

### FRANKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Whiting motored from Colorado and spent the day with their cousin, Mrs. J. I. Smith.

Mrs. Dixon and daughter, Doris, of Brockville, spent the holidays with the former's sister, Mrs. A. E. Crummy.

Miss Mary Ann Nevens, who is not well, is being cared for by her niece, Mrs. Richard Cardiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crummy and babe have arrived from the West to remain permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eaton spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Martin, of Seely's Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Montgomery and son, Fred, and daughter, Mrs. Martin and babe, of Winnipeg, spent Christmas in Smiths Falls. Mrs. Martin left for her home on Monday, having spent the past three months with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Livingston and son, Douglas, of Ottawa, returned home yesterday after spending holidays with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Livingston.

Wilfred Livingston, science teacher at Fort William, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Livingston.

Harold B. Leverette, of Ottawa, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. G. M. Leverette.

Dr. and Mrs. Bert Wickware and two children, of Ottawa, spent holidays with Mrs. Adda Hanton, who accompanied them home on Sunday to spend New Year's.

Mrs. Throop and sons and daughter, Evelyn, of Kingston, spent Christmas with her son, Dr. W. E. and Mrs. Throop; the sons returned on Saturday while Mrs. Throop and daughter remained for New Year's.

Allan, only son of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Throop, was baptized on Sunday morning in the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Richards, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. M. Livingston and brother, Roland Dowsley, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. Barber, Plum Hollow.

Mr. Thos. Dowsley went to Gananogue last week to attend the funeral of his brother, David.

On Dec. 21 Mrs. Martin, of Winnipeg, had her baby baptized in St. Thomas church; name, William Stewart Arnold.

Mrs. E. Coad received word from her brother, Chas. J. Steen, that he intends leaving January 5th to spend a couple of months in California, principally at Long Beach, where his only daughter is married.

Mrs. Wesley Montgomery is quite ill; her daughter, Mrs. W. Chapman, of Athens, and Nurse Niblock are in attendance.

Mrs. Chas. Levetre had a radio installed as a Christmas gift by her brother, Harry Briggishaw, of Ottawa.

### Oak Leaf

The pupils and teacher of Oak Leaf school entertained their parents to a dinner on December 19. After dinner the pupils gave a short programme and Santa with his treats visited the children.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson have gone to Milwaukee for the Christmas season, a guest of their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and family spent their Christmas at Rockfield.

Mr. Singleton, Lyndhurst, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. L. Green.

A number from here attended the concert given in the town hall, Athens, under the direction of Mrs. V. O. Boyle.

On Dec. 6 a baby girl, Marion Margaret, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Eyre.

### CEDAR GROVE

Cedar Grove, Dec. 22.—The patrons of Farmers' Union cheese factory held their annual meeting on Thursday with a large attendance. The officers gave a good report and the patrons were all well pleased with the year's business. The retiring officers were all re-elected: A. Ennis, manager and salesman; Mrs. John Forbes, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. Buck and Hutchins, auditors.

Instructor Dool, of Kemptville, was present and gave a very interesting address on the care of milk and the grading of cheese. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Dool for his very able address.

Mr. Waddell, of Ottawa, is spending a few weeks at the Grove, the guest of William Lines.

All are glad to know that George Hurlbert, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, is improving and expects to be out in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ennis intend leaving here on Tuesday for Homestead, Fla.

William Boyle has returned after having spent two years in the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis paid Prescott a visit on Friday.

Miss Stella Hough, of North Augusta, was visiting friends here last week.

### Methodist S. S. Entertainment

From time out of mind the annual entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school has been held on Christmas night. Perhaps this date is most appropriate, for Christmas Day is par excellence the children's day, and to publicly sing and speak on this day of days seems to fill their cup of joy to the brim.

As is customary on such occasions, the programme was furnished entirely by the school, and demonstrated the possession of considerable talent, particularly noticeable because owing to the absence of the superintendent preparations did not get under way until within a fortnight of the event.

