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

### Closing Session of Durham Council

Durham Council for 1940 held their final meeting Monday night, with all members present.

The Mayor was requested to proclaim Thursday, Dec. 26th, Boxing Day, civic holiday for the town of Durham.

A resolution was forwarded, asking Durham Council to pass same. It is to petition the Ontario Legislature to amend the Assessment Act to provide a more uniform and equitable assessment of Municipalities, under which business assessments would be eliminated entirely. Reeve Hunter recommended endorsing this resolution and Council passed same.

Another resolution from Kingsville Council asked for free transportation for soldiers on leave, on C. N. R. This resolution was also passed, and a copy will be forwarded to local member.

Chairman McKay of Board of Works reported considerable snow-plowing and sanding done.

The two fire extinguishers off the old fire truck were donated to Public School Board for use in the school. One of two gas masks, now not in use, was sold to a local party for \$10.00.

To get Government grant for relief, a new registration of all on relief, from Sept 1st must be prepared. The Clerk was authorized to prepare and forward new list.

Reeve Hunter reported on the County road grader now stored here, snowploughing streets. It was agreed it made a good job of it, but the work was badly handicapped when cars were left parked on road, in the path of the plow. One car it is said stood for days. Citizens are requested to keep cars parked in garages or on side of streets; if blocking roadway, they may be towed to the wreckers.

Last Spring Town Treas. Willis resigned as Treasurer of Public School Board, which office has always been combined with town treasurer. Since June Mr. Willis has not been keeping the books, and the secretary secured them and prepared report for the financial statement. The School Board consulted the Council about the resignation, and Council declined to accept same, as it was a part of treasurer's duties.

Matters came to a head Monday night when Mr. Willis stated the P. S. Board had neither accepted or rejected his resignation, and had Barrister Rowe speak for him, pointing out that the Council had no legal right to appoint the P. S. treasurer, which was the duty of the Board.

Coun. Duffield said the idea a few years ago was to consolidate town offices, and it was an advantage to have both town and Board treasurers in one. The School Board felt it their duty to consult Council when resignation was received, and were willing to abide by Council's decision. Mr. Willis stated it was not mentioned in bylaw re his appointment, about being P. S. Treasurer as well, and he wished to be free of it, because the Sec'y. Mr. Hunter, did the business of the Board, and made deposits unknown to him. Mr. Hunter said there were 2 or 3

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PETER McKECHNIE FAMILY GROUP

of Calvin, North Dakota (Photo taken in Oct., 1940.)

Mr McKechnie was a former Priceville boy, and Mrs McKechnie was a native of Thornbury, formerly Minnie Reekie.

From left they are: Mr and Mrs McKechnie; son Alex and wife; son John and wife from Woodbridge, New Jersey; son George and wife. In front are five of their six grandchildren, and their eldest son Harold, unmarried.

Mr McKechnie, who is a brother of John McKechnie, Durham Road, writes: "The Review has been coming to our house ever since Ben Townsend's days, between fifty and sixty years ago. And I don't want to go without it. It helps so much to keep in touch with the people I knew in boyhood days, that are scattered all over Canada and U. S. A. although a great number of them have passed

checks which came to him, deposited by him, but the bank gave duplicate deposit slip, and he was ever willing to explain such.

Mayor Bell thought best way to clear situation was to have all town offices declared vacant at end of year, and applications to come in to next year's Board.

The Mayor stated he had enjoyed the past three years as mayor, with harmony prevailing, the best period of any in his long term in office. Council had done remarkably well in the past year, and if any Councilor wished to step up for Mayor, he would not oppose him.

Coun. McQueen said they had given the people better service and a lower tax rate. Coun. McGowan stated he had enjoyed every meeting in his 7-year term, but was now retiring, as it was inconvenient to attend.

Coun. Duffield had served 8 years 7 1/2 of good service. He would not be a candidate next year. The press had given fair, unbiased reports and the thanks of Council was due the press.

On a motion of Duffield-Hunter, Council and press tendered hearty thanks to Mayor and Mrs Bell for the splendid social evening provided.

Reeve Hunter said he had been 8 years in the reeve's chair, and would be glad to give other members a chance to step up. If none did so however, he would again be a candidate, as he felt that, if reeve here for 1941, he had a fair chance to secure the Wardenship, for which he was nominated last year and with drew. He had enjoyed the work both here and in Owen Sound.

