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## The Review Wishes All its Friends and Readers a Very Happy New Year

### H. S. Commencement Had Amusing Play

High School pupils, parents and friends thronged the Town Hall last Thursday night for the annual Commencement, which fully maintained its success of former years. Each year new faces appear among the entertainers, but the general theme of the program remains unchanged—songs, dances, award presentations and play.

This year the Glee Club chorus was trained by Miss Brillinger, the new H. S. teacher. Their songs were "La Marseillaise," "Dear Land of Home" and several in Latin and French by Grade X pupils.

Ross Keller, president of the Literary Society, was chairman, and gave the opening address.

Miss M. Pickering, and I. B. Sharpe, two others of the staff, were respectively responsible for the dances and the play. Edith McDonald exhibited some agile tap dancing, while pretty National dances of the allied countries were given in costume. Ireland was the "Irish Jig" danced by Esther Styles and three Marys: Mary Patterson, Mary Seymour and Mary Gagnon. England was the "Sailors hornpipe" danced by Anne Wiltson; France was represented by the stately "Minuet" presented by Vera Lauder, Norah Kearney, Velma Vollett and Roberts McMeekin, and Scotland's contribution was the "Sword Dance" by Margaret Derby.

Mr Harold McKechnie, chairman of the High School Board, presented the medals to the students taking highest standing in the various forms the past year. Two girls, he mentioned seem to have a monopoly on principal Robb's medals. Doris Pratt won this year's medal for highest in Form V, and also the two previous years, 1937 and 1938. Emily Pinkerton won the medal for highest standing in Form IV, and she now is a winner for four successive years, 1936, '37, '38 and '39. The Grade XI medal went to Tom Firth; Grade X went to Stella Connolly, Grade IX to Elaine Hirtle.

Principal Robb, Sec'y of South Grey Athletic Ass'n, presented the medal to Wm. Noble, for winning 1st place in Senior Boys' competition in field day and athletic meet of the various High Schools here in October. A student was allowed to enter only three events, 3 points for 1st place being allowed in each. Bill captured all 9 points, the maximum possible.

"Fixing Aunt Fanny," a humorous three act play, lasted almost two hours and kept the audience well entertained throughout. The various characters were well adapted for their several roles, and "Aunt Fanny" the troublemaker (Janet Robb) is a very a greebake character at the finish. Margaret Edge made a beautiful bride; Tom Firth, the groom; William Noble, the best man; Harriette Wilton, the bride's mother; Charles Seymour, her father; Tom Connolly, the bride's brother; Gladys Caldwell, his beloved; Florence Martin, the bridesmaid; Catherine McMeekin, the maid of honor; Starr Jamieson, the detective; Donald Saunders, the Jewish collector.

Helen Renwick, the efficient pianist, had a very busy evening, and was a leading factor in having the various numbers go off so smoothly.

### Forced Vision

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### THE ROLL CALL

MRS. JOHN C. ADAMS

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hooper, Egremont, Mrs. J. C. Adams passed away last Thursday in her eighty-first year. She has been in poor health for several months, but succumbed to an attack of influenza and pneumonia.

The late Mrs. Adams was Orpha Eleanor Johnston, and was born in Peel township, Wellington County. When two years old, her parents removed to lot 6, con. 18, Egremont, and here she spent her girlhood days. On April 6th, 1887 she was married to John C. Adams, and resided on the Adams' homestead, now occupied by her son Victor, lot 4, con. 18, Egremont. In 1911 they gave up farming and removed to Durham where they lived until eleven years ago, when they went back to the farm. Mr. Adams died ten years ago last October.

Surviving are one son Victor on home farm; one daughter Mrs. Wm. Hooper (Adams) and three grandchildren. Two daughters died in infancy. One brother, John Gideon Johnston also survives. Another brother Thomas, was drowned forty years ago.

The late Mrs. Adams was an industrious home-maker; a true friend and neighbor wherever she resided. She was an active member of Amos Church until removing to Durham, since when she has been a member of Durham Presbyterian, latterly Knox United Church.

