

A VICTORIA JANUARY IDYLL



Vancouver Island's reputation as Canada's Evergreen Playground is upheld by this idyllic scene photographed January 6th at Victoria, B.C. The lamb is a real one, only six days old. It was born January 1 on the farm of E. J. T. Woodward, near Victoria. The pretty little lady is Sally, two-and-a-half-year-old daughter and only child of Commander R. A. ("Tony") Wright, R.C.N., and Mrs. Wright, Esquimalt. The flowers were picked in the gardens of the Empress Hotel. Canadians and Americans are visiting Victoria in large numbers this winter, the ideal weather permitting them to enjoy winter golf, tennis, fishing, riding and hiking under splendid conditions.

CLAREMONT

By Staff Correspondent

Mr. Walter Hardy has moved into the residence recently vacated by the Miller family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Underhill of Aurora recently visited the former's aunt Mrs. Cook.

The Young People of the United Church enjoyed a skating party last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Loyst have taken up residence in the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Burnell.

Lucky numbers in the Boose Grocery draw are: 2226, 2109, 2130, 2180, 2179, 2100.

Eggs continue to bring a very low price on the local market, and farmers are claiming that the price scarcely pays for the feed.

Mrs. Emerson Ormerod of Cannington, formerly of Claremont is not improving in health. Mrs. David Pugh, her sister has gone to Cannington to act as nurse.

Mrs. Howard Mothersill of Oshawa was called to Toronto recently to her mother Mrs. Wilson who has been in very poor health.

A number of the local young people gathered on Wednesday evening to tender a shower to Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Loyst. Mrs. Loyst was a former Oshawa girl.

The Mission Band of the Claremont United Church met at the home of Mrs. Rawson on Saturday at two o'clock. Installation of officers took place.

Mrs. Fred Morley who has been called in to various homes in the community lately in the capacity of nurse is at present waiting on Mrs. Levi Storey east of the village.

The Ward family east of the village and who have been so ill of late are slowly improving. Mr. Jud Ward has developed a boil on his ear which is proving very painful.

The B.Y.P.U. of the Baptist Church were invited to hold their meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Evans. During the evening the party enjoyed an old fashioned sleigh-ride, the first of the season.

The Women's Institute Meat Cookery Demonstration will be held on Friday, January 26th in the Baptist Church school room. A 10c collection will be taken to defray expenses.

The W. A. of the United Church held their regular meeting in the basement of the church on Thursday afternoon. This was followed by a pot-luck supper after which the business meeting of the church was held.

Undergoes Operation

Miss Irene Lynn who has been in Weston for some time was removed to the hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis according to her father Mr. Fred Lynn of this place

Removed to Hospital

Miss Emma Underhill suffered a slight fall in the kitchen of her home on Thursday which at that time seemed only trivial. However complications set in on the injured knee and Miss Underhill was removed to Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Bossie Kicks Over

Mrs. John Pallister north of the village had the misfortune to be severely kicked by a cow recently. The animal landed out striking the lady in the head and once in the ankle, but we understand Mrs. Pallister suffered no broken bones and is able to be about.

Isobel Cooper Weds

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper on Monday evening, when their daughter Isobel Ward Cooper became the bride of William James Benson of Claremont. Rev. I. Kennedy officiated. The bride was attended by Mrs. Ken Reesor while Charles Cooper brother of the bride acted as groomsmen.

Pickering Snow Problem

Heavy snows this week are going to present Pickering township with a problem again this year. The township has so far depended on shovelling, much of the work being done by relief labour. Last year's bill for such service according to Road Supt. Ward was around \$400 a month which is certainly not large. However the ratepayers are demanding that all the roads be plowed out as has been the case in surrounding townships, and the question of purchasing a snow-plow, which appears to be shelved for this winter will no doubt become active again next fall. We understand that the company which the municipality would prefer to make such a purchase from, is unable to tender on the job because of a present war-time strain on their steel supply. A preference is held for this particular plow as it is the same make as the township grader and would therefore be more suitable. The Department which pays a percentage on such road machinery insists that tenders be called and so the matter stands.

Writes From Overseas

Many Claremont and district residents will remember the name of Jenny Gee a former resident of the village and one who attended the Greenwood school. A letter was received this week from this one-time citizen by one of our townfolk and which was written from London, England where she is now resident. We quote the letter in part: "I think the most trying part of the war here so far is the complete black-out at nights. It is not so bad when there is a moon but at present it is pretty bad, but still we have a lot to be thankful for if there are no air-raids. We had several scares the last fortnight but none since as they have decided not to sound the sirens, unless they are attacking that area, so far we seem to be holding the supremacy in the air and so are able to sleep nights. Everyone here in London seems to be very optimistic about the result though it may take time. Everyone is eager to help all they can. My sister and I have taken a course in First Aid at Home Nursing. We just have our gas lectures to attend to qualify for a First Aid Post. My brother is in the army so far on the Home Defense. My son Norman signed up Saturday last but will not be called up for a time. He wants to go in the navy."

