

IF JESUS HAD NOT COME

If Jesus had not come to earth That glorious Christmas Day; If there had been no lowly birth, No baby in the hay; If there had been no Saviour born, No shepherds kneeling there, This would have been a cheerless morn And life a black despair.

GARAGE MECHANICS MUST BE LICENSED AFTER JANUARY 1

The new legislation of the Ontario Department of Labor which requires every qualified garage mechanic in the Province to be licensed on and after January 1st, 1937, and provides penalties for infraction of the Act, has just been explained by the Department.

Every motor vehicle repairer with more than five years' experience and less than seven years' experience in the motor vehicle trade at the time such trade became a designated trade and who successfully passed the examination prescribed by the Advisory Committee shall be granted a certificate of qualification on payment of the prescribed fee.

The Act also makes provision for the issuing of certificates in cases of repair men with more than two years' and less than five years' experience. "Every motor mechanic repairer who fails to pass such examination may try such further examination as may be prescribed by the Provincial Advisory Committee at the end of a period of one year."

This move will prevent any general handy man from tacking up a sign inviting the general public to have cars reconditioned by him whether he is a licensed repair man or not, and should prove a boon to the motorist who knows what it is to have a good motor ruined by the hands of an unskilled mechanic.

RED CROSS OFFICERS

ARE RE-ELECTED

The Red Cross Society have decided to postpone their bazaar until spring. Officers were re-elected for the coming year, as follows: Hon. pres., Mrs. Edward Kress; President Mrs. David Jamieson; 1st vice pres. Mrs. C. Seymour; 2nd vice pres. Mrs. J. F. Giles; Treas., Mrs. P. L. Gagnon; Buying com., Mrs. D. M. Saunders; Mrs. Allan Bell. Sec'y, Mrs. G. A. Thompson.

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JOHN E. FERGUSON DIED AT HODGEVILLE

(Hodgeville Standard, Sask.)

The very sudden death of John E. Ferguson, one of the old timers of the Hodgeville district on Sunday morning, Nov. 29th, came as a shock to all his friends and acquaintances. Death was caused by a sudden heart attack, Jack, as he was known to all and sundry, was a well known figure in the district and will be missed by his many friends. Mr. Ferguson was born in Proton Township, in the County of Grey, Ontario, 53 years ago and came West in 1909 to Caron, Sask., and then in 1910 moved to the Hodgeville district, where he homesteaded, and lived on his homestead until his death. He was married in 1917 to Mrs. Eva Arnott, and Mr and Mrs Ferguson endeared themselves to the people of the Hodgeville and St. Boswells districts where they were very well known in social activities, particularly in connection with church work.

Funeral services were held at the farm residence on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, at which friends and relatives gathered for many miles around. It was one of the largest funerals held in this district, and there were over 60 automobiles in the cortege. It was nice to note that the funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Davidson, now of Aneroid, and who was for some years pastor of the United Church at Hodgeville and a great friend and advisor of deceased. Rev. Mr. Davidson was assisted by the Rev. Parsons, pastor of the United church at Bateman. There was an abundance of floral tributes which were sent by friends and relatives. Following the services at the residence, the cortege left for the Hodgeville cemetery, where a short burial service was conducted by the two pastors.

Mr. Ferguson leaves to mourn him his widow, Mrs. Eva Ferguson and his stepson Charles Arnott of Vancouver and four sisters, Mrs. John Herd of Gouverneur, Sask.; Mrs. Watson of Dundalk, Ont.; Mrs. Johnston, Brownlee, Sask. and Mrs. J. McGregor of Moose Jaw, Sask., and one brother Donald Ferguson of Toronto. In addition to these relatives are his cousins in and around this district, Mrs. Johnston of Swift Current, Sask.; Messrs Dan and Alvin Ferguson of St. Boswells and Alex Ferguson of Ontario.

CRAWFORD

Don't forget Crawford Sunday School Christmas tree this Friday evening.

We are glad to report that Mr. J. McDougall was able to return to his home here on Saturday from Toronto and is making a splendid recovery from his recent operation for stomach ulcer.

Mr and Mrs Alex Anderson of Seone are spending some weeks with their son Will and family.