Coun. Stonehouse had served 12 years, and if electors said so, would be back next year. He liked work on Council, and had no hobbies. Tax rate had been cut down last 3 years. He would add a mill, sand the streets, and each summer build a new paved street and give people more for their taxes.

Coun. Macdonald had only filled in last year. He had a long term and all municipal honors he wanted, but wouldn't say that he would not serve again if needed.

On motion of McKechnie-McQueen a resolution was unanimously carried, "that we extend to the press our sincere appreciation of the way they have reported meetings of Council."

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr Edward Hunt of London visited his mother here over Sunday. Eddie has given up his position with Dominion Stores, and enlisted with the Highland Light Infantry at Stratford.

Mr and Mrs A. G. McDonald were in Wingham attending the funeral service of the late Dr. A. T. Ford, an uncle of Mrs. McDonald.

Robert Peart was in London on Friday and visited his wife who is in the hospital and seriously ill. Miss Marion Mcron, Mount Forest spent the weekend with her sister Miss M. E. Mcron.

George Renwick of the R.C.A.F. was home on leave to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs R. Renwick.

Mr and Mrs Robt. Smith and daughter, Mrs Sockett and son, are spending the winter with the former's daughters in Toronto.

### United S. School Concert Drew Full House

Durham town hall was filled Friday evening to hear and see the musical cantata "Foxy Santa" presented by about 65 of the children and a few adults of Knox United Sunday School. It was equal to the best ever presented here the many bright costumes, adding much to the music and dialogue. Mr Roland Newton, Church organist, who trained the pupils and was pianist for the evening, is entitled to much of the credit for its success. Mrs H. McKechnie and Mrs Dan McCallum were able assistants.

Lively choruses predominated, by the school's snow fairies, Santa's military band, orphans, the little tots, etc. Santa Claus was taken by P. Ramage, Jack Frost by Robt. Milne, the orphans' deaconess, "Miss Mary" by Mrs H. McKechnie, the fairy queen by Helen Renwick, the postman by Norman Greenwood. These all had solo numbers; Santa Claus, Jack Frost and Miss Mary, a trio; and six of the pupils sang a sextette. Joan Aitcheson, Jean Schaus, Irene Cross, Velma Goldsmith, Ronald McQueen and Charlie Newton. These six with Santa, Jack Frost, Fairy Queen, Miss Mary and the postman, carried the dialogue part of the cantata. Jimmie Duffield was an apt "Little Jack Frost."

Little Jalma Sharpe, 4 years old, made a brief introductory speech. The proceeds were over \$40. after 150 S. S. children had free admission.

### ASHBURY'S HOUSE BURNED DOWN

While he was visiting at a neighbor's, Robert J. Ashbury had his small roughcast house destroyed by fire with all its contents, last Friday evening, sometime between 8 and 10 p. m. Mr Ashbury lived alone there, the home formerly owned by Adam Watson on north side of Durham Road. He had left wood in the oven of his stove to dry out, which became ignited, and must have fallen on floor and started the larger conflagration. He had no insurance. Mr. Ashbury is building a new home close by, which was saved by passersby and neighbors who saw the blaze, and hopes to get it finished up soon sufficient for occupation.

The same evening a similar blaze occurred at home of Mr Wm. Bennett, a mile east of town. Flames reached the ceiling from wood in oven, before they were noticed and extinguished. Mrs Bennett was ill at home at the time, while Mr Bennett is a patient in Durham Hospital with pneumonia.

In accordance with a town bylaw, Thursday, December 26th will be observed as a Civic Holiday in the Town of Durham. By Order.

We regret to learn that Mr. John Whiteford, formerly of the town line, Normandy, died this Thursday morning, Dec. 19th, at his home in Detroit. Interment will take place there.

### Mrs Dr. D.B. Jamieson No Review Next Week Passed away Tuesday

Citizens of town and country received a severe shock on Tuesday in learning of the death about five o'clock that morning of Mrs Dr. D. Bradshaw Jamieson in the General Hospital, Toronto. For some time past she has not enjoyed good health and was taken to hospital a couple weeks ago, where it was decided an operation for inward goitre was essential. The operation was performed last Friday, but from it she failed to rally.

