

A Full Page of Interesting News Items of this District

News From the North, East, South and West.

WANSTEAD

The annual meeting of the parish of St. James' church, was held yesterday. Wards elected were: Mr. T. Squire as rector's representative and Mr. J. Clark as people's. The meeting was much more largely attended than usual and good reports were received from the Ladies Guild, the Mission Band and treasurer of the general fund. All closed with a balance on hand. Matters connected with the missionary budget, increase of the rector's stipend, repairs to the fabric of the building and general conditions were freely discussed. Mr. V. Tait was elected as delegate to the synod with Mr. R. Morgan as substitute, and Mr. E. Morningstar was appointed vestry clerk.

The monthly meeting of the U.F. W.A. Club was held at the home of Mrs. P. W. McPhedran on Wednesday afternoon last, with a fair attendance, considering the wet weather prevailing. Mrs. F. S. Campbell read a thoughtful and carefully prepared paper on "Little Things that make Life Beautiful," which was well received. Mrs. McPhedran read an article on "The Lash as a Crime Deterrent" which provoked considerable discussion. The balance of the afternoon was spent sewing quilt blocks and discussion of the holding of a social evening. A pleasant and profitable afternoon was brought to a close by the hostess serving dainty refreshments.

The Wanstead Farmers' Club last week unloaded a car of Western oats and a car of fence posts and loaded three cars of stock for Toronto on Saturday. Several men who had never patronized the Club before were on hand Saturday with hogs, showing that the reputation of the Club for a square deal to the farmer in the matter of hog grading is being appreciated.

It is well for farmers at this time to realize the fact that all lines of business have found it necessary to make changes in their business methods. Find a business concern that is following the same methods that answered ten years ago and you will find a firm that is steadily losing ground in the race for business. Efficiency paves the road to success. If the business world has found it necessary to make changes in business methods then the same is equally true of the agriculturist, for today there is a demand that a more efficient method of marketing be evolved where by the producer will be assured of a larger return for his labor. This demand has given rise to co-operative marketing organizations which while still largely in the experimental stage give promise of ultimate success. Experience has shown that co-operative marketing to be successful must be organized on a community basis, that is, there must be a separate organization for each community. A study of the Danish co-operative system shows that the farmer markets his cream through the co-operative creamery, his hogs through his co-operative hog marketing organization, his eggs through his co-operative egg marketing organization. He is bound by contract to market all his finished products through these separate co-operatives and time has proven that the contract makes all the difference between success and failure of co-operative enterprises. This is a subject that provides food for thought and study for farmers during these winter evenings.

Mr. F. S. Campbell was called to Theford Thursday on account of the serious illness of his father. Mrs. Orville Ramsey and daughter Muriel were Sarnia visitors on Saturday.

Mr. P. W. McPhedran made a business trip to Toronto this week.

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HAROLD CURRIE CRITICIZES CANADIAN HARNESS HORSE ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Strathroy Agricultural Society the Canadian Harness Horse Association came in for some severe criticism from Mr. Harold Currie, who objected to the wide arbitrary powers conferred on them, and the immense sums of money collected each year from fairs and race meets all over Canada. He instanced the case of Watford last fall, where the fair races were adjourned on account of wet weather and held in October. The meet was advertised under the Canadian Harness Association rules, but the fair overlooked sending their fee, and every horse which raced there when entered to race on the ice this winter was only eligible for the free-for-all class. Such powers, used arbitrarily and producing so much money in fees, are, in Mr. Currie's opinion, unjustifiable. The society concurred with him in his objections, and instructed their delegates at the Provincial Fair to curtail the powers of the Harness Association.

FARMERS WILL GET BONUS

Lambton sugar beet growers are looking forward to a very substantial bonus on their 1923 sugar beet crop. The contract price was \$5.50 a ton and bonus and it is now at least \$3.00 a ton and possibly \$3.50. The crop last year was a good one, averaging 12 tons to the acre, which, at the latter price would bring its value to \$108.00 an acre.

A Corrector of Pulmonary Troubles—Many testimonials can be presented showing the great efficacy of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in correcting disorders of the respiratory processes, but the best testimonial is experience and the oil is recommended to all who suffer from these disorders with the certainty that they will find relief. It will allay inflammation in the bronchial tubes.

