

OBITUARY

MATILDA MITCHELL

(Pasadena Star-News)

Mrs. Matilda Mitchell, widow of Jerry Mitchell, passed away November 27th, at her home, 688 South Madison avenue, in her eighty-second year. Mrs. Mitchell was a native of Ontario, Canada, and had lived in Pasadena for the past nine years. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. J. F. Burnett of Victoria, B.C.; Mrs. Wm. Chambers, Dr. Lillian Mitchell, Miss Grace H. Mitchell and Mrs. Mabel Wilt, all of Pasadena.

JAMES TOMLIN

The death occurred yesterday, in the C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, of one of the Empire's old soldiers, Sergt. Major James Tomlin, of Warwick and Simcoe streets, Watford, who died following a very lengthy illness. Sergt. Major Tomlin who was born in England, enlisted in the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1884, and served for 22 years with the Royal Engineers; serving in many parts of Europe. He saw service in Singapore; in India; in Hongkong and Wei Hai Wei, China; in the Mauritius Islands, also in South Africa, and has the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, also the South Africa medal with four bars, Queens, and two bars. King's. His career has been full of unusual interest. His first commanding officer was the late Field Marshal Earl Kitchener. That Kitchener had but one eye is not common knowledge although many who saw him commented on the peculiar stare of his left eye. S.M. Tomlin used to tell of Kitchener's accident as follows: "It was at the Engineer's Depot, Chatham, England, in 1884. Major Kitchener, as he then was, was explaining the danger of removing wax from a detonator with a penknife. He held a detonator and penknife in his hand at the time and was illustrating how not to use it when the very thing happened that he was warning us against. The detonator exploded and a piece of it struck Kitchener in the left eye, which was blown right out of its socket and hung right down on his face. I was one of those who assisted him to the hospital."

S.M. Tomlin was one of the party of Royal Engineers who built the first defences of Port Arthur in China. These were turned over to the Chinese who let them to the Russians, who in turn lost them to the Japanese. He was also one of the first party to land at Wei Hai Wei, Britain's Chinese outpost, which was taken over after the evacuation of Port Arthur. He also served through the Black Plague in China and had to assist in burying the victims. He also served through the whole of the South African war.

He came to Canada when his time was up, living in London and later in Watford where he conducted a business as a cabinet maker.

Although over military age he enlisted in 1915 for service in the Great War and served for over three years at the camp at London, Ontario, being Quartermaster Sergt., and later Sergeant Major. He was discharged in 1918 on account of being medically unfit for further service.

He was twice married and has one daughter, Mrs. Maud Wilcox, of Toronto, and three sons, one in the British Navy, Samuel B., and two, J. B. and W. H., in England. His second wife, formerly Miss Anna MacCallum of Stratfordville, Ont., survives him.

The funeral service was held on Thursday evening in Harper's undertaking parlors, with Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner as the officiating clergyman, assisted by Rev. J. H. Hosford, M.A., B.D. The interment will take place today (Friday) in Stratfordville cemetery, Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner officiating at the graveside.

POPULAR WATFORD CITIZEN ADDRESSES FOREST BANQUET

Richard Williamson the Special Speaker at Banquet Given by Forest Community Club

The following extracts pertaining to the address given by Richard Williamson, of Watford, at the banquet given in the new Crinnian Hotel by the Forest Community Club on Friday evening last, as taken from the Forest Free Press, will be of interest to our local readers.

"R. Williamson, of Watford, who was announced as the speaker of the evening, said it was an honor to be here at the opening of the new hotel, which was a great improvement to the town, and had such capable managers as Mr. and Mrs. Crinnian. He spoke of the great prosperity of our country, with its fertile fields and busy factories in the hands of a great people. The surest way to great achievement was in the faithful performance of our smaller tasks, which are often forerunners of great results. Good thinking is the greatest driving force with which we are endowed, and is the foundation of our best manhood, and of the community spirit which makes a prosperous town. It was by community work that Watford had secured water works, pavements and an 18,000 ft. water supply."