The Christmas meeting of the Y. P.S. was held in the church last Thursday evening with a good attendance. The meeting was presided over by the pres., Florence MacDonald and was opened with a Christmas hymn and prayer by Eerie Anderson. Scripture lesson was read by Ed. MacDougall. Excellent readings were given by Mrs Edgar Boyce, Irene Klages and Will Campbell. Florence MacDonald sang a solo and a recitation was given by Charlie Campbell. Next meeting will be in the form of a watch night service on Dec. 31. The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

BEATING OUT THE YOUNG

From Orilla the word comes that Collingwood's Man of Nature, Alfred Staples, has some rivals there. Until very recently, Robert Starsmore, 77 years of age, of Matchedash street, continued taking daily dips in Lake Couchiching and did not seem to notice the cold while young men looked on and shivered. Another of the town's older residents, Calston Horne of Harvey St., who was 87 recently, walked around the lake, a distance of 27 miles. This may be an age for youth, but these citizens can't be convinced of the claim. —Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin.

THAT'S ALL

A six year-old girl submitted the following composition on "People" to her teacher: "People are composed of boys and girls, also men and women. Boys are no good at all until they grow up and get married. Men who don't get married are no good either. Boys are an awful bother. They want everything they see except soap. My ma is a woman, and my pa is a man. A woman is a grown-up girl with children. My pa is such a nice man that I think he must have been a girl when he was a boy."

At Queen's Park

BY THE WATCHMAN

Toronto: The defeat of the government candidate in East Hastings goes to prove that it is just as easy to arouse religious prejudice today as it was in the days when men were hanged for their beliefs. Apart altogether from the merit or demerit of the separate school legislation, it is an unfortunate fact that an appeal to prejudice too often secures a quick response.

Now that the by-election is over, political experts are attempting to analyse the significance of the overwhelming victory of the Conservative candidate. Many of them believe the by-election was a much over-rated affair. In the first place, they say East Hastings is a Conservative stronghold. In the 1931 general election, when almost every part of the province was discarding Conservatism in favor of Liberalism, East Hastings remained faithful to a losing cause and re-elected the late James Hill by a majority of 418 votes. What reason was there to believe that in 1936 this riding would forget its traditions and turn Liberal. There is none.

When an Opposition party finally succeeds in winning the seat of government it automatically ceases to be an aggressive force and becomes defensive. That is because it must answer for its policies and is saddled with all the responsibilities of government. That is one reason why, in any election campaign, the Opposition are able to take the offensive. They are attacking policies put into effect by others, and it is always easier to attack than to defend.

That is why in the East Hastings campaign the Conservative forces were able to throw charge after charge at the government and then slip away elsewhere and launch another barrage before the government could get its answer out to the electors. And the separate school question was used with deadly effect by the Conservatives. It was an issue made to order and they did not miss any chance of using it.

But the campaign is over and more serious matters are engaging the attention of the government. In a few months there will be another session of the Legislature and it is certain to be an interesting one. The government will announce its balanced budget, a reduction in the gross debt of the province, and plans for unemployment relief. A comprehensive program of highway building will be started in Northern Ontario and this is sure to benefit agricultural communities of Southern Ontario. It is not generally known that large amounts of farm produce are daily sent to Northern Ontario from the south and that this trade is capable of being greatly expanded if the proper road facilities are provided.

Recently Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways, announced that the government would start on a comprehensive highway building program in the spring and he stressed the advantages that would accrue. Not only will it benefit the farmers, he said, but the actual road construction itself will provide work for thousands of men. With a good system of highways, farm trucks will be able to penetrate into districts which cannot be reached at the present time by ordinary means of transport, the Minister believes.

GLENROADEN

There has been quite an exciting time at Glenroaden over the week end, when on Saturday afternoon, a truck owned by James Miller and Sons, of Rocky Saugeen, went over the embankment at the south side of Glenroaden bridge. Fortunately no one was hurt, although the truck was badly damaged and burned.

Mr. Joe Kenny spent a day recently in Owea Sound.

Mr and Mrs Mike Casey, Mr and Mrs Jack Vasey of Sullivan spent Tuesday at the home of Nicholas Meloshe.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs A. Trafford on arrival of twins, son and daughter, and to Mr and Mrs C. Bennett, a daughter.

Master Michael Kenny spent the weekend with his cousin Wilfred Meloshe.

Mr. James Moran is engaged with Mr James Healy, to put up a pile of wood.

Mr Cam. MacLachlan of Durham, spent a weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs Mal. MacInnes.

Miss Ritchie and pupils are busy practising for the Christmas concert on the 21st of December.

"I've got a job for you at last, Sam; be at the works at 9 sharp tomorrow morning."

"Sorry I can't, sir; I have to carry the flag in the unemployed procession."

