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I remain yours truly,
Margaret La Bonte,
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10 Gatemore Place, Berlin, Ont.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a nice doll for Christmas and my sister wants a doll also and our little baby Johnny wants a rattle, and my little brother wants a auto.
Yours truly,
Teckla Pratkowsky.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 10, 1914
Dear Santa Claus:
Would you please be so kind and bring me a horse with bells on and some nice candy and oranges.
Harry Krolitzki,
1601 Strand St.,
Berlin, Ont.

109 Elgin St.,
Berlin, Ont.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please get me a coat, hat, set of dishes and stove and a school bag, candy, nuts, nigger toes. Santa Claus bye, bye, and good bye.
Violet Michem.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would come to our place on Christmas and bring me a nice doll buggy and some nuts and

candy. I am 6 years' old.
Esther Harlock,
52 Wellington.

182 Wilmot Street,
Berlin, Ont.,
Nov. 24, 1914.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big dolly, a big buggy, and some candy and nuts, and a pair of boots and a new pair of shoes.

YOUNG MEN WANTED
Five hundred young men are wanted to attend Trinity Methodist church to-morrow. While the sermon is for young men, all are welcome, and the sermons will have something of interest for all. The Pastor will speak in the evening on "The Model Young Man," or the kind of man desirable company in your home.

BRANTFORD TEAM DID NOT COME

Owing to some trouble on the line between Galt and Brantford the Brantford Y.M.C.A. basketball team did not get here last night, to play the game with the St. Jerome's boys. They may come later, and the date will be announced.

Two judges at Jamaica, U.S., ruled that 35 was the age limit for dancing the tango.

CITY AND DISTRICT

ALL THE LATEST LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses will be held in the Library Hall on Monday at four p. m. A large attendance is desired.

WHAT TO BUY

A useful Electrical gift at the Electrical Contest store. Save your Coupons for the free piano. A. Lockhart & Co., 22 Queen, South.

MONTHLY BUDGET OF OLD NEWS FROM PETER SHUPE'S DIARY

October 1909.
25 years, or Quarter Century ago. Had beautiful Fall weather. Ground was white with snow on the 6th.
Have 4 Singing Schools. One in Berlin with 108 members; Puslinch, 42; Washington, 54; and Bethel Church near New Dundee, 82.
Mr. Ward H. Bowly celebrated his 55th birthday on the 4th.
The Sunday School people of the New Mennonite Church, Berlin, presented me with a fine easy chair and a copy of Crutcher's Complete Concordance. Thanks.
The Altar:—
Miss Julia Goerster and Mr. Herman Boehmer, by Rev. J. B. Feldman.

The Grave:—
Mrs. John McNally, Blair, "Nee Emma Quickfall," 26 years.
Mr. Christian Reichert, one of the three brothers who lived near the Huron Road, a few miles north-east of New Dundee, 74 years.
Mr. Cyrus Bowers, a native of Pennsylvania, who for many years lived south-west of Berlin on the "Sweet Briar Farm" died in Berlin, 73 years.

November 1909.
Fine Fall weather, with considerable rain.
Snow on the 15th and 28th. Fair sleighing on the 28th, 29th and 30th. Mr. Alex Millar celebrated his 54th birthday on the 4th.
Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, the 7th.
The Cradle received a new occupant at Mr. Simon Reids.
The New Mennonites held their first Sunday School Convention on the 13th and 14th at Breslau.

December 1909.
The weather was mostly mild and wet. Sleighing on the 1st. Snow going away on the 2nd. Snow and sleighing on the 5th and 6th, then snow went away and had none during the whole month, but often muddy roads.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner Church and Queen Streets, was dedicated on the 8th.
Some farmers were plowing on the 13th and no doubt plowing was done nearly the whole of the month.

The Altar:—
Miss Mary Alberta Kolb and Mr. Simon Bowman.
Miss Sarah Kraft and Mr. Simon Kinzie.
Miss Lydia Ann Oberholzer and Mr. Amos Willis.

