

INTERESTING NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

ALVINSTON

A very enjoyable evening was spent in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Friday when the Adult class of the S. S. held a social evening. A program consisting of home talent was given. The opening musical selection was given by the male quartette followed by an instrumental duet by Misses Augusta Burford and Gladys McKellar. Mrs. Herbert Leitch, Miss Jeanetta McTaggart and Mr. Appleton pleased the audience with their readings and Miss Ella Martyn favored the audience with a violin solo, and Miss Mary Livingston sang a solo, followed by an instrumental by Mrs. B. Forbes-Miller which was much enjoyed. At the close of the program lunch was served by the ladies of the class.

Miss F. Willis spent the weekend with relatives in Belmont and London.

Jean Wing, local Chinese laundryman, left on Friday for his native home after eight years residence in this town. Prior to his departure he was presented with a handsome gold watch and a book by various organizations.

The play entitled "All a Mistake" was presented for the second time to a crowded house in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening. Each player took his part exceedingly well and reflects great credit on the eight young people taking part in it.

The Y. P. S. of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting on Monday evening. An illustrated lecture on "Ben Hur" was much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. M. A. Temple has returned home after visiting in Detroit for the past three months.

WANSTEAD

Mr. W. F. Graham is in Port Burwell this week visiting his son Lyons.

Mr. Robt. Cooper is very ill at the present time.

Miss Ruby Anderson is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Fred Acton of Warwick.

J. C. McNeill and Earl Morningstar attended the Educational convention in Sarnia recently.

Mr. John Dobbin has moved the barn he purchased from Jno. McPhedran, Sr., to his farm on the 6th line. Mr. Dobbin moved the barn in halves, taking but three days to complete the job. "Clear the road for Dobbin" was quite often heard.

Mr. T. J. Stones held a memorial service on Sunday, March 4th, for the late Mable Jackson of Kingscourt, who passed away a week previous. Deceased was an estimable member of the Calvary Baptist church. The teacher and members of the girls Sunday school class sent a wreath in sympathy to the bereaved family in respect of a valued and faithful member.

THE LATE WM. LOCHHEAD OF FOREST

In the death of William Lochhead Forest loses its oldest resident and merchant.

The late Mr. Lochhead came to Canada from Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1867. He resided at Strathroy for a year, and then moved to Forest, and opened up a tin-smithing business which later developed into a hardware business, which has been operated successfully ever since. Of late years, Mr. Lochhead has not taken an active interest in the business, this being handled by his son, James, and grand son, William G. Lochhead. In 1871, Mr. Lochhead built the first brick business building in Forest.

Besides his wife, Mr. Lochhead is survived by one son, James, a commercial traveller, and four daughters: Mrs. D. McIntyre of Bosanquet; Mrs. Jean Anderson of Forest; Mrs. Glen VanValkenburg of Forest, and Miss Margaret, a telegraph operator in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Last New Year's Day he and Mrs. Lochhead, who came from Scotland with her husband, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage, receiving congratulations of a host of friends made during their long residence in Forest.

In politics he was a Liberal and was a staunch member of St. James' Presbyterian church, Forest, for many years.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the family residence to Beechwood cemetery. Private service was conducted at the house by Rev. H. D. Camron of St. James' Presbyterian church, and the service at the grave by members of Royal Oak Lodge, Forest, of which lodge he had been a member for 50 years. The bearers were: W. W. Anderson, W. Lawrie, J. D. Livingston, Hugh McColl, R. McLaren and D. Whyte.

W. W. Logan, ex-mayor of Parkhill, has sold his grocery business and purchased a part interest in a bakery in Ridgetown, where he will reside in the future.

INWOOD

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. John Smith, 2nd con., Enniskillen, when the Inwood Band met to re-organize for the coming season and treated their friends and family to an oyster supper. The band are commencing to practice and will be open for engagements.

Mrs. F. E. Duquette spent a few days at Dunnville and while there attended the funeral of her niece.

Messrs. John and Neil McVicar are spending a few days at the home of Mr. J. P. McVicar.