"The community. He great natural resources in coal in Nova Scotia, in Quebec, minerals, water power in Ontario, wheat fields in the central part of the fisheries in British Columbia. Our great lakes and railway facilities combine to give us the world's greatest transportation facilities. The commerce through the St. Clair river exceeding that of the famous Suez Canal, and 60 car loads of wheat leaving Winnipeg every seven minutes are but two instances of our wonderful development. Our community work should therefore be national and even empire wide, as we are a part of the great commonwealth of nations constituting the British Empire, which is developing a distinct species of manhood, the greatest the world has ever known. In the great war our boys had fought and died for the safety of our country and homes, and surely we can carry on the work of development. Our history should be an incentive to go forward in a spirit of unity and goodwill. In our national affairs we want less politics and more business. We want immigration from Great Britain to fill our vast spaces and hasten the development of our heritage, which is the greatest with which any people has ever been endowed. Our Anglo-Saxon race controlling the world's destiny should widen our vision to still greater things. Canada and the United States have given the world a lesson in the conquest of peace, living side by side for more than a century without a single warship or gun along our 3000 miles of border, our only armour being our faith in God. The greatness of a nation is not in material things, but in the moral integrity of the people and today is Canada's opportunity. Upon us today rests the responsibility of making Canada the best land upon earth. Let us be optimistic and think big and we will succeed. God's in Heaven, and all's right with the world let us go forward in unity and the future will recognize our work."

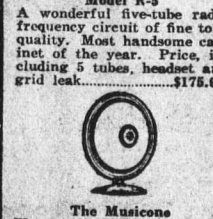
Report of S. S. No. 10, Brooke, for November. Class IV Sr.—Clarance Hair 73.9, Minnie MacLean 65.7, Jr. IV—Edith Dempsey 69.5, Margaret MacLachlan 59. Sr. III—Johnnie MacLean 68, James Hair 65.2, Jr. III—Donald Powell 61.1, Jessie Saunders 60. Jr. II—Robert Searson 69.2, Harold Willer 68.1, Malcolm MacLachlan 58.5, Jr. I—Archie MacLachlan 71.2, Ruth Willer 70.4. Primer—Melvin Powell, Doris Dempsey, Leonard MacLachlan, Gerald Willer, A. E. Hair, Teacher.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY HOLD FAREWELL TO REV. AND MRS. RAYNER

A meeting of much interest was held at the Pilgrim United church manse on Tuesday evening by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of that church. The first part of the evening was in charge of the prayer meeting convener, Miss Mildred Duncan. The topic "Christmas Service" was well taken by a number of members and a brief address was given by the pastor, Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, at the close of which the monthly consecration service followed.

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to help make our Christian Endeavor Society what it is. To Mr. Rayner we owe the greatest debt. During the six and one half years of your ministry in our Church you have meant so much to us all and it would be impossible to express in words all that you have done for us. Your influence has been a great factor in our lives and will not be forgotten in the years to come.

"Mr. and Mrs. Rayner we wish you to accept this little gift as a very slight token of our appreciation for all you have done for us. To Gordon and DeCourcy we give these Ever-sharp pencils as a little gift to remember your Christian Endeavor associates by.

"We wish you all the very best of luck and health and happiness when you go to your new home and pasture and hope that you will be richly blessed in your work there.

"What is our loss is their gain." Signed on behalf of the Y.P.S.C.E., Elsie Brown, Pres., Russell Duncan, Carrie M. Healey.

The presentations were made by Miss Carrie M. Healey and George Tait. Suitable replies were made by each one, expressing their regret at having to leave their many friends. The meeting was brought to a close by all joining hands and singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

An English sailor wrote his will on an egg. The lawyers are now scrambling the egg.

MARRIED

In Petrolia, on Wednesday, Nov. 25, Verna Alberta, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Styles, Enniskillen Tp., to Albert Lloyd Downswell, of Detroit.

In Toronto, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, Miss Margaret Catherine McQueen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. M. McQueen, formerly of Petrolia, to Mr. Sidney Frank Heard, son of Mr. W. S. N. Heard, of London, Eng.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Strathroy, on Saturday, November 28th, by the Rev. R. J. Devine, Erla Winnifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gilbert, of Adelaide, to Basil E. Fuller, of Flint, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuller, Arkona.

DIED

At the residence of her daughter, Miss F. A. Swanton, Highgate, on November 29th, 1925, Catherine Stinson, widow of the late George Swanton, in her 82nd year. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. S. B. Chambers, Warwick.

In Watford, on Thursday, December 10th, 1925, Isabel M. J. Spalding, in her 85th year.

The funeral will leave her late residence, St. Clair st., on Saturday, at two p.m., for Wisbeach cemetery. Service at the house at 1.30 o'clock.

In C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia, on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, James Tomlin, in his 60th year.