New Ontario Warden

Leslie A. McMullen, reeve of the Township of Brock, is the new warden of Ontario County, the first from this twp. in 27 years. He was elected at the opening session of Ontario County Council last week. His opponent was Reeve Irwin T. Ormiston, reeve of the Township of East Whitby. In the open voting, the new warden polled 15 votes, and Mr. Ormiston 10. The reeve and deputy-reeve of Pickering, and the reeve of East Whitby, had the

privilege of casting two votes by virtue of the populations of their municipalities. Both candidates were allowed to address the Council before the vote was taken. When the result of the vote was announced by the scrutineers, Reeve A. M. Irwin, of Whitby and Reeve Fred Clayton, of Thorah, the new warden was escorted to the chair by Reeve Ormiston who placed the gown of office on his shoulders. New faces around the Council Board were those of Oscar Downey, reeve of Whitby Township; Heber Down, deputy-reeve of Pickering, and Dr. C. J. Devine, reeve of Beaverton.

To fill a vacancy on the County Road Committee, there was a keen contest, with four, in the field, W.M. Letcher, reeve of Port Perry; John A. MacDonald, reeve of Mara Township; John S. McDonald, reeve of Reach, and Robert Ashenhurst, reeve of Uxbridge Township. The honor went to John A. MacDonald.

The Warden and Council greeted a number of ex-wardens and invited them to the platform. They included Malcolm Forsyth, of Claremont; James Read, of Whitby, and John Low, of Uxbridge town. Two other ex-wardens W. M. Letcher, Port Perry and Fred Clayton, of Thorah, now members of the Council were also asked to stand and receive a welcome.

Brougham

Mr. George Davis has secured a position in Toronto.

Another of our "Local Sports" this time Gordon Philip was successful in getting a red fox one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malcolm and son of Queensville were recent visitors at his home here.

Mr. Hugh Gannon has purchased a Dodge car.

We are glad to report Mr. Oscar Wilson improving after his attack of pneumonia.

The Fireman's Annual Concert and dance on Friday night last was a decided success, and the program put on by "The Johnston Entertainers" was a real treat.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. T. C. Brown on Thursday afternoon with an attendance around 30. A very pleasant afternoon was spent by all.

Owing to the severe cold weather of the past week a number of local citizens experienced considerable trouble starting their cars and trucks. If you have any trouble along that line call Mr. D. Mairs.

SIR WILLIAM'S 96th

Greetings, gifts, and good wishes, were showered upon Sir William Mulock at his birthday party on Friday afternoon when a continual stream of guests came to the spacious gracious house on Jarvis street, Toronto, to extend their felicitations on Sir William's 96th birthday, and feel again the joy of this annual January party so redolent of friendship of long standing. The wide hallway was an avenue of beautiful bouquets and baskets of flowers, and gift bouquets were set about in the

drawing rooms and library. One bouquet was from the Black Watch Association.

Mrs. G. W. Monk in a soft grey gown, received with her daughters, Mrs. Arthur Kirkpatrick, wearing a violet chiffon frock, and Mrs. H. H. O'Flynn in a sapphire blue frock, assisted in welcoming the guests.

Upstairs Sir William's two parrots "Tommy" and "Joe" kept up a clatter of "O Rose" (Rose is the housekeeper's name). "What is it they're saying?" a guest asked, "sounds to me like 'Don't go—don't go.'" "I guess you're right," remarked Col. Reginald Geary. "No one

seems to want to go home." Guests were loath to leave the happy hospitality.

Sir William cut the large birthday cake. He then went back to the drawing room to receive more guests. Later he was at the tea-table deep in conversation with Mr. Morgan Baker, provincial member for North York, and his grandson, Colonel W. P. Mulock, Federal member for the same riding.

COUNTY COUNCIL WON'T ACCEPT \$107,750 BOOST

York county council has refused to accept the 1940 budget of the Toronto and York roads commission because the majority of members felt proposed expenditures were too high. Definite curtailment of roads expenditures must be made during the war-period, it was stated, if the county is to maintain its contributions for patriotic purposes.

The county's share of proposed expenditures was set at \$282,750 in the budget compared with only \$175,000 last year, an increase of \$107,750. Total expenditures for road purposes would be \$727,000 with the government and Toronto paying a share of the figure.

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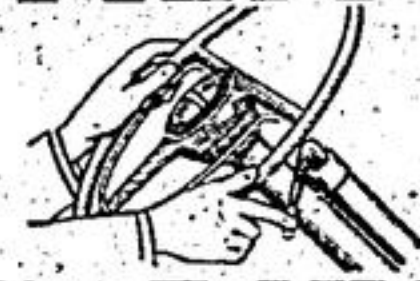
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