We are glad to report Mrs. J. P. McVicar, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Mrs. Jas. McVicar returned to her home Port Huron on Saturday last after spending the past week at the home of J. P. McVicar.

Mr. and Mrs. John White of Oil Springs spent Monday with Mrs. Mary White.

We are glad to report Mrs. Johnston Vance is able to be out again after her recent illness.

Miss Tena Leitch has returned to her home at Oakdale after spending the past month with Mrs. R. J. Richardson.

Mr. Russell Kimball spent Sunday at the home of his parents Sarnia-side.

The Masonic At Home given by Lodge No. 593, A.F. & A.M., on Feb. 28th, was largely attended, there being about 140 present, after a very efficient address of welcome by W. Master A. R. Chapman, a few minutes were spent in community singing after which those present were treated to an inviting lunch served in artistic style by the young members of the craft, the remainder of the evening being spent socially interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections, reading, recitations and speeches. All voice having spent a very pleasant evening and believing it to be the best yet.

The Women's Institute held a very enjoyable meeting in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday night when they gave an at home to which were invited husbands and friends. The president, Mrs. R. J. Richardson, occupied the chair. The meeting was opened by singing the "Maple Leaf" and repeating the Lord's Prayer. The orchestra comprised of Miss Bishop, Messrs. J. Leddon and J. Bishop gave several splendid selections. Miss Vicar and Marguerite Thompson sang "Polly Wolly Doodle" which was much enjoyed by all. Miss H. Shibley gave two readings in a very able manner. Piano instrumentals were given by Misses Grace Pratt, Pearl Brown and Mrs. Rutherford that showed both talent and practice. Miss Marguerite Thompson gave a reading in her usual good style. Miss H. Shibley sang very sweetly "All I want is a cottage, some roses and you." Mr. Dell, teacher of Culloden school, conducted a geography match and kept everyone busy thinking. Roll call was answered by the funniest scrape you ever were in, a conundrum or a funny story which was very laughable. Some community songs were sung by all present, such as "Old Black Joe", "Auld Lang Syne." A short intermission was given and a collection of Wicker and Reed baskets were inspected and a large number sold. The baskets were made by the blind and came from the blind institution. Some of the baskets were very beautiful, but it was rather hard to hold the crowd as there was a fish pond in the opposite corner where one could pay five cents to fish and always get a bite, after which a dainty lunch was served and everyone went home feeling that the Institute At Home must be made an annual event.

PLYMPTON

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDougall entertained a number of the young people of the London road at a dance on Friday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent by all.

Mrs. Ethel Rowe returned to her home in Sarnia after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. Wakefield.

Miss Muriel Richards, Oil Springs, spent the weekend with her friend, Miss Agnes McDougall.

The following is the report for S. S. No. 8, Plympton, for the month of February. Names in order of merit. Those marked with an asterisk were absent part time. Sr. IV—Clayton Kerton, Margaret McEwen, Glen Sanders, Agnes Cochrane*, Mary Cochrane*. Jr. IV—Clarence McEwen, John Hodzins*, III—Glen McEwen, Mary Kerton, Neil Minely, Thelma Minely*, Harold Hodgins, H—Gordon Morgan, I—Leslie Minnelly, Allan McLean, George Hodgins*, Donald Minnelly, Pr.—Charles McEwen, Katherine McRae, James Hart, Marjorie Minnelly, Billy Canton*, Gilbert Hart.—Catherine MacDougall, Teacher.

B. AND E. TOWNLIN

Miss Viola Mills of Glen Rae spent a few days last week the guests of Mrs. J. Hall.

Mr. R. Stonehouse spent the weekend in Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. Page and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Wyoming, on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson attended the funeral of the late Mrs. J. Dean of Inwood on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson attended the funeral of the late Mr. Mac MacLachlan of Brooke on Sunday.

Mrs. J. Goudie is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Jackson.

We are sorry to report that Mr. A. Page's are quarantined with scarlet fever.