ROCK GLEN POULTRY FARM

A consignment of three splendid pedigree cockerels was received at the Watford station on Tuesday from the Tancred Farms of Kent, Washington, for the Rock Glen Poultry Farm at Arkona. These cockerels together with the pedigree Cook and a number of his choicest sons will head their breeding pens for the season of 1924.

Mr. W. Norman Roder of Newark, N. Y., recently purchased an equal interest in the semi-fruit and poultry owned by John C. Vidt at Arkona. Standard bred Tancred S. C. White Leghorns, the flocks with the known trap nest records for over 18 years, will be used and bred exclusively in developing a commercial poultry plant.

The Rock Glen Poultry Farm is doubling its capacity both in incubating and brooding for the coming season, and would advise anyone interested in improving their egg production to get in touch with them at once.

Breeding operations will begin at once. Watch Guide-Advocate for prices on hatching eggs and baby chicks.

ARKONA

Miss Iva White has returned from a visit of two weeks in London.

Mrs. Arthur Stoner is in Parkhill taking care of Mr. Stoner's mother, who is suffering from fractured ribs.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jas. Muma took place on Friday, Jan. 18, Rev. Mr. Weiker of New Hamburg, conducted the services.

New Gingham at Fuller Bros.

A carnival will take place at the Skating Rink, under the auspices of the Methodist Epworth League, on Friday evening, Feb. 8th. Come prepared to carry away a prize.

Mr. Roy Wilson of Strathroy visited his brother, R. E. Wilson.

WEST ADELAIDE

The W. A. Ladies' Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Duncan Fletcher on Thursday, Jan. 3rd, with an attendance of fifteen members and four visitors. The new president, Miss Ella Watson, occupied the chair and the new work for the year was begun. During the meeting Miss Ann McKenzie was presented with a small remembrance. Similar gifts to be handed to Missie Lizzie and Mollie McLeish of Arkona. These members have left the society during the past year. The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Parker on Feb. 7th.

KERWOOD

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church have engaged the St. Andrews Dramatic Society of Strathroy, who will put on their play "Martha Made Over" in the Sunday school room on Friday evening, Feb. 1st.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's church will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Freer. A good attendance is requested.

The Young People of St. Paul's church are holding their social evening on Friday evening of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson. A good time is looked for.

Miss Mae Fonger of Springfield is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. C. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Case of East Tawas, Mich., are visiting relatives here, also the latter's brother, Dr. O. E. Brandreth of Strathroy, who is very ill.

Miss Ella Acton received word last Monday of the sudden death of her sister Mrs. Gordon Moffatt of Watford.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Irvine entertained a number of their friends on Friday evening of last week. A jolly time was reported.

Mr. Stanley Young spent the week end in Woodstock with his parents.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16 the January meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. William Johnson. Despite the inclement weather a number of members and friends were present and a profitable and pleasant time was spent. After the opening chorus the members answered roll call by relating some exciting events. The business part of the meeting followed, during which time the ladies discussed the advisability of securing through the department, a nurse to conduct a home nursing class. No definite plans were made and it was decided to review the matter at the next meeting. A paper on "Danger of Luxury in Modern Times" was given by Mrs. Geo. Johnson, this paper was excellent and contained very many good suggestions. The speaker remarked on the many very expensive luxuries indulged in by our young people and the children of the present day, and while some were both pleasing and beneficial, a great many were quite the contrary and added that it was really not the high cost of living that was draining our pockets today, but the cost of the high living. Mrs. Murry sang a pleasing solo and Miss Gladys Johnson rendered an artistic piano solo.

Two amusing and educative contests were given, Mrs. John Johnson and Miss Alice Johnson being declared the winners in the city contest. The National Anthem was sung and a social hour spent while the hostess and the committee in charge served a dainty lunch. The next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Freer on the third Wednesday in February will take the form of a Valentine tea. A splendid program is being prepared and there will also be a shower for the hospital at Strathroy, and at the close of the meeting a delicious lunch will be served. All ladies of the district are particularly requested to keep the date in mind and be present on this occasion.

