for 1936 and express the hope that you will find our store an attractive place to shop the coming year.
All Brand New Merchandise.
Quality Goods at lowest possible prices
J. W. Elvidge
COME IN AND LOOK OVER OUR READY-MADE SUITS.

New Year Greeting
At this festive season of good cheer and good will, we want to say in true New Year spirit to our customers and friends
"A Very Happy New Year"
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