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THE COUNTY

Happenings in Elgin During the Past Week

Mrs. Anderson, of Middlemarch, who
is 95 years of age, has knitted 85 pairs
of socks for the soldiers.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McKillop, of
West Lorne, celebrated the sixtieth
anniversary of their marriage on Monday.

The death occurred in Yarmouth of
Mrs. John T. Mitchell. Before coming
to Yarmouth she resided at Tiverton.
Her husband, four sons and two daugh-
ters survive her.

While visiting her daughter in St.
Thomas Mrs. Sarah M. Ward, of
Bothwell, died from heart trouble, aged
72 years. Surviving her are two sons
and one daughter.

Mrs. Robert White, a life-long resi-
dent of Yarmouth, died Saturday
after an illness of several months, aged
65 years. Two daughters, one son,
three brothers and three sisters survive
her.

Benjamin Goodhue, an old resident
of Port Stanley, died after a long ill-
ness, aged 92 years. He leaves his
widow, seven daughters and five sons.
The funeral was held to the Union
cemetery.

The liabilities of John Price, fisher-
man, Port Stanley, who assigned to D.
A. Cattanauch, are placed at \$16,000,
and assets at about \$8,000. The
assignment is caused by bad seasons
and the loss of considerable equip-
ment through storms and otherwise.

The coroner's jury to enquire into the
death of Edward Loucks, the M. C. R.
sectionman who was found dead a
short distance west of Kettle Creek
bridge, returned a verdict that he
came to his death by being struck by a
west-bound train.

After an illness of several weeks Mrs.
Elizabeth Killingsworth, widow of the
late Richard H. Killingsworth, died at
her home in St. Thomas on Saturday.
She was a native of Victoria county,
but resided in the city for 35 years.
Her family consists of seven sons and
two daughters.

William Cross, a well-known M. C. R.
painter, died at his home in St. Thomas
after a week's illness with pneumonia.
He was prominent in Oddfellowship.
He is survived by his widow and two
daughters. He was a native of Eng-
land and resided in St. Thomas for
over thirty years.

Dr. Arthur Meek, a well-known resi-
dent of Southwold, died on Tuesday
after a short illness with pneumonia in
his 62nd year. Deceased was well
known in the county, having resided in
Southwold practically all his life. Ed-
ward Meek, barrister, Toronto; Dr.
Meek, London, and George Meek, of the
Union Road, Southwold, are brothers.

Archibald Black, of Appin, aged 85
years, died while visiting his daughter
in Chatham. He was born in Scot-
land and came to Canada 75 years
ago. Two daughters and two sons sur-
vive him.

At the inaugural meeting of the Glen-
coe council it was generally expressed
that the coming year should be one of
economy and that no new improve-
ments be undertaken unless absolutely
necessary.

Two colored lads, Frank Taylor and
Clifford Hallman, of Chatham, were
found guilty of breaking into several
freight cars on the Pere Marquette and
stealing a quantity of merchandise
and sentenced to eight and six months,
respectively.

Mr. Hyatt, a farmer residing near
Stratford, had his left hand so badly
mangled in a cutting box that it had
to be amputated. With much presence
of mind he saved himself from worse
injury by cutting the belt with his
jack knife with his free hand, thus
stopping the machine.

For assisting three Germans to pass
from the United States into Canada,
Alphonso Bachelard, road manager for
a New York operatic company, was
fined \$600 and costs by Magistrate
Leggett at Windsor. He pleaded guilty
to the charge, but professed ignorance
of the law. His wife promptly paid
the fine.

Provincial Detective Stringer is mak-
ing an investigation of the circum-
stances surrounding the explosion of a
tobacco pipe in the hands of Thomas
Lunley, of Oil Springs, recently. The
pipe was filled with fresh tobacco just
before the explosion, which blew the
pipe to pieces and threw the frag-
ments into his eyes, which may cause
him to lose his sight. The tobacco
manufacturers are also investigating.

