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## The Review Wishes All its Friends and Readers a Very Merry Christmas

### Life Long Resident of Durham Passes

**ISABEL MacKENZIE**  
In failing health for nearly two years, Miss Isabel MacKenzie, a life-long resident of Durham, died at her home on main street on Thursday morning. A daughter of the late Donald and Catherine MacKenzie, she was born seventy-five years ago in the same home where she spent her entire life, in the business part of the town, five doors south of the Middleagh House. Her only sister, Mrs J. J. Smith, (Annie) and Mr Smith, postmaster, with whom she resided along with Miss Wale, nurse, have given her devoted care in recent months.

The late Miss MacKenzie was one of Durham's most highly esteemed and widely-known citizens, and one of the few native residents of earlier years in the town's life. Her life work was spent in music. For over twenty years she was organist of Durham Presbyterian, now Knox United Church, relinquishing her duties in 1911. For many years, until her health failed, she was a successful music teacher, giving lessons to many of the present citizens of Durham and surrounding country. Of a cheerful disposition, and a bright conversationalist, she will be missed among a wide circle of friends as well as in the home. She was an ardent reader of good literature, and had read much on the shelves of Durham library.

The deceased took an active part, until recent years, in all departments of the church work, being an active member of the W.M.S., a Sunday and Mission Band worker, and a faithful worshipper at church services. She was also a member of the Ladies' Bowling Club.

The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon from the home and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith. Mr Smith based his beautiful comforting message on a text from Hebrews 11:40. "They without us should not be made perfect," and read two favourite psalms of the late Miss MacKenzie, the Shepherd and travellers psalms and concluded with "Crossing the Bar". There was a large number of friends present for the service. The remains were laid to rest in Durham cemetery by John Smith, William McNaughton, Dr W. C. Pickering, Herbert W. Cross, Dr J. F. Grant, W. R. McGowan.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, with Miss M. Hunter as convener, have the auditorium of the church in attractive Christmas attire, with a large tinsel and lighted tree and baskets of poinsettia and evergreens at front of church and Christmas wreaths in each window.

At the final gathering for the year of Durham Red Cross workers held in Queen St. Church last Tuesday, Miss C. Fettes, the retiring matron of Durham Hospital after seventeen years service, was presented with a beautiful sterling silver toilet set by the Society. The president, Mrs David Jamieson made the presentation, while Mrs P. L. Gagnon read the address. Miss Fettes expressed her deep appreciation of the gift and asked that the same co-operation be given Miss Milne, the new matron, as was given her.

Tuesday evening of this week concluded the 5 weeks' Christian Leadership training School conducted in Arthur each Tuesday evening by Miss Elsie Thomson, Hamilton, Prov. Director of Leadership Training for the Presbyterian Y. P. S. During these gatherings the average attendance was 60 members from the Presbyteries of Orangeville and Sauguee. Seven of the local P. Y. P. S. were among the 27 who completed the required work on the unit "Young Peoples' Work in the Local Church." In the Christian Leadership curriculum: Misses Ada Becker, Catherine McMeekin, Elsie Ledingham, Harriette Wilton, Mrs Mae Hopkins, Tom Firth, and F. Ritchie.

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### Gavin Reid Dies in Regina

Relatives here received word that an old North Egremont and Durham resident, Mr Gavin Reid had passed away on December 14th at his home in Regina, Sask., from stomach trouble, following an operation. He was up in his seventies, and has lived in that city for the last thirty years.

The deceased was born on the 19th cen. Egremont, the eldest son of the late Peter Reid and Amelia Lamb. He was married in Durham to Mary Janet Vollett, a sister of W. C. Vollett, barber here, and lived in town for some time before moving to Owen Sound where he spent a bout fifteen or twenty years, then left for Regina. In Durham he was employed as a machin and bricklayer with the father of the present Ritchie brothers.

Surviving are his wife and two sons: Douglas in Regina and Fred in Saskatchewan. A son Earl and a daughter, Mrs. Greenway (Millie) died some years ago.

Six brothers and five sisters will also mourn: Will, Alex, and Frank Reid in United States; Bob, George and Charles in Sask.; Mrs Laughton in Fort William; Mrs H. E. Langley, Toronto; Mrs Wm. Johnston St. Marys; Mrs Jack Ray; Dornoch; and Mrs W. J. Moran, Durham. Interment was made in Regina cemetery.