The funeral service was held in Amos Church, on Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. H. Kaye, assisted by Rev. R. Mercer. Miss Jean Adams rendered a fine solo. The pall bearers were Findlay and Arch. Clark, Jas. Ferguson, N. A. McCuen, Jno. D. Drimmie, and Wm. Wilson of Durham. Interment was made in Amos cemetery. A nephew Thos. Johnston of Toronto, was present for the funeral.

Beautiful floral tokens were from the family—the grandchildren; the Leith family; Amos Church; Mr and Mrs J. G. Johnston; Mr and Mrs Thos. Johnston of Toronto.

JOHN W. LLOYD

A shock to the town was the news of the sudden death on Wednesday morning, of John Lloyd, from heart trouble, followed by pneumonia. John was but a few days past his fifty-second birthday, was well-known and well-liked around town and few were aware of his illness. He was stricken on Sunday evening, and while apparently getting better by Tuesday, that day pains became worse and he succumbed at 5 a. m. next day.

Deceased was born in Hanover, but when six years of age, moved to Durham with his parents, the late Mr and Mrs James Lloyd. Since then with the exception of fifteen months in Elmira, his entire life has been spent here. For about 25 years he has been an employee of the Durham Furniture Co.

In April 1913, he married Elizabeth May Glen, who survives him with four sons: Glen of Toronto; Clark, George and Jack. Also surviving are three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Bigger (Edith), Nettie, Anson and Jim, of Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Erwin (May) of Durham; George and Norman of Park River, Man. A sister Emil, died about four years ago, at same time as his parents.

The funeral will be held from his late residence, Garafaxa St., south, on Friday, December 29th at 2.30 p. m. His pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox Church, will conduct the service.

DAVID WATSON

A well-known Bentinck resident, Mr David Watson, died at his home two miles north of Durham on Tuesday morning, in his seventy-ninth year. He has been ill for six months, being tenderly cared for by his daughter Helen.

Deceased was a son of Scottish Bentinck pioneers, Robert and Helen Watson. Fifty-one years ago he married Catherine McLean who predeceased him in 1925. One son Archie and daughter Helen both of Bentinck survive him. Also three brothers and one sister: Robert, John and Agnes in Western Canada;

### Acclamation All Around in Durham

There will be only two changes in Durham officials for 1940. W. A. Macdonald, former councillor and mayor, succeeding the late Geo. McKechnie on the Council Board, and Mrs. S. F. Dargavel replacing Wilfred Thompson as Public School Trustee, when the latter failed to qualify. As all other nominees but those of this year's officers failed to qualify by 9 p. m. Saturday night, it meant an acclamation for all positions, and a two-year term for the new officials, as follows:

Mayor—Allan Bell.  
Reeve—W. S. Hunter.  
Councillors—Bert Stonehouse, Geo. MacKay, Donald McQueen, J. B. Duffield, W. R. McGowan, W. A. Macdonald.

Public School Trustees—Alfred Sharpe, Calvin Kinnee, Mrs. S. F. Dargavel.

Public Utilities Commissioner—Clarence McGirr.

There was a poor attendance at the annual nominations on Friday evening, less than fifty ratepayers being present. At the close of the hour for receiving nominations, the following names were placed in Clerk Willis' hands:

For Mayor—Allan Bell, J. B. Duffield, W. H. Kress, F. Irwin.  
For Reeve—W. S. Hunter, R. Campbell.

For Councillors—G. MacKay, Bert Stonehouse, Don McQueen, J. B. Duffield, Wm. McGowan, Harry Styles, G. C. Webster, C. B. Lawrence, C. Len Rowe, Clarence Elward, Robt. McLean, W. A. Macdonald.

For P. S. Trustees—Alf Sharpe, Cal Kinnee, W. Thompson, Mrs. S. F. Dargavel.

For Utilities Comr.—Clarence McGirr, Alister Saunders, Victor Noble.