The death occurred at Ridgetown of
George Rockety, who resided in that
town for 60 years. He was 85 years of
age and came from England to Canada
when a young man and after residing
in Elgin for a couple of years moved to
Ridgetown, where for many years he
conducted a wagon-making business,
and taking a deep interest in all pro-
gressive movements. He served many
years as town councillor and reeve and
as a director of the agricultural society.
His widow, two sons and two daughters
survive him.

A happy event took place on Jan. 14
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mc-
Robert, Longwood, when their eldest
daughter, Lillie N., was united in mar-
riage to D. S. McEachren, of South
Elkrid. Only the immediate relatives
were present, and Rev. Dr. Rayson,
of Delaware, assisted by Rev. W. L.
Nichol, of Parkhill, performed the
ceremony. Miss Maribel Campbell,
cousin of the groom, played the wedding
march, and four little girls, nieces of
the groom, acted as ribbon-bearers
about about the evergreen arch under
which the marriage was solemnized.
The bride and groom left the same
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Assessor, John C. McLennan; col-
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sent Ward No. 1, W. H. Turner No. 2,
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NOT FAR FROM HOME

News Gathered From Our Ex- changes and Various Sources

Windsor has now a population of
28,064.

An effort is being made to incorpo-
rate Appin as a police village.

All the schools in Guelph, except
one, have been closed owing to the lack
of fuel.

The death occurred in Zone of Mrs.
William Downswell at the age of 82
years.

The managers of a Guelph church
had to pay eight dollars for a third of
a cord of fence rails.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs.
Ewing, Glencoe, was found dead in
bed, having expired during the night.

The cost of the recent election in
Kent was practically 74 cents for every
vote cast. The cost of the election was
approximately \$10,000.

Miss Sarah S. Davis, who had been a
member of the Thamesville public
school staff for a quarter of a century,
died at the age of 60 years.

Mrs. Jane Willison, one of the pion-
eer settlers of Chatham township, died
at the age of 93 years. She was born
in the township, and had resided there
all her life.

Henry Quelch, of Thamesville, has
entered an action against the East
Kent Agricultural Society for \$2,500
for injuries to his son as the result of a
gate at the fair grounds falling on him.

Robert G. Fleming, who has been
treasurer of Chatham for 29 years, has
resigned. He is 80 years old and widely
known in Western Ontario as a lawn
bowler and possesses many trophies.

Without recovering consciousness
from the time he was found in bed on
Wednesday morning, James Farron,
of Walkerville, died Friday from the
effects of gas fumes inhaled while he
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ELGIN WINTER FAIR

Successful, Despite Unfavorable Weather Winners of Special Prizes

The West Elgin Winter Fair held at
West Lorne on January 15-18, was,
despite the bitter cold weather and the
unfavorable year, a decided success.
The entries in some of the departments
were not, however, as numerous as
hitherto, owing to the fact that intended
exhibitors were prevented in reaching
the village owing to the blockade.

The poultry show was by far the
largest exhibit. There were birds from
Glencoe, Essex, London, Aylmer, St.
Thomas, Rodney, Lambeth, Middle-
march, West Lorne, Wallacetown,
Waterford, Wardsville, Crinan, Ailsa,
Pletcher, Windsor, Glanworth and
many other places.

The exhibit of the department of agri-
culture was an outstanding feature and
of much interest to the farmers of the
district. The exhibit consisted of ex-
amples of proper feeding of poultry for
profit, also the proper killing. The ex-
hibit was of an educational nature and
was visited by everyone interested in
the raising of poultry.

A feature of much interest was a
sample backyard henhouse, which showed
people of the village how it is possible
at very little expense to raise poultry
and have a supply of eggs. The exhibit
was under the direction of W. A. Lang,
of Ottawa.

In connection with the fair Jack
Minor, the well-known birdman, of
Essex gave an interesting talk on his
favorite subject.