### Council Held Final Session

Mayor Allan Bell, with his 2007 wife, were host and hostess to Durham Council, clerk, constable and the press, at a fowl supper in their home last Friday evening, previous to the last Council session of the year. The Council and others present, greatly appreciated the hospitality of the Mayor, and Councillor Duffield expressed the thanks of all.

The Council session was one of good will and cordiality, with little business. Mayor Bell thanked reeve, councillors and press, for their hearty co-operation and support and was pleased to have had harmony prevailing throughout the year. The other members of Council each spoke in similar strain.

Coun Duffield referred to the good financial condition the town now finds itself in. Tax arrears are about the same as in other years, but the debenture debt is being steadily lowered, and now stands at \$75,000, or including all guaranteed debentures, at \$140,000, whereas it was over \$200,000 a few years ago. General accounts totalling \$158,25 were passed.

### CHRISTMAS TREE HAZARDS

Christmastide, the most joyous, festive season of the year, is often clouded with tragedy because of fire. Seasonal hazards from this holiday-time require more than usual precautions against fire.

Christmas trees are highly flammable and when they become dried out they are extremely dangerous as they burn so intensely that the fire is difficult to extinguish and its instantaneous development endangers life. Persons in close proximity are likely to be disabled or overcome by the acrid smoke and hot gases.

Trees should not be near stoves, radiators, heat registers or fireplaces, and should be held securely in position to avoid falling onto any source of heat or fire.

Lighting of trees should be only by electrical equipment approved for the purpose. Lighted candles on trees are a suicidal hazard to life. When a tree has served its purpose, it should be removed from the building and not put in the basement. Serious consequences have resulted from attempts to dispose of Christmas trees in furnaces.

### Civic Holiday -- Boxing Day

In accordance with a town by-law, Tuesday, Dec. 26th, will be observed as a Civic Holiday in the Town of Durham. By Order.

### No Certainty of Election in Town

Though close to nomination on Friday night in Durham, the municipal is nothing close to a-boiling; in fact there is little activity to be seen in candidates offering themselves for the various offices. It is expected that all the present Council will stand for re-election and a new Councillor is necessary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late George McKechnie.

W. H. Kress, former mayor, and hydro com'r, Robt. Campbell are mentioned as new mayoralty candidates but we have no assurance they will stand. Reeve W. S. Hunter who did good work as chairman of the Educational Com. in County Council this year, will likely be opposed, and we have not learned of any Council candidates definitely seeking the office.

There will probably be a grist of candidates placed in nomination but how many will qualify, and if sufficient to bring on an election on New Year's day, will not be known until Saturday night.

### War O'ershadows All Else in Scotland

A letter to Mrs. Robt. Milne from her brother-in-law in Scotland, gives a graphic idea of conditions being put up with in the Old Land. We quote some extracts:

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1939  
Sunday nights are long nights. It is dark at 4 p.m. With the "Black-out," one can't go anywhere. There is no church service in the evening, so we are left to twiddle our thumbs until bedtime.

I am busy just now fitting out Herring Drifters to go mine sweeping. All the drifters that are of any use have been taken into service, and that means a lot of work here. Many of the firms are working today, Sunday, as some of the boats are requiring a big overhaul.

My own work mostly has been making wheelhouse windows out of teak. They are made on the same principle as a railway carriage window, as they pull up and have a strap to lower or raise it just the same, only they are heavy and nearly twice as thick. They are a fine clean job, and I have two or three ships to do yet and still more will soon be ready for me.

We were at a whist drive last Wednesday in the Chapel, for war comforts for the troops. I got the second prize, a bag of firewood.

It really is a terrible time, and we cannot write about it. The great loss of life at sea is so sad.

There has been a number of air raids up in Shetland Islands these last few weeks. John has not said much about them in his letters, but just that he has seen the raids. Robt is carrying on, teaching pupils in their homes during the day and twice a week he has evening classes at the Dundee Technical College. Both he and his wife are doing A.R. P. work. The schools are a problem and the children are running about having a great time. Most of the evacuees are home again.

Halloween was very quiet and there was no happy night for the children on the 5th of November. I must tell you about a large cargo boat which was sunk by a submarine off Rattery Head. She had a cargo of apples, hams, cheese, etc. 100 cases of apples were washed ashore at Buchanhaven and St. Ferguson. Mark, dad and I had our share of the spoils from friends who secured cases. It was an interesting time for the people who were on the look-out for spoils drifting in. Quite a lot was picked up among the sands.