The Grave:—
Mrs. John Roat, Berlin, "Nee Christina Frazer," 58 years.
Mrs. Samuel Schlechter, "Nee Mary Break," 58 years.
Mr. Rudolph Detwiler, Bloomingdale, 82 years.
Mr. Michael Stoltz, Centreville, 86 years.
Mr. Foster Stauffer, who taught school at different places in Waterloo County, died in Buffalo, 33rd year.
Mr. Samuel Shupe, "My Father," who died from the effects of a fall and

Armageddon Lecture

Sunday Afternoon at the Grand Opera House



Arrangements have been made to have Pastor MacPherson of New York City deliver a lecture at the Grand Opera House Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock. His subject will be "Mustering the forces for Armageddon." In view of the present world-wide crisis this subject is one of vital importance to all thinking people. All seats are free and no collection. Doors open at 2.30 o'clock. Lecture at 3 o'clock sharp.

CURLING BY CHRISTMAS

The plasterers at Victoria Rink at Guelph completed their work last night and the carpenters have started in this morning. It is expected the curlers will be able to indulge in their favorite game by, at the very latest, Christmas day. There will be a formal opening of some kind, but the nature of it has yet to be decided upon.

CONCERT AT TRINITY CHURCH

Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th, the choir of Trinity Methodist church will give part one of Handel's "Messiah" including the "Hallelujah Chorus." Fine Musical program. Silver collection for the Choir gowns.
Dec. 19-26.
Jan. 2-4.

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WINTER TERM OPENS MONDAY, JAN. 4

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ITEMS FROM SHAKESPEARE

The concert, which is to be held in the Temperance Hall on Dec. 23rd., has every likelihood of being a grand success, since the snow has come to make good sleighing. Both senior and junior departments are working hard to make it a success. All the parents and their friends should turn out to see what the little tots can be taught to do. Their teachers are taking no end of care and trouble in teaching them and, to take it all through, it is no easy matter. The proceeds will go to getting a school library.

Mr. Bob Weiss, of Sleepy Hollow, Sask., has arrived at his home in town, where he will spend the winter months.
Miss Annabel Hamilton, of Avonhead, spent the week-end with Miss Viola Brown.
Miss Mabel Heideman, of Toronto, is spending her vacation at her home here.
Mr. Beverley McLean, of Inverkip, formerly of the Standard Bank here, motored to town one day last week to see his old friends.
Miss Nina Blackwell has just finished a very successful season's work at Herold Bros. and has left to spend her vacation at her home in Purple Grove, Bruce. Miss Blackwell will return next season.

Mrs. A. E. Trow, of Toronto, spent a couple of weeks with her son, Dr. Trow. She brought Dr. and Mrs. Trow a very fine Vic-

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trola as a Christmas box.
Mrs. Wm. Cormack and daughter Ida, spent a few days with friends in Bright.

Rev. C. T. Tough and Rev. Mr. Turner, of Tavistock, exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian church will be held on Sunday, the 20th, and Monday, the 21st.

Board of Education

(Continued from page 1.)

of the Board during the past few years referring to the evening classes for foreigners and the looking ahead for the future requirements of the schools in the way of securing school sites now before real estate speculators got control of them.

On motion of Mr. A. E. Pequegnat and Mr. L. Sattler a grant of \$50 was made to Captain Herfelder for services in connection with the erection of the addition to Victoria School.

Inspector F. W. Sheppard's report on the teaching staff showed that the forty-five members of the staff are in the great majority of cases most capable and are doing good work.

Mr. H. L. Staebler brought up the matter of securing an assistant to the caretaker at Victoria School, where the occupation of the new addition will increase the work considerably. The Victoria School Committee was authorized to make whatever arrangements are necessary for the month of January.

The account of Mr. A. E. Bender of \$85 for services in connection with the securing of new school sites by the Board was passed.

Accounts to the amount of \$7329.96 were passed after hearing the financial report.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to thank all our friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted at our recent bereavement, in the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. The kind deeds and words of sympathy shall always be remembered by us. We wish also to thank those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes.

George Vogel and family.

CHARITY BALL

The Social leaders of Waterloo County have arranged to hold a Charity Ball for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund. It will be under the patronage of Premier and Mrs. Harts and be held in St. Jerome's Auditorium, on Thursday evening, December 31st. Mr. Reinhold Lang is Hon. Secretary and Mr. Chas. Ruby, Treasurer.



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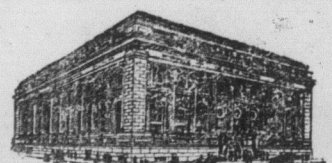
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