One feature of the evening was a pageant, entitled "A Christmas Fantasy," which contained eighty different players, and lasted about an hour and forty-five minutes from the time the curtain rose until it fell. It portrayed a little child who, as the family slept, crept downstairs to wait for Santa Claus. But the Sandman steals in and sends her off to dreamland where she sees and hears many wonderful people, including the Christmas Spirit, the Christmas Star, the choiristers from the village choir, the Snow Fairy and Snowflakes, the Holly Girls, the Jingle-Bell Boys, the foresters who bring in the Christmas tree, and the Decoration Fairies who trim it, the Evergreen Club, the Star Girls, Miss Painsettia, the Christmas Stocking, the Postman who brings in the Christmas Box, the Christmas Cards, and the Christmas Stamp. Lastly, old Santa Claus himself appears, much to the delight of the child, who runs contentedly off to bed. Many cleverly rendered recitations, solos, choruses and drills were included in the pageant. In addition to this number, other musical and literary selections completed a most interesting programme, and much credit is due Mrs. Wm. Towriss under whose direction it was staged.

### Big Value for Your Money

It is said that the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal works on the principle that nothing but the best will do for its readers. The soundness of this policy is amply demonstrated in the rapidly growing subscription list of this great weekly. The public have been tempted by trashy weeklies at giveaway prices, but when it comes down to value for your money and a genuine Canadian flavor to your reading, the Family Herald and Weekly Star has no competitor. This year we see that the publishers are giving each subscriber whose subscription is received in time a large calendar for 1925 with a beautiful picture entitled "The Sale of Old Dublin," and a free entry to a contest in which ten thousand dollars will be awarded. The subscription price of the Family Herald is only Two Dollars a year.

### CHARLESTON

Charleston, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. S. Kelsey are spending a part of the holiday season in Brockville with their daughter, Mrs. Runnet, and in Smiths Falls with their son Roy and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stanley, Syracuse, spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Halliday spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Spence, Union Valley.

Mrs. Mulvenna and daughter, Miss Hattie, have closed their house here for the remainder of the winter and are with Mr. and Mrs. T. McConnell, Lyndhurst.

T. Prichard, Wilstead, spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. H. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Latimer and children, Delta, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKenney and children, Frankville, spent Christmas at the latter's old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson are in Milwaukee spending the holiday season with their sons, Drs. Arthur and Hubert Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Foster, Glen Morris, have gone on an extended trip to Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Heffernan spent Christmas at McIntosh Mills with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Leeder.

A number from here attended the Orangemen's dance at Athens on Friday night.

Paul Heffernan, Kingston, spent the past few days at Glen Morris with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Heffernan.

Hubert and Albert Beale, Queen's, Kingston, and Miss Kathleen Beale, of the Brockville Collegiate, are home for the holidays.

### Choir Honors Mrs. Topping

The members of Athens Methodist Choir and their friends, about forty in all, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Neff for a farewell social evening to Mrs. Topping, one of the choir members.

A highly enjoyable time was spent in games, contests and music followed by dainty refreshments. After these had been done ample justice, the appended address was read by Mr. G. E. Holmes, the presentation of a handsome leather club bag being made by Mrs. Morgan King.

The address is as follows:—  
Dear Mrs. Topping:—  
We, a little group, from your large circle of friends, are gathered together to-night for the express purpose of informing you, as far as mere words may express it, how much we regret to learn of your plans to remove from our midst. To know you was to respect you as you always exercised the charm of a charitable tongue and a cheerful outlook in life.

In trouble you seemed always sympathetic and in our pleasure you always willingly cooperated.

This group will miss you in their church choir and social activities and will find your place hard to fill, selfishly speaking, we would have it otherwise. In this connection we might quite aptly use the words of the Irishman who when he was asked in what part of Ireland he was born, replied, "sure I was born in Cork, I might have been born in Dublin but I wasn't consulted." That's the real point, we were not consulted.

"You rising moon that looks on" again,  
How oft hereafter will she wax and wane;  
How oft hereafter rising look for us  
Through this same garden—and for one  
in vain!" (Omar Khayyam-Rubaiyat)

Our village, particularly in summer somewhat resembles a large garden and we who remain will surely miss you in many ways but we must not let our selfishness blind us to your best interest, nor our reiteration of regrets spoil this evening for you. Better for us "Let's lay aside Life's carking cares and entertain a cheerful disposition."

Believe us when we say that our best wishes for health happiness and prosperity go with you to your new field of work.

