

A Full Page of Interesting News Items of this District

News From the North, East, South and West.

ALVINSTON

A very enjoyable and profitable evening was spent in Hope Methodist church on Monday evening, when Mrs. Mary B. Lowthian spoke on "The Passion Play", telling of its origin and describing several characters. She illustrated her address with lantern slides which were very instructive. Mrs. Lowthian witnessed the play while on a recent tour of Europe.

The regular meeting of the Literary society was held in S. S. No. 6 on Tuesday evening. Mary Wescott had charge of the meeting. At the conclusion of the business program an excellent social program was presented. Mary Wescott and Douglas Darville gave two interesting papers, and Marion McLaughlin recited in a very able manner and Berthena Oke favored the audience with a vocal selection after which Harry Ormerod played a mouth organ selection. The latter part of the program was composed of games and contests after which a dainty luncheon was served and a social hour was spent.

Mrs. Mary B. Lowthian of Niagara Falls spent a few days with friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. M. A. Temple spent a few days with friends in Detroit.

Miss Effie McCallum spent the weekend with relatives in London.

Archie McEachern, of Thornedale, spent the week-end at his home here.

On Thursday evening of this week a very enjoyable time was spent in Guthrie Presbyterian church when their new pipe organ was put into use for the first time. The program took the form of a recital and several very talented artists took part. Warner Smith played the organ in an exceptionally clever manner. Mrs. Fuller played several selections on the violin which was very much appreciated by the audience. Mrs. T. A. G. Gordon rendered several vocal selections which were well received.

The Ladies' Aid of the church are instrumental in placing this organ in the church which greatly adds to the beautiful interior of the church.

The annual Christmas entertainment of St. John's Anglican Sunday School was held on Friday evening in the parish hall. A splendid program of dialogues, pantomimes, drills songs and recitations was prepared. A feature of the evening was a two-act comedy entitled "Listen Ladies" which was put on by the older girls.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. A. Hadden. Mrs. John Chalk, president, had charge of the meeting and at the conclusion of the business part of the program gave a well-prepared paper on "The Travellers Aid" and also a poem on "The Prodigal Girl" which was much appreciated by the members, which were well represented.

The meeting closed in the usual way.

What might have proved a fatal accident took place on Saturday morning when John Bowie, 4th concession, Brooke, fell from the hay mow to the cement floor beneath. He was doing the morning chores and in some unaccountable manner missed his footing and fell to the floor. The extent of his injuries are not known but it is feared his hip is dislocated and that he suffered internal injuries. He was rushed to a London hospital.

The annual meeting of the Alvinston branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in Guthrie Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. An exceptionally large congregation was present and after the report was read Rev. J. Bowen of London gave a helpful and inspiring address on the work of the Bible Society. Warner Smith, of Sarnia, rendered music for the evening on the new pipe organ, assisted by his son, David Smith, who played several violin solos in a very clever manner. A short recital was held at the close and very much appreciated.

BRITISH ELECTION RETURNS ALL IN

London, Dec. 14.—With the election returns in from the University of Wales, which completes the general election results and gives Labor a seat formerly held by the Liberals, G. M. L. Davies, Independent Labor, having defeated Prof. Jos. Jones, Liberal, there is still the bye-election in West Derbyshire, caused by the death of C. F. White, the Liberal candidate, to come before the entire membership of 615 can take its place in the next Parliament. The by-election will take place on December 20.

Following is the present standing of the parties:

Conservative	263
Labor	186

Liberal	153
Other parties	12
Deferred election	1
Total	615

INWOOD

The Inwood Athletic Association have purchased from Mrs. T. A. Leitch 19 acres of land which will be converted into a park and grounds for various sports and recreation.

Dr. Jas. McVicar of Port Huron visited at the home of his father, J. P. McVicar.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Johnston of Sunnyside visited Dr. and Mrs. Bannister, Sunday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Urie and little son returned home after spending the past week in Toronto.

There will be special Christmas service in the Anglican church Sunday Dec. 23 at 7.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Wm. Chapman is visiting her daughter Mrs. S. A. Graham in Sarnia.

Inwood can boast of an orchestra. Mrs. George Levitt and daughter visited with Mrs. T. A. Leitch Tuesday.

Mrs. I. Rush was in Alvinston Friday.

Mrs. Alice Trowhill made a business trip to St. Thomas Friday.

Mrs. Fred Hill was in Alvinston on Friday.

The W.M.S. held their annual meeting in the Presbyterian church, after the usual opening exercises the officers were re-elected by acclamation and a life membership certificate was presented to Mrs. T. Cathers.

Mr. Wm. Graham of North Bay has purchased the residence of Mrs. James Deans on Park street. We welcome them to our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEachern and children visited at the home of Mrs. W. J. Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Carroll and daughter May were in Inwood Saturday.

Jas. Barrett and Wesley Brown of the fourth line, are in Sarnia on the jury.