### BORN

**COULLING**—In Guelph, on Friday, December 15th to Mr and Mrs Geo. Coulling (nee Ada Browne) formerly of Durham a son.

**RENWICK**—In Durham Hospital, Friday, December 15th, to Mr and Mrs R. T. Renwick (nee Ellen Fawcett) a daughter.

**McKAUGHAN**—In Windsor, on Dec. 13th, to Mr and Mrs C. J. McKaughan (nee Jean Coleridge), a daughter.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Margaret Derby, R. N. of Stratford is home for the Christmas season.

Mr Robert Whitmore is home from Alberta to visit his mother, Mrs. James Whitmore.

George McKechnie, Listowel, was a Sunday visitor with his brother, H. C. McKechnie.

James Milligan and sister Helca, and Arthur Derby were recent Toronto visitors with the latter sister and took in the hockey match at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Mr and Mrs Norman Koch and family of Kitchener were visitors the first of the week with Mr and Mrs Harold C. McKechnie.

Mrs W. Mitton, Hamilton, was in town on Saturday in attendance at the funeral of the late Miss Isabel MacKenzie.

Mrs Washburn, Wainwright, Ala., is a guest of Mr and Mrs J. H. Y. Padyen and visiting her father, Thomas Moffat, a patient in Durham hospital.

Miss Julia Weir is spending the Christmas vacation with her niece, Mrs. Kemp (nee Grace Smith) of Guelph, at Kapuskasing, New Ont.

Mrs R. B. Burns and family are home for the Christmas season with her mother, Mrs E. Kress, Mrs Burns' husband, Lieutenant-Burns, is now overseas with the 10th Battery.

Mrs Wesley Lytle announces the engagement of her younger daughter, Jennie K., to Mr Clifford McGirr, Durham, the marriage to take place quietly about the middle of December.

Mr and Mrs H. W. Ruhl wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Esther Wilhelmina, to Edward Reginald, son of Mr and Mrs E. Strong of Glenelg, marriage to take place quietly in December.

### SUNNYVIEW WOMEN'S INST.

The Sunnyview Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs Lorne Mountain for their Dec. meeting with 27 members and visitors present. Mrs J. Petty, president, was in the chair. Mrs Rueben Noble read the scripture reading. The roll call was answered with the donation of Christmas gifts for the Children's Shelter. Several pairs of socks and hospital coats were turned in. Mrs A. McDonald was appointed secretary for the war work. An interesting paper on "What Constitutes a True Christian Spirit" was given by Mrs H. Caldwell. Mrs W. M. Alister gave the Current Events. Mrs J. W. Petty and Mrs C. McAllister, delegates to the cooking class, gave the second demonstration on "Fruits for Food and Flavor." It was also decided to send baskets to the sick and shut-ins at Christmas. A question drawer was put on and a lot of useful questions answered by the members. Mrs. Mountain and assistants served lunch.

### NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

### TOWN OF DURHAM

A meeting for the purpose of nominating Mayor, Reeve, six Councillors, three Public School Trustees and one Public Utilities Commissioner for the Town of Durham, for the year 1940, will be held at the Town Hall, Durham, on Friday, 22nd day of December, 1939, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

Should a poll be demanded, the following polling places, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks have been appointed:

No. 1, North Ward: Polling place—Public Library, Deputy Returning Officer, Malcolm McCallum; Poll Clerk, David McAuliffe.

No. 2, East Ward: Polling place, Hahn House sample room, entrance from Lambton Street. Deputy Returning Officer, Ernest McDonald; Poll Clerk, George Burnett.

No. 3, West Ward: Polling place, Town Hall, Deputy Returning Officer, David Adam; Poll Clerk, Peter Hay.

Polling places to be open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
B. H. WILLIS, Clerk.

### Annual S. S. Concert Held in Knox Church

The pupils of Knox United Sunday School put on their annual Christmas program in the church school room with the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, in the chair.

Recitations were said by two little tots, Jean Weir and Alex Robinson. Marion Moore's class of boys and Kathleen Renwick's class of girls, put on "The Talking Tree." A trio Peggy Schenk, Doreen Aljoe and Dorothy Aljoe sang "Away in a Manger."

The Santa Claus acoustic was an interesting exercise by the primary boys and the primary girls presented a Christmas bell drill.