On Thursday evening, Bro. Alex. Westgate D.D.G.M., and suite, of Kerwood, installed the officers of Egremont Lodge, No. 207, I.O.O.F., as follows:

J. P. G.—Bro. Howard McLean.
N. G.—Bro. George S. Wilson.
V. G.—Bro. F. G. Brent.
Recording Sec.—Bro. H. Irwin.
Fin. Sec.—Bro. R. E. Waltham.
Treasurer—Bro. W. Brigham.
Chaplain—Bro. Harold Wilson.
R.S.N.G.—Bro. Geo. Matthews.
L.S.N.G.—Bro. W. R. Waltham.
R.S.S.—Bro. Paul Cullivan.
L.S.S.—Bro. G. A. Westgate.
R.S.V.G.—Bro. J. Irwin.
L.S.V.G.—Bro. H. Conkey.
Warden—Bro. Thos. Galbraith.
Conductor—Bro. Clarence Fuller.
I. Guardian—Bro. W. R. Johnston.
O. Guardian—Bro. Wm. McDougal.
After lodge closed a buffet lunch was served by the young men of the lodge. Several of the members gave interesting speeches on the work of Oddfellowship, which were much enjoyed.

YOU CAN'T FOOL 'EM

Two little children coming out of Sunday School, where evidently reference had been made to his Satanic Majesty, were discussing in their childish way the lesson. "Do you believe there is a devil?" asked one. "Naw," said the other, "it's just like Santa Claus, it's your father."

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CHOP STUFF

The slipping of a rug on the polished floor in her home resulted in a fall which caused Mrs. P. Bawden, of Ridgetown, to break an ankle.

The Forest Council for 1924 is composed of one hardware dealer, one insurance agent, one implement dealer, one harness maker, one general merchant, one furniture dealer, one coal dealer and one jeweller.

A Mount Pleasant, Mich., farmer is dead as the result of the bite of a pet cat. While playing with the cat about ten days before, the man was bitten on the thumb and erysipelas rapidly developed in his arm, spreading through his body.

During the month of December the immigration office at Windsor admitted 16 immigrants to Canada, and rejected 242 applicants. At Walkerville, 24 were admitted and 80 rejected. In December, 1922, Windsor authorities admitted 172 aliens and rejected 212. At Walkerville 13 were admitted and 38 rejected.

A large number of farmers in these parts are butchering their own beef this winter. This is accounted for by the low price of cattle. The farmers are beginning to realize what excellent meat they have for their own use by killing what they themselves know to be the best quality of beef.

The murder trials of "Sid" Murrell, "Slim" Williams and Clarence Topping, next month will cost the people over \$4,000 in jury fees.

Wm. J. Luskham, of Sarhia, is spending part of the week with his sisters, Mrs. Maxwell, in Kingsville, and Miss Pearl Luskham, in Windsor.—Kingsville Reporter.

Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of highways, Friday motored over the county provincial road from Chatham to Wallaceburg. He told a Wallaceburg delegation that any improvement scheme must first be requested by the county council. He declared that it was not the government's intention to add to the present provincial highway system, but to carry on the work already laid out.

The second Ontario musical competition festival will be held at Toronto April 28th-May 4th. Howard Gordon's Glenco high school and Glenco public school orchestras will be entered in the competitions devoted to their classes. Mr. Gordon also expects to have several of his pupils from Glenco and other places participate in the vocal prize events. Last year, it will be remembered, Mr. Gordon's high school orchestra won the gold medal, also the shield emblematic of the provincial honors.

Eighteen years ago a man in Tennessee bought three hundred and twenty acres of nearly worthless cut-over land and has since devoted almost all his spare time to keeping fire out of it. Having succeeded, he now has one of the finest stands of young timber in that part of the country. He has made his living by farming, but has grown wealthy by making his timber into a bank that pays him a high rate of interest on a small investment.

James Cooper, enterprising business man of Belle River, played Santa Claus when he distributed gifts to each boy and girl in eleven schools in Belle River, St. Joachim and Rochester and Maidstone townships. Each little girl received a talking doll, while each boy was supplied with a pair of woolen stockings as well as an orange and a pound of Christmas candy and some nuts. Mr. Cooper erected a large Christmas tree on the lawn of Elliott Wilkinson's home on Main street, and arranged to give each little boy and each little girl who visited the tree a suitable present.

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