The late Mrs Jamieson, who came to Durham as a bride twenty-nine years ago, has since been one of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens of the town. She was formerly Florence Edna Bowman a daughter of the late Chas. M. and Mrs Bowman of Southampton, and was born in that town in January 1888. Durham and surrounding country first met her in 1911, when she was married to Dr. Brad. Jamieson, and has since been a continuous resident here. Besides the bereaved husband two sons and two daughters survive: Bowman, lieutenant of the 2nd Batt., Grey & Simcoe Foresters; Starr, also of the same battalion, both at home; Isabel at home, and Louise, R. N., who is on duty as a Nursing Sister at Camp Borden. One brother and a sister also survive: Howard H. Bowman of Owen Sound and Mrs. Linna Lord of Toronto. She will be deeply mourned by her husband's parents, Hon. Dr and Mrs David Jamieson, to whom she was as their daughter.

When in good health, the late Mrs. Jamieson was a woman of abounding energy and in any organization with which she was interested, she threw her whole heart into the work. Her main interest was the Red Cross Society, in which she was a worker during the Great War 1914-1918, and ever since. This past year she has been head of the Voluntary Aid to the Red Cross Society in Durham. In Can. Greys, I.O.D.E. Society, she was for several years a member two of them as its Regent.

She was also a devoted member and regular attendant of Knox United Church, Durham, was secretary of the Women's Association and a former President, and she was also an active member of the Women's Missionary Society.

The late Mrs Jamieson's open-heartedness caused her to take a keen interest in the welfare of the people of the town. She was generous in giving of her time and her means towards any good cause, and her cheery personality is going to be missed in organizations, private homes, and in the social circles.

The funeral, which will be private is to be held from the residence at 2.30 Thursday afternoon, and interment will be made in the Durham cemetery.

### Week of Prayer Arranged

January 6th to January 10th, 1941

Monday, Jan. 6th at 8 p. m. at Knox United Church, Rev. S. W. Hirtle will speak on "The Sufferings of Nations."

Tuesday, Jan. 7th, at 8 p. m. at the Baptist Church, Rev. W. H. Smith, will speak on "The Sufficiency of God."

Wednesday, Jan. 8th, at 8 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. F. Jones will speak on "The Church and its Business."

Thursday, Jan. 9th, at p. m. at the Anglican Church, Rev. J. T. Priest, will speak on "Christ's Call to Consecration."

SUNDAY EXCHANGE OF PULPITS  
January 12th, 1940  
In the Baptist Church at 10.30 a. m., Rev. S. W. Hirtle will preach. In the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m., Rev. J. T. Priest, will preach. In the Knox United Church at 11 a. m., Rev. R. F. Jones will preach. In the Anglican Church at 11 a. m., Rev. W. H. Smith will preach.

### COMING EVENTS

The Foursquare Gospel Church announce the presentation of the Sunday School Christmas program, Monday evening, Dec. 23rd at 8 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Permanent Waving by Mr McArthur of Toronto at Mrs Vollett's Beauty Parlor, Thursday, Dec. 19th. Make appointment early. This is Mr. McArthur's last visit before Christmas, Boxing Day.

The regular weekly meeting of the Red Cross Society will not be held until January 7th, 1941. Persons requiring wool for knitting apply to Mrs J. H. Harding or Mrs G. A. Thompson. Finished work maybe left with Mrs J. C. McLean.

### ENTERTAINED COUNCIL AND PRESS

Previous to final Council meeting Monday, the members of the Town Council, press and chief, were the guests of Mayor and Mrs Allan Bell at a sumptuous fowl supper at their home. Many exciting yarns, mainly of olden times in Durham, were recounted, and all warmly appreciated the hospitality of host and hostess.

### Boxing Day—Civic Holiday

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## Santa Claus Day in DURHAM Saturday, Dec. 20th

SANTA CLAUS is coming to Durham Town Hall, at 2.30 p. m. next Saturday and wants to meet all the children there, from both Town and Country.

Entertainment Provided. Candies Distributed about 3.30 Bring all the Kiddies in to Enjoy the Afternoon

## Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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