Mr Harold McKechnie's class of boys had an exercise entitled, "Hurrah for Santa Claus," another exercise, "Christmas Presents," was put on by Jessie Lou McLean, Madeline Catto, Jean McQueen, and Kenneth Falkingham, a dialogue, "Grandpa's Christmas" had in the cast, senior students Eulalia Wilson, Joyce Moore, Agnes Atkinson, Ray McQueen, Bob Braithwaite, Ralph Wilson. The Sunday School orchestra played the Christmas carols. Dr. J. F. Grant, superintendent addressed the students and introduced Santa Claus to the boys and girls.

The snow came at last on Wednesday evening, and it looks as though it is here to stay.

### GIRLS' HOCKEY IN DURHAM?

Women's athletic activities in Ontario are spreading and Durham is mentioned as a possible starter for a girls' team. At an executive meeting in Toronto, George Dudley, past president of the O.H.A., was asked to act as the good-will emissary to see if he can sell the intermediate group to teams in Mount Forest, Dundalk, Durham, Flesherton, Walkerton, Collingwood, Shelburne, Meaford and Owen Sound, now operating as exhibitionists.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SUNDAY DEC. 24TH

Morning service ..... 11 A. M.  
The Christmas Story .....  
..... Carrie B. Adams  
Solo Voices ..... J. O. Emerson  
Solo ..... Mr. Ed. Buschlen  
Evening service ..... 7.00 P. M.  
The New Born King .....  
..... Wellington Adams  
The Prince of Peace ..... Lorenz  
Joy to the World ..... Lorenz

### Many Children Here Santa Claus Day

Though no parade was held Saturday afternoon last, Durham town hall was twice packed with children, first those from the rural parts and afterwards the town pupils, for the motion pictures sponsored by Durham Business Men's Association. Santa gave each and all a bag of candy.

For the picture show at night for adults, there were only 17 paid admissions, and it was cancelled.

### ALLAN PARK MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

The body of Mervyn Redford, aged 26 years, who lived 2½ miles north of Allan Park, was found in the Saugeen River on Sunday, near Allan Park, by some neighbors who had been out looking for him. At examination of the remains indicated that the young man, against whom a serious charge was pending, had taken a dose of strychnine, and had then gone to the river. He had been dead some time when found. Dr. A. B. Rutherford, Chief Coroner, was notified, and after an investigation decided that an inquest was unnecessary, it being apparent that the young man had taken his own life.

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### Rev. B. D. Armstrong Enlists in Hosp. Unit

Rev. B. D. Armstrong, B. D., of Kemptville, formerly pastor of Durham Presbyterian Church, has enlisted for overseas service with the Army Hospital Unit, Toronto, holding the rank of Honorary Captain and Chaplain. He expects to be called at any time and will likely be attached to Canada's second contingent. Rev. Mr Armstrong is held in high regard by his Kemptville congregation and they are holding his pulpit open for him until he returns. Mrs Armstrong and family meanwhile continuing to occupy the manse. Pulpit supply will be secured during his absence.

### Skating Outfits

I have a good assortment to choose from. Boys' sizes with the Ace Bailey tube skate; Men's with Ace Bailey or Silver Arrow tempered tube skate. Ladies' Black Shoes or White Shoes, fitted to nickel-plated special tube skate. I also sharpen skates once Free if outfit purchased here.

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I. O. D. E.  
**Christmas Dance**  
Town Hall, Durham  
**Wednesday, December 27**  
LEN TRUSHINSKI'S ORCHESTRA  
Walkerton  
Dancing from 9 p.m.  
Admission \$1 a couple. Extra lady & H. S. students, 50c  
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**Merry Christmas!**

Once again we take this opportunity to wish you the Compliments of the Season and to remind you that we carry a complete line of good things for your Christmas dinner.

**Choice Baby Beef this Week end**

Navel Cranges, 24c doz.	Choicc Boiling Beef... 12c lb
Mixed Nuts..... 23c lb	Side Pork.. 15c lb. in the piece
Texas Grape Fruit, 6 for 25c	P. Meal Back Bacon, 33c lb.
Stoneless Dates, 2 lbs. 25c	Pork Shoulders..... 13c lb. in the piece
Jelly Powders, 6 for 25c	Pork Loins.. 15c lb. in the piece
Mince Meat, 2 lb. pkg, 23c	Hamburg Steak..... 14c lb

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