

ARKONA

We are pleased to learn that Bruce Brander is recovering.

Geo. Fair and Charlie Ginn called on Forest friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Broughton, of Forest, called on Arkona friends last week.

Miss Lettie Ott spent a few days last week with the Forest friends.

A large range of slippers for Xmas trade at J. Geo. Brown's.

Mr. S. Kemp, late of Cobalt, called on Arkona friends on Monday.

Reeve Jaynes is attending county council meeting at Sarnia this week.

Mr. Herb. Spillane, of Port Huron, is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

The evaporator closes down at the end of the week after one of the busiest seasons on record.

Lots of skating this winter is promised to the boys by the putting in of the dam down at Rock Glen.

Mr. J. F. Dickson and wife are planning a trip to Nipigon to visit his sister, Mrs. Donald McDonald.

Salads, berry dishes and butter dishes in rich cut glass at J. Geo. Brown's.

Mr. Archie Boyd, who spent the summer months in Manitoba, arrived home last week. He gives good reports of the west.

Miss Florence McLeay, of Watford, and Mrs. Manning, of Theford, have been engaged for the Methodist Christmas entertainment.

No service in the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. Service as usual in the evening. Rev. Mr. Coupland, of Watford, will occupy the pulpit.

Headquarters for hockey skates and shoes at J. Geo. Brown's.

Mr. S. A. Kenzie, of Plympton, received the sad news on Wednesday of last week of the death of his father, Elias Kenzie, at Pincoing, Bay Co., Mich., and left immediately to attend the funeral which took place Friday afternoon.

Deceased was a resident of Arkona about 25 years ago, and later occupied the late Daniel Dunham farm, which he sold to Mr. Dunham. He is survived by his widow and two sons and one daughter, Sylvester of Forest; J. Menno, of Pincoing, Mich.; and Mrs. Geo. Eastman, of Montrose, Mich. The 61st anniversary of deceased's wedding day was on the day of the funeral.

Arkona has been brought into the lime light by the introduction of electric power. With railway connection and the advantages offered by this power Arkona is liable to develop into a busy manufacturing centre. Toronto, London and Sarnia papers all had reference to the new enterprise last week and several inquiries have been received regarding extending the power to other points. It is the most important move for the future prosperity of the town ever undertaken and the promoters are entitled to all credit. The little Ark will be heard from later when the project is fully developed.

Haviland, Wedgewood and old Greek china at J. Geo. Brown's.

BROOKE.

Mr. G. H. Bannister, of Brooke, has sold his farm in that township, being lot 10, con. 14, to Mr. Thos. Sisson, and will move to Forest.

Pilot McLachlan, of the D. & C. line, returned from Detroit Tuesday, navigation having closed for the season. His boat had a very prosperous season, which was quite free of accidents.

The Bethesda Sabbath school intend holding their Christmas entertainment on Friday, Dec. 20th, 1907, beginning at 8 p. m. The program will be rendered entirely by local talent and will consist of vocal and instrumental music, duets, quartettes, dialogues, recitations, readings, speeches, school rally, etc. Admission, adults 15 cts., children 10 cts. All are welcome, come along and enjoy a good evening's fun.

There is likely to be a litigation over the 6th concession drain by-law considered at the last meeting of the council. A number of the parties assessed have decided to fight the by-law, and it will be made an issue at the coming municipal election. In this connection it is rumored that ex-County Councillor McVicar will be urged to stand for the Reeveship, and other candidates will be placed in the field for council.

The third anniversary service of the opening of St. James' Church, Brooke, was held on Sunday morning and was largely attended. The Rev. Canon Downie, B. D., of Pt. Stanley, was the special preacher. The Canon preached a fine sermon from Psalm 27:4. The rector announced that the small debt of one hundred and nine dollars on the new church had been cleared off during the week. It is expected that the Bishop will soon consecrate the church. Canon Downie also preached at Sutorville in the afternoon and Trinity church at night.

KERWOOD.

Geo. Hull, Jr., of Owen Sound, is visiting relatives here.

R. Galbraith is visiting his brother in Michigan.

Rev. L. W. Reid, of Mt. Brydges, paid our village a short visit.

Miss Cecil Currie, of Napperton, was the guest of Miss Inch, Sunday last.

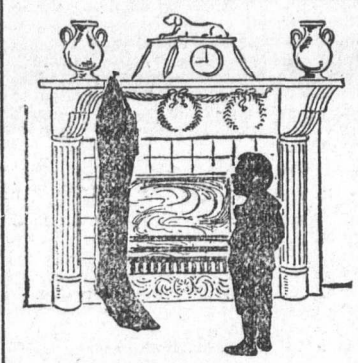
Mr. Ernest Earley left last week for Iowa to visit his brother who is located there.

Grenville Morgan left last week for Salt Lake City, Utah, with three cars of sheep.

One was apt to think by the noise on one of our avenues the other eve that we lived in Vancouver.

Miss Lillie Earley spent Sunday in Strathroy the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Alexander, Commercial Hotel.