The evening's speaking lasted only one hour, and passed off very quietly not one dissenting voice or criticism being raised. Mayor Bell, the opening speaker, set an example for brevity, and remarked that judging by the attendance, the town must be well satisfied or much disgusted with the present rulers. The Council had done a good year's work; tax rate was down to 48 mills this year, and should be down to 45 next year. With a reduced tax rate, the town will advance and people will be encouraged to build.

Finance Comr. Duffield regretted that unpaid taxes stood \$1,000.00 higher than at this time last year. Our debenture debt was decreasing, and there should be a reduction in tax rate next year and year after. We're working our way out of the woods and in three years, rate should be down to 40 mills.

Reeve Hunter spoke on County affairs. Grey Co. is at least \$35,000 better off financially than last year. The Co. Road Com. had cleared off last year's deficit and lived within estimates this year. The Grey Co. Home, has spent more money, but increased its revenue, and is one of the best old people's Homes in Ontario. As chairman of Sinking Fund Com. they had been fortunate in investments, and showed a profit of \$5,000. He had been elected chairman of Educational Com. the last three years, had a very busy year '39, and had got back \$5,150 of amount erroneously paid to Owen Sound Bd. of Education in grants the past 15 years. Over \$7,000 should have been refunded for last six years but Com. had accepted the former settlement after giving every consideration and on legal advice. It took two years to find where the leak was, it was now stopped. All Co. Councillors, he believed, work for the good of the County, not their municipality alone.

Coun. Stonehouse, Property Com. chairman said the Com. hasn't much control over most of its expenditure. (Continued on page 5)

James in Toronto. The late Mr Watson was a kind-hearted neighbor, and well posted. He was a member of Durham Presbyterian Church, and a regular attendant when health permitted. The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr and Mrs A. G. McComb spent over the week end with their daughter, Mrs. S. Cuthbertson, and Mr. Cuthbertson, in Forest Hill Village. Mr and Mrs W. J. Moran and family spent Christmas with the former's parents at Markdale.

Mr and Mrs J. R. Giles spent over Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Coulls, and Mr Coulls, in London. Rev. and Mrs J. T. Priest were delightfully surprised by the ladies of Glenelg Centre Baptist congregation when they were presented with a pair of pillows. The Durham congregation presented them with a goose.

The Daughters of the Empire, the Branches of the Women's Institute and the ladies of the United Church prepared baskets and boxes for the sick and shut-ins to let them know they are especially remembered at this season by the citizens.

Misses Jessie Priest of Belleville, and Jean of Embury are holiday visitors with their parents in the Baptist parsonage.

Arthur Koch is home for vacation from Queen's University.

Miss M. H. Gerrie is spending the holidays at her home at Ingersoll.

Miss Marion Morton, Mount Forest is a holiday visitor at her home.

Miss Lavina Mortley was a visitor this week in Orillia.

Miss Thelma Priest is home from McMaster University for Christmas.

Mr and Mrs W. J. Moran, Jess' Lou and Franklin, Mrs H. E. Lansley visited Mr and Mrs Jas. Clark of Toronto, yesterday.

Mr and Mrs Geo. H. Bayley of Blenheim, were holiday guests with her parents, Mr and Mrs D. Lamb, Aberdeen.

Mr George Hopkins of Smeock and Mr and Mrs Larry Hopkins, Belleville spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mrs and Mrs Robt. Hopkins.

Mr and Mrs Larry Miller, Baden spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs J. H. Hardin.

Miss Jean Webster of the Bank of Commerce staff, Walkerton, and brother Bob, of Hamilton are holiday visitors with their parents, Mr and Mrs G. C. Webster.

Miss Sadie McEachern, Toronto is holidaying with her parents, Mr and Mrs John McEachern.

Mr Dan Firth, Knox College, Toronto, Miss Margaret Firth Desboro are holiday visitors in the parental home.

Misses Jean and Mary Moffat are holidaying with their parents, Mr and Mrs Chas. Moffat.

Mr Clifford Moon, Ottawa, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs F. W. Moon.