The Durham Review

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

Long life to our new King and Queen, who took the solemn oath of office on Saturday last, while the late King Edward VIII was journeying towards Australia, to seek seclusion and rest from the peoples he so short a time ago, ruled over as King. The sudden termination of the reign of King Edward VIII makes one of the most dramatic situations and climaxes in British history. It is too early yet to tell what space will be given in future historical text books to the abdication of the King. Certainly his case is without precedent in the British royal line. Whether the right or wrong course King Edward followed, is a personal matter and a kindly veil is thrown over his attitude in this regard.

But this week the welcome sign is hung out to Britain's new rulers. The new monarch, who will be known as George VI, and his wife who was Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lynn before their marriage in 1923, are much like the late King George and Queen Mary, in their quiet ways. The King has had his share of the limelight—more perhaps than he likes. He has led an active public life, has toured British Africa, Australia and New Zealand, but lacking the "fair" of his spectacular elder brother, he is better known for the virtues personified by his father. He is first and last a family man.

Known to his royal relatives as "Bertie", he is about the same height possibly a little taller than King Edward, and in appearance bears a family resemblance to his brother. But there the affinity ends. Where Edward, as Prince of Wales, dashed about the world, danced with the good-looking girls, he saw and seemed to get a tremendous thrill out of it all, the new King's peripatetic life has been fewer and in their comparative formality, have had more of the sedateness that was long associated with the tours of royalty.

Where his elder brother was known as an international travelling salesman, the new King has looked not abroad, but at home for his specialisation. He has concentrated on the daily lives of the working people, striving to make them happier. To countless organizations directed toward welfare work of this kind, he has been more than a figurehead officer. He has been a real working president.

Rarely has a baby girl attracted more notice than did the Princess Elizabeth who was born to them in 1926. From the day of her birth, public interest has centred in the little girl who may one day be queen of England in her own right. The subsequent arrival of a young sister, Princess Margaret Rose, gave Princess Elizabeth a rival in the public eye but particularly in the light of the existing crisis, Elizabeth is without doubt the most important little girl in the world today.

BOXING DAY

The fact that Canada is taking English customs to her heart and incorporating them into the civic life of the country, is becoming more and more evident. Several Canadian manufacturers serve the four o'clock cup of tea to their staff, the idea coming from the Motherland, that it gives increased energy in the dead hours of the day. Now "Boxing Day" is another English holiday that is more and more being adopted here. It is on a very happy and suitable day this year, —Saturday, Dec. 26th, allowing a good holiday weekend for business people.

B.T.: The phrase "Christmas Box" originated in the early Christian times. It was then a box which was placed in the church for various charities and was opened on Christmas Day. The contents were distributed the next day (Boxing Day) by the priest, and where the contributions consisted of cash were known as box money. However, farmers were accustomed to leave their contributions in kind, eggs, butter, flour, meat and other agricultural products much the same as the farmers of Quebec today place fruits at the church entrance on Thanksgiving Day the results of the sales of which go towards masses for the souls of relatives. In many churches in Canada, the accumulation of Christmas gifts is distributed in much the same manner as in the earlier Christian days.

The Bank of Canada has refused Alberta a loan. However, as many individuals know, this is not the first time a bank has acted that way.

There's the common cold, common sense and the common weal, and the only common one of the lot is the cold.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

ROCKY SAUGEEN Y. P. S.

Burns Church Y.P.S. met in the church on December 8th. The meeting was of devotional type, under the leadership of Peter MacQuarrie, and opened with prayer by Rev. D. Gowling. Scripture was taken by Michael MacLean. After the business was dealt with and correspondence read, the parable on Ferment was given by Rev. Gowdy. A reading, "Why is the Bible worth knowing" was given by Bernice Reay. Peter MacQuarrie conducted an interesting contest on the books of the Old Testament. The next meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday evening, January 5th.

PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. John Morrison, the pres., Mrs. Patterson presiding. Mrs. A. Derby opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. J. H. McFadden read scripture lesson, "The birth of Christ". Mrs. Patterson was surprised and quite overcome when presented with a life membership, the gift of a friend in honor of their golden wedding. Mrs. Anderson made the presentation. Reports for the year were received and were gratifying. The allocation for missions was oversubscribed in each branch of the work. Miss Renwick, leader of Mission Band, gave a splendid report. Two certificates were presented during the year and the membership increased. The president gave an inspirational address before vacating the chair.