A talk on horses was given by Mr.
Shaver. This district is noted for its
fine horses and many of the best were on
exhibition. Mr. Shaver made a plea for
the breeding of light horses. The need
of driving horses was emphasized by
him also.

In the bread-making contest for a
prize of \$5 in gold, donated by the West
Elgin Milling Co. for the best loaf of
bread, the prizes were awarded as fol-
lows: 1st, Mrs. W. J. Webster, Crinan;
2nd, N. Dodd, West Lorne; 3rd, Mrs. J.
W. Welch, Crinan.

The following prizes were awarded
the junior department:
For the team of boys (two) under 16
years of age, in township, judging agri-
cultural horse, \$3, by A. J. Letell, Ald-
borough—C. Webster and D. McCall,
Crinan.

Best talk by boy, under 16 years of
age, on "How I prepared and cared for
my corn plot," 60 points allowed for
instructive value and 40 for oratory, \$2
by J. A. King, Aldboro, Campbell
Webster, Crinan.

The directors' banquet at the Arzyle
House, was an enjoyable feature. Reeve
J. B. Ferguson presided, and the speak-
ers were J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto, super-
intendent of the Farmers' Institutes;
Peter Stalker, R. A. Penhale, William
Toimie and Reeve N. S. Cornell, of Port
Stanley.

THE NATURAL GAS SITUATION

While thousands of natural gas users
throughout this part of Western Ontario
are worrying over their supply of gas,
the two producer companies, the Union
Natural and the Southern Ontario, are
spending thousands of dollars each week
to get a new supply of gas, new wells
being drilled at the rate of four or five
a month, according to the statement of
a driller working in the field.

The cause of the present shortage of
natural gas, he says, is the failure of the
big Dover well which was producing at
the rate of 12,000,000 feet a day, and
which is now not giving any gas at all,
but is producing about 80 barrels of crude
oil a day. While oil is worth close to \$3
a barrel at the present time, the com-
panies would rather have the gas, as it
is far more valuable than oil, while their
customers are calling for more fuel. In
the Tilbury, Romney and Dover gas
fields there are several hundred wells
within an area of 18 square miles, reach-
ing from Coatesworth to Merlin along the
shore of Lake Erie, and it is from these
that all the gas used in Western Ontario
is secured.

Some of these wells give as high as a
million cubic feet a day, but these big
wells are scarce, and the majority give
only a quarter of a million, or less, and
and in spite of the drilling, very little
gained as the wells only reduce the flow
of other wells in the same neighborhood.
The Dover well was drilled about six
months ago and was put down to the
3,400 foot level. Four new wells have
been drilled to the same depth, but they
were dry holes and secured nothing for
the companies. Several more wells are
being drilled in that section at present.

These wells cost the companies about
\$10,000 each, and in the majority of
cases they get no gas. At the present
time there are thirteen drilling rigs at
work in the three fields in Kent county
to get good wells.

The cost of drilling at present is very
high, the drilling outfits getting from
\$180 to \$2 a foot of depth, while the
companies have to supply the pipe cas-
ing. The only hope of a larger gas pro-
duction rests in the ability of the drillers
to locate a new field entirely, and the
oil field at Wheatley is being drilled to
the 1,200 foot level to see if gas exists
there in good quantities.

Drilling operations are being held up
greatly owing to the poor qualities of
steel that is being supplied for drilling
work. The steel will not resist the hard
rock formations like better grades
secured before the war, and much time is
lost in fixing drills and in fishing opera-
tions. Cables used to drill with are of
poor quality and break continually,
causing the tools to drop to the bottom
of the hole, where they have to be fished
out with various devices. At one time
recently there were 13 rigs in the gas
field that were tied up while the tools
were being fished from the bottom of the
hole.

Oscar Reddick, a farmer, of Sidney
township, dropped dead off his sleigh in
his barn yard.

Rev. Jas. Carmichael, D.D., for 57
years a Presbyterian divine in King
township, died at Eversley, in his 91st
year.

SOUTHWOLD OFFICERS

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