Mr and Mrs John Turnbull of Amherstburg, spent the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs Geo. A. Turnbull.

Miss Betty Gun of Toronto, spent Christmas with her aunt, Mrs G. McKechnie.

Mr and Mrs C. C. Ramage and son Jim of Vineland, Arthur Ramage of Thornbury, and Harold and Mrs. Ramage of Petrolia were holiday visitors with their mother, Mrs C. Ramage.

Mr and Mrs J. J. Borden of Petrolia, are holiday guests with her parents, Rev. and Mrs W. H. Smith.

Dr and Mrs Sneath spent Christmas with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Geo. Cushnie, Mt. Forest.

We regret to learn that Mr John Burgess Lambton St., is critically ill.

Mr Campbell Clark, in training with the Engineers' division at Toronto, was home on leave to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs Wm. Clark, Bruce St. over Christmas. He expects to go over seas before long.

Mr and Mrs Ken Endall, Mr and Mrs J. B. Ready of London, Rev. and Mrs Carman Queen of Princeton were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mayor Allan and Mrs Bell.

Mrs John McLean of Shelburne and son Leslie, bank clerk of Fenwick, visited her mother, Mrs. T. McGirr over Christmas.

Mr Allan McLean teacher of Manitowlin Id., is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs James McLean.

Miss Jean Harding of Toronto is spending the holiday season at the parental home.

### Several Car Smashes Normanby to Have Election for all Offices

The past week saw at least three car collisions locally in all of which no one was hurt, but the cars were more or less damaged. Last Saturday evening at Vickers, Orville McDonald's Chev. sideswiped Ed. Gibson's Packard, necessitating a repair bill of approximately \$200 to each car.

Near the overhead C. P. R. bridge, Arnold Noble's Oldsmobile met a car driven by Mr McLean of Priceville garage. Noble's car was a little damaged, but the other, a 1930 model, escaped. Then a Mr Christie of near Dundalk, brought his car to considerable grief by running into a truck. These more dangerous roads at this time of year, cause a loss to owners and insurance companies, but are grist to the garages, who believe in the old proverb "It's an ill wind, etc."

Mrs Mary Dyer had a family reunion at her home on Albert St. on Monday, all but one of her family being home for the occasion. Those coming from a distance were Mrs Wm. Broughton and husband and four children, Listowel, Misses Doris of Listowel; Catherine of Kitcheener.

Mr J. P. Hunter, Dr and Mrs Pickering and family, Mr W. S. Hunter and daughter Elsie, Mr and Mrs Herb. Cross and Janet, Mrs Marg. Hunter, and Mr Oliver Hunter, Arthur, all spent Christmas with daughter and sister, Mrs. Gordon MacDonald and Mr. MacDonald in Chatsworth.

Mr and Mrs Eddie McQueen spent a couple days last week end with his brother Donald McQueen and family, and spent Christmas with her parents at Delhi. They take up residence on their return in Moncton, New Brunswick, Eddie being traveller for the Maritime Provinces for the Dustbane Co., of Montreal.

Mr and Mrs Larry Miller, Baden spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs J. H. Hardin.

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### Hockey Opens Tuesday Night

It's hard to believe the hockey season is so close, but Durham's first first league Int. game takes place in Durham Arena next Tuesday night, Jan 2nd, when the strong Walkerton Capitals, Durham's erstwhile opponents for years, will give the local boys a tough tussle.

There was no ice locally until Christmas day, so the Durham team will likely be short on condition, with few practices under their belt. Still, Walkerton probably has not had ice much sooner, so neither can have much early advantage. Come and see Durham's 1940 squad in action.

A new outboard motor is now on the market, which weighs only nine pounds, and will push a boat along at about five miles an hour.

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs T. H. Sneath on Thursday, January 4th 1940.

### 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.

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### New Year Greetings

We sincerely thank customers and friends for their patronage during the passing year, and wish one and all a Happy and Prosperous 1940.

**Bell & Bennett, Durham**

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

To our many friends and customers, we extend sincere thanks for your generous patronage during the year now closing.

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