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Latin Form II.—Pearl Fowler 77, Mabel Acton 76, George Lampman 73, Hayward Jack 72, Mary Coke 64, Cecil McCormick 61, Norman Rivers 60, Winnie Humphries 58, Ruby McCormick 56, Ivah Clarke 56, Sadie Johnston 54, Hazel Dolbear 53, Bruce Goodhand 52, Viola Annett 51, Thomas Swift 50, William Kelly 50, Robert Jones 49, Ralph Gibson 48, Grace McKenzie 45, John Acton 42, Clayton Fuller 41, Minnie Leggate 39, Bert Taylor 37, Ernest Lawrence 36, Gerald Clark 23, Estella Craig 21, Myrtle Williamson 26, Richard Fisher 24.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Watford Public School Board held in their Board Room on Monday, Dec. 9th, 1907, at 7 p. m., called for general business.

Present: W. E. Fitzgerald, Chairman; Swift, Harris, Kelly and Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Principal's report for November was read.

Kelly—Harris, and carried, that the Principal's satisfactory report for month of November be received and filed.

Brown—Swift, and carried, that the following accounts be passed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the same:—

Thos. Dadds, \$2.99; John McEcher, \$16.25; Estate N. B. Howden, \$12.35; W. Scott, putting up storm doors and windows, \$2.00.

Brown—Swift, and carried, that we adjourn.

D. WATT, Sec'y.

WARWICK.

Mrs. Amasa Hagle is confined to her bed with inflammation of the lungs.

Robert Jones, who has been in poor health for some time, is now improving.

Mrs. (Dr.) Harper, of Cadillac, Mich., is visiting at her old home, Mr. Robt. Campbell's on the 2nd line.

John Hall, student at the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, is spending a few days at his home in Warwick.

Reeve Auld and Deputy Reeve Graham are in Sarnia this week attending the December session of the County Council.

Mr. Wm. Jones has been asked to enter the list as a candidate for councillor but has not yet made up his mind to enter the field.

Mr. George McCormick who has been here for the past three weeks left for his home in Carman, Man., on Tuesday of last week.

The next meeting of Warwick Union, L. O. L. No. 1029, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 1907. As this will be the annual meeting and election of officers every brother is requested to be present. Rule 132 of the constitution requires every member to attend.

The remains of the late Miss Caroline Thompson, who died in London last week were brought home and interred in Bethel Cemetery on Thursday of last week. She was a sister of Mrs. Jos. Hall, Mrs. Fred Patterson and Andrew Thompson, and a daughter of the late William Thompson, of Arkona.

The S. S. entertainment consisting of dialogues, readings, solos, duets, quartettes, in connection with St. Paul's church, Wisbeach, will be held in McIntosh's school house on Dec. 24th instead of Dec. 23rd as previously announced. Arkona orchestra in attendance. Mr. Farrel will be there in his usual witty manner. Admission 15 cents. No cut rates.

The Sunday School entertainment and Christmas tree in connection with Grace Church, 4th line, Warwick, will be given on Thursday next, the 19th inst., in the school house commencing at 7:30 p. m. A good program consisting of dialogues, recitations, choruses and the fascinating story "Alice in Wonderland" illustrated with line light views will be given. Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents. Sunday School scholars admitted free. Don't fail to see Santa Claus in the school house on the evening of the 19th.

S. S. ENTERTAINMENT—The entertainment in connection with Zion Methodist S. S., 2nd line south, promises to be a great success, Friday, Dec. 20th. Miss Norsworthy, elocutionist, graduate and gold medalist, of Alma Ladies' College, has been secured and such pleasing vocal talent as Miss Aggie Williams and Margaret Muxworthy, also Messrs. Prentiss, Mitchell and Luckham, of Watford. Instrumentals will be given by the Misses Fuller and Sitlington, of Arkona. A pleasing feature of the evening will be a Christmas tree for the children. Everybody welcome. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The immigration department has instructed its agents in England to have inserted in the British newspapers advertisements warning intending immigrants that the winter months are inopportune for emigration to Canada, and advising all those who contemplate emigration to this country to wait until the spring. Hitherto Canadian immigration has practically stopped of its own accord with the advent of winter, but this year the flood of immigrants has been keeping up right through October and November.

WATSON-MCLEAY.

One of the most charming events took place on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 1907, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Watson, Wisbeach, when their second daughter, Ellice J., was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Donald McLeay, of Warwick. Shortly after six o'clock the bridal party entered the drawing room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, well rendered by Miss Maggie Marshall, a cousin of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully attired in cream silk with lace and ribbon trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations. Miss B. A. Watson acted as bridesmaid and was dressed in white organdie over pink silk and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. Thomas McLeay. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Arkona, in the presence of about fifty invited guests. After hearty congratulations the guests sat down to a tempting wedding de jener at tables decorated in pink and white. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents, testifying to the esteem in which the contracting parties are held by their many friends. After a very pleasant evening Mr. and Mrs. McLeay left amid showers of rice for their future home in Warwick. The bride's going away dress was of broad cloth with hat to match. The many friends of the young couple wish them a happy and prosperous life.

Miss Loretta Cowan, of Forest, has accepted the management of the G. N. W. Telegraph office at Berlin, her duties to commence some time this month.

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