Mr. Steva O'Hara and Mr. J. Stonehouse took a load of apples, potatoes and turnips to Sarnia Saturday.

KERWOOD

Miss Margaret Armstrong of Port Huron spent the weekend with friends.

Miss Thelma Brunt of Windsor spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brunt.

Master Ross Dowding of Port Huron has returned home after spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Dowding.

Mr. R. A. Brunt of Windsor visited relatives over Sunday.

The Mission Circle will meet at the home of Miss Beatrice Woods on Saturday, March 10th.

The Dauntless Few will meet on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Freer.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will hold an apron shower in the basement of the church on Friday afternoon, March 9th. Those not having aprons are requested to bring material for same. Lunch will be served. Come and enjoy the afternoon.

The Kerwood Women's Institute will hold their March meeting at the home of Mrs. W. R. Pollock on Wednesday, March 14th. This meeting will be a St. Patrick's Tea, and as last year, a silver collection will be taken—for the Strathroy hospital. There will also be a sale of home-made cooking. Cooking donated by members of the Institute not on lunch committee for the day. Home-made bread, rolls, doughnuts, cookies and cream puffs and pies. Come prepared to try your neighbors' cooking and the bachelors of the community will find this a good opportunity to stock their larders. Cooking sale on after 5 o'clock. Everyone come and enjoy a social afternoon.

The Ladies Aid of St. Paul's church met last week at the home of Mrs. Robt. Denning with ten members and four visitors present. After the usual business, Miss M. Barnes was called forward and presented with a handsome ivory clock and nicely worded address. We understand that Miss Barnes intends leaving our village shortly and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Denning served luncheon and a social hour was held.

The W. A. of St. Paul's church will meet next Tuesday, March 13th, at the home of Mrs. Robt. Denning.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Langford in the death of their infant daughter, Ruby, who passed away on Sunday afternoon, being ill only a very short time. The funeral was held from the family residence on Wednesday afternoon and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Moorhouse.

A wedding of more than usual interest to a great number of friends and relatives took place on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Foster, when their eldest daughter Kathleen, was united in marriage to Mr. Earl Denning of Plato, Sask., and son of Mrs. Elmer Langford. The bride looked charming in castor grey silk with large bertha collar of white silk lace and carried a handsome bouquet of pink opheila roses. Little Mary Foster niece of the bride looked very sweet in pink silk and was the dainty little flower girl. The bride entered the drawing room with her father who gave her away, and took her place beside the groom under a beautiful arch and large white bell, while the wedding march was played by her sister Miss Beatrice. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. J. Moorhouse and Miss Beatrice Foster sang very sweetly "Until" at the signing of the register, afterward all repaired to the dining room which was decorated in pink and white and where a bounteous repast was enjoyed. The happy couple left on the evening train for points east, the bride travelling in handsome coat of light brown and large fur collar and silver braid hat. They leave this week for their new home in Plato, Sask., and will be followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

There is an epidemic of influenza among the horses in the vicinity of Bryanston. Some of the farmers haven't a horse that is able to work.

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EARLY SETTLER OF ENNISKILLEN PASSES

Matthew Stapleton, one of the earliest settlers in the Township of Enniskillen, passed away at his residence here on Saturday, February 14, at the ripe old age of 86 years. Mr. Stapleton was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, on March 19th, 1837. Ten years later, on April 1st, 1847, the family left Ireland and arrived in Hamilton on the 24th of the following month. In 1850 they came to Enniskillen and settled on the 8th line west, where with true Irish hospitality they kept open house for all residents of the settlement and where for many years the Roman Catholics of the neighborhood gathered for worship. Deceased retired from the farm and came to Petrolia, where he has since resided, in 1913. His wife whose maiden name was Margaret Gleeson, died on December 19, 1916. There were ten children of the union of whom the following survive. Stephen and John, Marquis, Sask.; James J. with the Thompson Service Co., Detroit; Mrs. Jos. Kerney, Calgary, Alta.; Mrs. Geo. Tapp, Lethbridge, Alta., and Catherine, Annie and Beatrice at home. Two of the family died within the past four years; Mary, on March 17, 1919 and Margaret, on December 23, 1922. Several brothers and sisters also predeceased him. The funeral was held on February 20, to the family burial plot in the R. C. cemetery, Corunna, where his wife, his daughter, Margaret, father, mother, three brothers and one sister sleep their last sleep.