Rev. Gowdy presided for election of officers and made a dedicatory prayer upon installation of officers. New officers are: President, Mrs. S. Patterson; vice pres., Mrs. D. Gowdy, Mrs. J. M. Burgess, Mrs. J. Morrison; sec'y, Mrs. G. L. Sharpe; treasurer, Mrs. A. Derby; sec'y of welcome and welfare, Mrs. W. H. Smith; supply, Miss E. Calder; Home Helpers, Mrs. J. F. Grant; library, Mrs. J. H. McFadden; Glad Tidings, Mrs. C. K. Moffat; expense fund treas., Mrs. J. Hepburn; pianist, Mrs. J. H. Harding; auditors, Mrs. J. Morrison, Mrs. W. Smith; press sec'y, Mrs. John Sharpe, Mission Band leader, Miss A. Renwick; Flower com., Miss Renwick, Mrs. W. J. McFadden, Miss McPherson.

The benediction brought a successful and harmonious year to a close.

KNOX UNITED W.M.S.

Jesus the Great Teacher, was the theme of the missionary program for study in the afternoon Auxiliary of Knox United. Mrs. J. S. McIlraith, candle in hand, represented the Spirit of Christian education; Miss Margaret McFadden gave an account of the work of the missionary in the school in Northern Rhodesia, Africa; Mrs. T. Whitmore told the story of a Japanese Church boy who became a Christian, and of his work in the Japanese church; Miss M. J. McGillivray told the story of Dr. Haboob, a Mohammedan woman of Syria, who became a Christian in her youth and refused marriage to become educated, and a doctor in her own land. Mrs. C. McGillivray represented a missionary in India; Mrs. Mather and Miss W. A. Blythe two native Christians, Mrs. H. C. McKechnie was a Chinese woman educated under the mass education movement in China. Mrs. T. F. House with chart and map showed the work of the W.M.S. in educational work in Canada and overseas. A nominating committee was appointed to bring in a slate of officers for election at next meeting. A report of the bale packed for Western Canada gave its value at \$85.

QUEEN STREET W.M.S.

Members of Queen Street United church W.M.S. gathered in the parsonage for their December meeting. The Secretary and treasurer gave their reports. Rev. R. G. Halbert presided for election of officers, which resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. R. G. Halbert, vice pres., Mrs. H. McCrae, and Mrs. Twamley; sec'y, Mrs. M. Knechtel; treas., Mrs. A. Winter; sec'y stewardship and finance, Mrs. P. L. Gagnon; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. W. Prew; supplies, Mrs. G. Vilis; press reporter, Mrs. A. McClocklin; pianist, Mrs. W. A. Glass.

The lives of missionaries were reviewed by Mrs. A. Winter, speaking on Brayton C. Case, superintendent of agricultural school and missionary in Burma, and Sherwood and Marian B. Hall, both medical doctors in Korea. She read the story of the work of the missionaries at Kambina Africa as published by Stanley High. A pleasing feature of the service was the presenting of a life membership certificate to Mrs. P. L. Gagnon, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society making this gift possible.

QUEEN ST. AND KNOX U.Y.P.U.

The U.Y.P.U. held a meeting in evening was spent.

Queen Street church on Monday evening with a good attendance. The scripture reading was given by Dorothy MacDonald followed by an interesting devotional topic by Harold Empire. Mr. George Hay gave an account of the recent crisis in our Empire. After devotional exercises the meeting was turned over to the convener, Mr. Tom Webb of the social committee and a very enjoyable social time was spent, being ended with the serving of light refreshments.

KNOX AUXILIARY

Knox United Evening Auxiliary met on Tuesday evening in home of Mrs. T. F. House for their monthly study meeting and the annual election of officers. The president, Mrs. H. C. McKechnie presided for the study meeting. Those taking part in representing the missionaries of various lands and giving a glimpse of their life work, were Mrs. H. McKechnie, Miss Myrtle Mortley, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. R. Catton, Miss Winnie Blythe, Mrs. T. F. House, Mrs. C. McGillivray, Miss Helen Gerrie and Mrs. B. Stonehouse. The devotional service was taken by Mrs. J. Rutherford and Miss Mary Perdue and the theme was "In the footsteps of Jesus, the great teacher". A vocal solo was given by Miss W. Blythe. The financial treasurers gave reports. Mrs. W. H. Smith presided for the election of officers and the following accepted office for 1937: Hon. pres., Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. R. Macfarlane, Mrs. B. Stonehouse, Mrs. J. A. Aldred; pres., Mrs. H. C. McKechnie, vice pres., Miss Barbara Ritchie and Mrs. B. C. Morlock; treas., Miss M. E. Morton; sec'y, Miss Myrtle Mortley; Strangers and associate helpers sec'y, Mrs. E. Hastie; Missionary Monthly, Miss M. E. Morton; Temperance, Miss Anna Ritchie; Christian Stewardship and finance, Mrs. T. R. McFadden; Study book leader, Miss M. H. Gerrie; pianist and press sec'y, Miss Winnie Blythe; conveners of committees: Devotional, Mrs. W. G. Ritchie; social, Mrs. C. McGillivray; work, Mrs. D. McQueen.