As a slight token of respect and good wishes we would ask that you would kindly accept this club bag.

Hoping as the war-time song went that you may be able to always; "Pack all your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile!"

"When for a while we part,  
This thought will soothe our pain,  
That we shall still be joined in heart,  
And one day meet again."

Signed on behalf of your Methodist choir associates, G. E. Holmes.

### Rear Yonge and Escott Council

Council met 3 o'clock after Nominations, members all present, minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Accounts etc. ordered paid, J. R. Moore for work on road, Div. 6, \$5.00, Dr. J. F. Harte, M. H. and Indigent Officer \$133.75, C. G. Young, printing to date \$15.50, Johnson Morris for stone in div. 5 \$2.50, Claude Wiltse refunded on dog tax \$2.00, Delmer Cowle one award as sheep valuator \$2.50, Thos. G. Howarth refunded on stat. lab. \$6.00, Treasurer of Athens, High School debentures, \$1,351.07.

Minutes of meeting read and approved and Council adjourned.

R. E. Cornell, Clerk.

### Ladies' Guild

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church Athens, was held on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30th, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Mulvena. Splendid reports of the year's work were presented by the secretary and treasurer. The election resulted in all the officers being returned to office i. e. Hon. Pres., Mrs. V. O. Boyle; Pres. Mrs. E. M. Fair; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. G. Parish, Mrs. S. Gifford, Mrs. T. Berney; Sec. Mrs. J. H. Mulvena; Treas. Mrs. Jas. McBratney.

After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Mulvena which were greatly enjoyed by the members. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the officers for their efficient work during the year past.

### ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENTS AT SCHOOLS

Programmes Are Presented by the Pupils.

Van Allan's Corners, Dec. 23.—Adams school was filled to capacity on Thursday evening, the 18th, when an eager and expectant audience enjoyed the concert with a well-arranged programme, under the management of the teacher, Clifford Holmes. The presentation of a two-act play entitled "Dave's Baby", in which a number of the young people participated very capably, was appreciated. The characters were well sustained and the parts executed in splendid style. The personnel of the cast was as follows: Rex Manson (an old bachelor), Allan Thompson; Dave Thorne (a college chum of Rex), Albert Cater; Dorothy Thorne (17-year-old daughter called "Dave's Baby"), Dorothy Morris; "Bridget", the Irish housekeeper, and "Pete", the negro servant of Rex, Annie and Duncan McKee. The remainder of the programme consisted of recitations and short dialogues by the children. Roy Sellock, Jim Porter and Angus McKee delighted the audience with the "broom-stick" dance. Music was rendered by Melvin MacNilage, piano, and Fred Coyeau, violin. At the conclusion of the concert Santa Claus arrived and took charge of the well-laden Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cater, Albert, Jack and Miss Martha motored to Ottawa on Wednesday and spent the day.

Miss Gladys Craig, of Oxford Mills, was a recent guest of Miss Anna McKee.

Roy Torrance and George Wilson have returned home after having spent three months in Moose Jaw, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompkins and Rhea, of Heckston, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil MacNilage and Ray were at Ventnor to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. Ogilvie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sellock were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, Brockville.

### Anniversary Services at Methodist Church

The 23rd Anniversary of the New Methodist Church, Athens, and the 35th Anniversary of the old Church will be celebrated next Sunday and Monday. The Anniversary Preacher will be the pastor of Sydenham Street Methodist Church, Kingston, who is invited to the First Church, Winnipeg, for the next year. He is one of the outstanding men of Canadian Methodism, an aggressive Bible student, and strong preacher, attracting large numbers of Queens University Students to his church.

It is to be hoped that the Athens public and surrounding country will flock to hear him both times on Sunday and again in his platform address on Monday night.

Supper will be served on Monday night followed by a splendid literary and musical programme. Mrs. Townsend is a charming soloist, and the Athens public will welcome Mr. Horsefield of former days in the town in his musical numbers. The town's favorites will enhance the treat in the persons of Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss in her excellent readings, and the Misses Hazel Burns and Gwendolyn Wiltse. The orchestra under Mr. Crawford Slack are engaged to play for the programme. A large committee are supervising the arrangements for the supper, hoping the function so soon after the holidays may prove a fine send-off for the New Year.