MASONIC GATHERING AT COURTRIGHT

(Canadian Observer) Courtright, March 2.—Thursday evening about 60 members of the visiting and local craft gathered in the Masonic hall to welcome Right Worshipful Bro. Rich. Williamson of Watford, district deputy grand master of St. Clair district on his official visit to Moore lodge No. 294, A. F. & A. M. At the conclusion of the regular business Rt. Wor. Bro. Williamson addressed the members on the work of the craft and congratulated Moore lodge on the attainment of its fiftieth anniversary next July, after which the brothers adjourned to Stewart hall, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. Later Rt. Wor. Bro. Williamson treated the members to an address on the origin of Freemasonry that was an education as well as an inspiration. Further addresses were given by the worshipful master, Bro. Byron Johnston, Bro. Rev. J. Findlay, Wor. Bro. R. Kirby, Wor. Bro. H. Byeter, Wor. Bro. W. Harkness, Wor. Bro. J. Nesbit, Wor. Bro. W. Harold, Wor. Bro. C. W. Kent, Bros. Dr. L. Aiken, J. Wellington and others. Prior to the singing of the national anthem a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Rt. Worshipful Bro. Williamson and all who had made the evening so pleasant.

Two weeks ago some agents for a concern which deals in enlarged picture monstrosities visited the homes in Parkhill and through their nery insistence secured orders for their goods. This week they came back to deliver the orders and their charges seem to have increased miraculously in the interval. A fine of \$12 was imposed on them for giving a receipt for a sum larger than \$10 without affixing a stamp. This fine was imposed by Mayor Pedlar before whom complaint was laid by some of those who were finding experience a dear teacher.—Parkhill Gazette.

OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

Collected in succession duties in Lambton in 1922. Allowance by Province for Highways in Lambton \$33,212.25, and for County Roads \$57,173.15.

The public accounts of the province of Ontario for the 12 months ended October 31, 1922, recently tabled in the legislature contain some figures of interest to Lambton and Sarnia residents in the way of grants made by different departments, revenues and other details.

Guarantees made under the authority of the municipal housing act include one for Sarnia of \$150,000, for loans made to residents building their own homes, and in the village of Point Edward the loans guaranteed amounted to \$17,196.

The administration of justice for the county necessitated an outlay of \$5,657 and the grant to the law library was \$125.73. Grants to the law library schools totalled \$64,908.71, and the separate schools \$250.10. The grants to Sarnia public schools amounted to \$989.17 and the separate schools \$160. Grants for contingencies to public schools totalled \$461.32 and the separate schools \$115.20. Industrial arts and manual training grants amounted to \$108.80 and the teachers grants to \$130.50.

Under the Mother's Allowance act, grants were made amounting to \$6,528 and the department of agriculture grants to agricultural and horticultural societies in the county aggregated \$2,541.

The revenue received from the sale of stamps in Lambton was \$3,084.50 and the succession duties amounted to \$503,974.64.

Under the attorney general's department, administration of justice the disbursement for the Ontario provincial police in district 1, made up of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex and Elgin, amounted to \$5,695.23.

The disbursement for Ontario Temperance Act enforcement in Lambton was \$3,727.41 and the crown counsel prosecutions, \$473.95.

The Sarnia public library grant for organization services, books and expense amounted to \$260 and to the industrial, commercial, technical, day and evening classes, including grants for services, travelling expenses and contingencies totalled \$130,481.45 for this city. The department of public highway allowance for the provincial county roads in Lambton was \$33,212.25 and for county road \$57,173.15.

Owing to having a large deficit the Parkhill waterworks commission has decided to raise the water rates.

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