GLENELG CENTRE B. M. C.

The December meeting of the Glenelg Centre B.M.C. was held at the home of Mr. Geo. Bell. After reading of minutes the roll call was answered with the word born. Mrs. W. Ewing read the Bible, followed by a season of prayer. Miss Marion Gomm read a paper on Law, Love and Temperance; solo by Mrs. Jas. A. Browne "Make somebody happy today"; reading by Mrs. J. A. Browne "Life's best reward". "If the Inn Keeper only knew", was given by Mrs. R. J. McGillivray. The topic "The perfect heart", was given by Mrs. Geo. Bell. Meeting closed with hymn and prayer. Hostess served lunch. January meeting will be held at Mrs. R. J. McGillivray's.

VICKERS

We have a considerable amount of ice on our roads at present which makes it very inconvenient for travelling.

Mr and Mrs Royden Reay are now nicely settled in their new home. We wish them much happiness throughout their journey of life.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Ben Coultis has not been feeling the best. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Herb Chittick and family in the loss of a dear wife and most devoted mother. A large number of her old neighbors and friends from Thursday last to Hanover cemetery. Some of the young people, Miss Milligan and pupils are busy preparing for their Christmas concert which is being held this Thursday evening in the schoolhouse. Come and bring your friends.

A very nice time was enjoyed at the home of Mr and Mrs Ed. Sills on Friday evening last.

DORNOCH

The December meeting of the W. I. was held at home of Mrs Albert Livingstone with almost a full attendance. Roll call was answered by an inexpensive Christmas gift. It was decided to make a quilt and send articles of clothing to the West. Readings were given by Mrs. B. Dargavel, Mrs. G. Frizzell, Miss S. MacIntosh. A contest put on by Mrs. G. Frizzell was won by Mrs. E. MacIntosh. An exchange of Christmas gifts took place. Lunch was served by Mrs. Livingstone and helpers. Mr and Mrs Art MacIntosh and Marilyn were guests at a family dinner with Mr and Mrs L. MacLean Tuesday evening.

Mrs Howard Smith spent a few days with her mother Mrs. D. McQuarrie recently.

The losing side of institute contest for the last six months, entertained the winners to a fowl supper at the home of Mrs Bryce Dargavel last week, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

The Christmas Tree entertainment will be held in the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23rd. A good program is being prepared and we hope for a good attendance.

Mr and Mrs Archie Watson of Welbeck were visitors this week with Mr and Mrs Win. Bell.

Mr. James Miller met with quite a loss when his truck went over the bank of the river at Glenroaden, setting it on fire.

Miss Emma Schuerman has returned home after spending some time in Markdale.

Miss Ivy Melosh was a recent guest with Miss Georgie Miller.

Mr. Chester Miller has returned after spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Joan McKechnie spent a few days with her cousins, Misses Catherine and Roberta McKechnie of Durham.

GREEN GROVE

South Glenelg W.I. held their December meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Strong on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th, husbands and families also being invited. Roll call was answered with exchange of gifts, which was enjoyed by the members. Several Christmas carols were sung and No. 9 orchestra gave several enjoyable selections. A paper prepared by Mrs John McGillivray, "Christmas in other lands", was read by Mrs Hamilton; Mrs Collinson gave two recitations; Mrs Arnett a reading and Glenna Strong a solo. Mrs. J. McCaslin and Mrs. Thos. Bell rendered a fine duet; Mrs. Legg, over 80 years of age, gave a good recitation which all enjoyed. A chorus by 4 girls was sung. The ticket on the comforter was drawn, Mrs Robt. Whitmore of Durham being the lucky winner. Lunch was served and a few hours spent in games and dancing. Mrs John McGillivray was convener for the meeting. Next meeting will be at Mrs Ed. Pratt's on Jan. 21st. Mr and Mrs Seth Trafford and children, Hutton Hill, spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Jos. McCaslin.

Mrs. Robt. Bell entertained a few friends on Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs Frank Galbraith and daughter of Tara, visited last Thursday at the home of Mrs. G's. parents Mr and Mrs Ed. Strong.

Mr. Thos. Atchison spent Tuesday with Mr and Mrs John McGillivray before leaving to spend the winter with his family in Toronto.

Darling, you were cheated when you bought my engagement ring. Oh, no, I wasn't. I know my onions. Perhaps, dearest, but you don't know your carats.

Mr and Mrs John McGillivray before leaving to spend the winter with his family in Toronto.

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