### Nominations Rear Yonge and Escott

The nomination meeting for the Township was held on Monday afternoon, Dec. 29th and the Council for 1925 were re-elected as follows:—  
Reeve:—Walter J. Taber.  
Councillors:—T. G. Howarth, W. J. Hamblin, G. A. Hayes, Wm. W. Eyre.

**Athens**

The Nomination for the Village was held Monday evening, resulted in an Election to be held on Monday next:—  
Reeve—M. B. Holmes, J. H. Mulvena.  
Councillors—Sherman A. Coon, A. M. Eaton, P. Y. Hollingsworth, W. H. Jacob, D. L. Johnston.

Mr. W. C. Percy, teller, Standard Bank, here, has been transferred to the Killaloe Branch. Mr. Woodward from Ottawa takes his place here.

### CANADIAN WRITES OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IN COLOMBIA

Dr. D. B. Wilson Has Many Relatives at Bishop's Mills.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Bishop's Mills, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. N. Buck received a letter recently from their nephew, Dr. D. B. Wilson, of Bogota, Colombia, S.A., who has many relatives in this vicinity. Dr. Wilson gives an interesting description of that part of South America, where he is engaged in the interests of the International Health Board, and his letter reads in part:

"At present I am down in South America, and it isn't too bad here. Of course we have to talk Spanish all the time. The two children talk more Spanish than English.

"I have 79 men working for me and not one can speak a word of English. We have a very fine home, built very similar to most Canadian homes, and it only takes 20 minutes from my office to the house. The government has given me four offices in the Capitol and we have ten branch offices in the country.

"The government pays part of the expenses here, and the Rockefeller Foundation the rest. My men are giving about 30,000 treatments a month and the number of patients is increasing. We are up about 9,000 feet above the sea level, so that we don't suffer from the heat, although we are quite close to the equator. The climate is, if anything, too cool. There are about 100 foreigners here, counting the English and Americans. We are the only Canadians here. Please give my best regards to all the Wilson family."

Mrs. W. S. Render, Main street east, was the recipient of a parcel of pomgranates from New Mexico, where her daughter, Mrs. Millar, resides.

King Nettell was the recipient on Wednesday of a turkey which was fattened in the wheat fields of Alberta, near Henna, where his son, John Nettell, resides. The bird was a fine specimen and tipped the scales at 25 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Manley motored to Brockville on Saturday last.

A large congregation attended the United church services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. Rev. J. McAvoy, assisted by Rev. J. Leach, conducted the service. A special Christmas anthem was rendered by the United church choir, and also singing by the children of the Sunday school.

The death of Richard Tubman occurred at his home in Oxford township on Tuesday evening, December 16, after a brief illness. Deceased was 85 years of age, a native of Ireland, emigrating here with his parents in his youth, and followed the occupation of farming throughout his lifetime. His wife predeceased him on the first day of the present year. His funeral was held on Friday in the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. McAvoy conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. J. Leach. He leaves to mourn his loss one daughter, Mrs. Oscar Thompson, who, together with her family, reside on the homestead.

Mrs. Elmer Swanson, of Saskatchewan, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston.

Cecil Cassidy, of Chesterville, is a guest at the home of his brother, Edward Cassidy.

Ray Kerford, of Merrickville, was a town visitor on Sunday last.

A very successful school concert was held on Friday evening in the school house of the adjoining section, by the pupils under the direction of their teacher, Miss Wilson.

### Successful Guessers

In the guessing contest for the Christmas Cake, at Coon's Bakery, Ada Gifford, Lloyd Earl and Ivan Dillabough were the successful guessers. The correct number in the glass was 584, Ada Gifford and Lloyd Earl guessing 583 and Ivan Dillabough had two guesses of 585. Miss Gifford took the two top stories while the two gentlemen divided the bottom.

### Sheldon's Corners

Miss Pearl Whitmore spent a few days with her sister Mrs. Westlake, Glen Buel.

Miss Maggy Kelly spent Christmas at J. Topping.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hays spent the holidays at Syracuse visiting their son Douglas and family.

S. Niblock and family spent Christmas with M. Stephens.

Miss Elva Whitmore made a flying visit home Wednesday afternoon.