Mrs. Richard Dawson went to Sarnia Thursday, where her daughter Mrs. C. Singer underwent surgical treatment and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barrett of Oakdale.

Mrs. J. W. Johnston, who has been in Detroit the past week returned Tuesday.

Miss Allie Fennick of Saskatchewan is the guest of Miss Marie Dudley.

Mrs. W. McIlwain returned home Friday after visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. Wallace.

KERWOOD

The Young People of St. Paul's church held their open meeting last Friday evening with a good attendance. A pleasing program was listened to and the balance of the fancy goods from the bazaar were sold and a joyous time was spent. Lunch was served by the members and dancing indulged in until the wee small hours.

Remember the Methodist Christmas concert to be held Friday evening in the Sunday school rooms. Come and enjoy the evening with the young folks.

The W.M.S. of the Methodist church met last Thursday with Mrs. James Richardson, with a good attendance. Rev. Brooks taking the chair in the absence of the president. After the opening exercises the Christmas lesson was read by Mrs. Wm. Johnston and a solo entitled "My Mother" sung by Rev. Brooks was much enjoyed. A very interesting missionary exercise entitled "Is it nothing to you oh Christian" was given by four girls. Mrs. George Johnston gave a reading and Mrs. Fred Cook read a paper on the fourth chapter of the Study book. A recitation, "The Last Hymn" was given by Miss Mildred Richardson in her usual good style. At the close of the meeting lunch was served in the diningroom where a sale of home-made cooking and candy was carried on. The January meeting to be at the home of Mrs. M. C. Morgan.

Mr. Jas. Beeton has returned home for the winter.

Mrs. John Richardson is laid up with a badly sprained ankle.

Mr. Melvin Lucas of Watford spent the weekend with his friend Mr. Basil Wilson.

Mrs. Thompson and children, wife of Mr. Thompson, manager of the Bank of Toronto here, has arrived from B. C. where she has been with her mother, who is ill.

Dr. E. A. Morgan and wife of Toronto spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. G. Morgan.

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WANSTEAD

Mr. Harry Simpson, Toronto, spent a few days recently at the home of his uncle, Mr. Thos. Simpson.

Mr. George Simpson spent last week in Toronto attending the annual convention of the U. F. Y. P. O.

The meeting the Wanstead Farmers' Club held Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th, was well attended considering the condition of the roads. The object of the meeting was the appointment of a delegate to attend the annual convention of the United Farmers' and to discuss the resolutions which were to come before the convention. A splendid discussion took place especially on the resolutions dealing with the political activities of the organized farmers. The vote on these questions showed that a majority of the members present were in favor of dropping politics entirely and giving all their energies to advancing the educational, social and commercial interests of the organization and supporting Hon. E. C. Drury in the formation of a Progressive Party embodying the principles for which the U. F. O. stands.

It was moved by Orville Ramsay and seconded by Calvin Hodgins and carried unanimously that Mr. S. C. Smale be delegate to Toronto. While in attendance at the convention Mr. Smale was nominated for the position of vice-president of the U. F. O. but declined to allow his name to stand.

The next meeting of the Club will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 27, when it is expected Mr. Smale will be present and give a report of the convention.

The Wanstead Farmers' Club shipped one car of cattle and two cars of hogs and lambs to Toronto on Saturday, Dec. 8. They will load hogs on Saturday, Dec. 22.

The regular monthly meeting of the U. F. W. O. was held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12th, at the home of Mrs. J. A. McPhedran and was well attended. The program was appropriate to the Christmas season and the members exchanged gifts. Owing to Mrs. Calvin Hodgins and Mrs. Edwin Morris resigning the positions of president and secretary, respectively, it was necessary to elect new officers which resulted in Mrs. Elma Ramsay being elected president and Mrs. Jas. Jackson secretary. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. P. W. McPhedran on Jan. 6.

Orville Ramsay spent several days recently in the Aylmer dairy district and purchased a Holstein bull and six choice Holstein cows.

PLYMPTON

At the Royal Winter Fair in the Inter-County Judging Competition, the County of Lambton stood thirteenth out of a class of thirty-three. The team composed of John Hodgins, Wyoming, Carman Ferguson, Watford, and Robert Auld, Watford. The county stood fourth in judging of swine. John Hodgins was high man of the team, standing twenty-first out of 99 individually, he also stood third in swine, getting 186 marks out of a possible 200, and had the fifth highest marks made in the competition.