Fred Hollingsworth and his Mother spent Christmas in Athens at Levi Wilsons with Mrs. Hollingsworth and Baby Beth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dillon spent Christmas at A. Young.

Mr. Vauce Foly and family spent the Christmas Mr. Judge.

Mrs. D. Bolton spent the Christmas holidays visiting her children in Syracuse. Master Benny Foley is spending his holidays with his grandmother.

### Hockey Schedule

The schedule of games in "group 2" are as follows:—  
Delta at Athens—Jan. 1st  
Athens at Lyndhurst—Jan. 3rd  
Lyndhurst at Delta—Jan. 10th  
Athens at Delta—Jan. 17th  
Lyndhurst at Athens—Jan. 24th  
Delta at Lyndhurst—Jan. 31st.

### LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, Dec. 27.—James Fodey, of Saskatchewan, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. Fodey, Outlet, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald and family spent Christmas in Brockville. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patience and daughter spent the holiday in Smiths Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCready, of Lyndhurst, spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leacock.

Mrs. Harry Randals, Morristown, N.Y., is spending the holidays at Fred McDonald's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sifton, Toronto, are at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Mitchell, Mitchellville, for the holidays.

George Hamilton went to Toronto on Christmas Eve for the holidays; Miss Hewitt to Smiths Falls; Mr. Curran to Hamilton; Mr. Fitzgerald to Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Sheppard and son to Carleton Place.

The Lansdowne cheese and butter factory closed on Friday for the season.

Lansdowne, Dec. 24.—The high and public schools closed on Friday for the Christmas holidays and will not re-open until January 5, so the pupils will have two weeks to enjoy themselves. In all of the classes, entertainments were held to mark the closing of the schools.

Mrs. Claude Purvis and children, of Junetown, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Purvis' mother, Mrs. Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shields have rented the Beatty property and will take possession shortly.

Miss Nettie Landon spent a few days in Ottawa last week.

Miss Ruby Garbutt, of Queen's University, Kingston, was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Surplis.

Grier Johnston, of Trinity College school, Port Hope, is home for the holidays. He was accompanied by his friend, Harry Croft.

Mrs. Charles McNeil and son, Russell, of Hamilton, attended the funeral last week of Noah McNeil.

The Sunday school of Lansdowne and Fairfax congregations held a Christmas tree entertainment in the town hall on Monday evening. A large crowd attended.

The congregation of the Anglican church held a Christmas tree and entertainment in Mr. Senn's hall on Tuesday evening for the Sunday school children and their parents.

Patrick McDonald, Brockville, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald.

Sandy McDonald, Cardinal, is spending the holidays at Allen McDonald's.

John Landon has purchased the property of James Graham in the village.

Misses Fern Sturgeon, Gladys Graham, Eva Doak, Grace Beckstead, of Ottawa, Miss Elsie McNeil, Harold Burns, of Toronto; Forest Greef, Milton, are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Dillon and children, Gananogue, spent Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. Dillon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slack, of North Bay, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Cochrane.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Lawson, of Ottawa, are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Senn.

A. Mallory Shaw, Montreal, spent the holiday at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. W. Shaw.

Mrs. Sawyer and baby, Georgian Bay, are visiting Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McNeil.

### MAYNARD

Maynard, Dec. 22.—Lyman Murray, of Napanee, is spending the Christmas holidays at the Methodist parsonage with his parents.

Mrs. C. A. Spicer returned home from Toronto on the 19th. She was called to the bedside of her son, Dr. S. L. Spicer, who was seriously ill in the hospital. He was considerably improved when she left.

Mrs. Howard Quartus and two little daughters are spending the festive season with her parents at Merrickville. Christmas concerts were held at Dulmage's school and also at Charlieville.

The pupils of Mr. Newman's school held a concert on Friday afternoon which was a decided success. W. H. Robinson very ably acted as chairman. The programme consisted of choruses by the school, readings, dialogues, exercises, instrumental duets by Mr. Newman and Stanley Saunders. Miss Olive Newman, of Spencerville, assisted by giving a humorous reading and also a monologue which was very pleasing. At the close of the programme Santa Claus came and distributed presents from the well-laden tree. Visitors and pupils were delighted with the programme.