THOMAS H. SYMINGTON

In the death of Thomas H. Symington, which occurred at the home of his son, Sherman Symington, lake road, on Friday Dec. 7, another of the old pioneers has gone to his reward. The late Mr. Symington who was in his 87th year, was born on the farm on which he died. He resided on this farm until some ten years ago when he moved to Forest, but on the death of his wife (of the well known Blain family) three years ago he made his home with his son. His father, Jas. Symington, was one of the pioneers of Plympton. He is survived by his two sons, Sherman of Plympton, and Albert of Sarnia; also three brothers, Geo. of Camlachie; and Alex and John of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. McGregor of Blackwell and Miss Helen of Port Huron. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon to McKay's cemetery, 12th line for interment, the services being conducted by Rev. H. D. Cameron, pastor of St. James' Presbyterian church, Forest. The bearers were, John Fraser, Jos. Sutcliffe, Peter Cairns, Thos. Blunden, John Smith and Sam Ross.

BORN

In Warwick on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woodward, a son.

DIED

In London, on Sunday, Dec. 9th, Charles Swift, formerly of Forest, and Warwick, aged 50 years.

MARRIED

At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Moore, lake road, Plympton, on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, by the Rev. H. D. Cameron, of Forest, Mrs. Mabel Petts to Mr. Charles James King of Detroit, Mich.

LYCEUM, WATFORD

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Saturday Night

DECEMBER 22nd

Wanda Hawley in

"The Truthful Liar"

A POWERFUL DRAMA OF MODERN YOUTH'S FOLLIES AND COURAGE

COMMENCE 8:15

15c and 25c, War Tax Included

Christmas night

Big Special Attractions for these two nights. Usual low prices.

MRS. JAMES DOWLER

PETROLEA

The funeral of Mrs. James Dowler, who died on Friday at her home, lot 5, concession 1, Sarnia township, took place Monday afternoon to Wyoming cemetery, Rev. Mr. Foster conducting the services at the home. The pallbearers were two sons, Earnest and Clarence Dowler, two nephews, Louis King and Howard McMahan, and two cousins, Harvey and James McMahan. The late Mrs. Dowler was 62 years of age, youngest daughter of the late John and Matilda McMahan. She was born in Addington county near Kingston and moved with her father's family when an infant to Plympton township near Wyoming. In 1886 she was married to James Dowler of Enniskillen township where they resided for many years. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Ernest, of Winnipeg and Clarence at home, also two brothers, James McMahan, of Winnipeg and Albert McMahan, of Plympton and one sister, Mrs. John N. Woolley, of Sarnia, formerly of Enniskillen.

Mr. John Parker, M.P.P., a former resident of Brooke township, was in town visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, Dufferin ave. Mr. Parker left his farm in Brooke some twelve years ago and took up a homestead in Saskatchewan, near Kelliher. He prospered to such an extent that he was free to devote his time to politics and was elected on the Liberal ticket to the Saskatchewan Legislature at the last election.

The Lambton Creamery Co. have opened up a cream buying station at Inwood. Mr. Robt. Richardson, who was formerly proprietor of the Inwood Creamery prior to its removal to Sarnia, will be in charge at his old stand on Main street Inwood. This is the tenth station opened by this progressive company.

The Petrolea Black Knights elected officers on Monday evening as follows: Wor. preceptor, Wor. Bro. Milton McVicar; deputy preceptor, Bro. Ernest Taylor; chaplain, Wor. Bro. Kt. Walter Clark; secretary, Sir Kt. Thos. Freer; 1st lecturer, James Simmons; 2nd lecturer, John Copeland; 1st censor, Alton Freer; 2nd censor, Chas. Walker; 1st standard bearer, Wm. McDonald; 2nd standard bearer, Fred Leinström; Persuivant, N. Tomlinson; 1st committeeman, Thos. Rose; 2nd, Ed. Metcalfe; 3rd, J. Williamson; 4th, Robert Lucas; 5th, A. Sutton; 6th, Thos. Lucas; 7th, John Bryson; auditors: Wor. Bro. J. E. Campbell and Herbert Slack.

The high school rugby squad have received the medals donated by the Western Ontario secondary schools association for the champion rugby team. Each player was presented with a silver medal with his name engraved on the back at a meeting of the athletic society on Thursday. The banquet has been postponed until the "Wo-sa" shield and Moncrieff cup arrive.

ONTARIO'S HIGHWAYS CANADA'S MOST COSTLY

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Ontario, of all Canadian provinces, has the most costly system of highway construction, according to the annual report of A. W. Campbell, chief commissioner of highways for the Dominion Government. The report covers the fiscal year 1922-23, and gives the average cost per mile for highway under the Canada Highways Act projects in the various provinces, at follows:

Ontario	\$34,252.39
British Columbia	23,918.00
Quebec	10,840.58
Nova Scotia	5,730.15
Manitoba	3,895.00
Prince Edward Island	2,719.49
Saskatchewan	2,199.16

GENTLE REMINDERS

All subscribers paying their subscriptions, either past due or for next year, before the 31st of December, will get two chances on the Ford Sedan and cash prizes being given by the Watford Community Club. Those from a distance sending subscriptions by mail will be allotted signed tickets for each dollar sent, which will be placed in the ticket box on our counter.

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