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Mr. J. A. Edgerton Died Yesterday

Winchester lost another of its most highly esteemed citizens yesterday morning, when word was received from Brockville that Mr. James Albert Edgerton had passed away, following an illness of several months.

The late Mr. Edgerton was in his 73rd year and was born near Chesterville, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Edgerton.

Following his marriage to Miss Margaret Moffat, about 40 years ago, he settled on a farm in the Melvin Settlement, where he remained until 1918, when he purchased the well-known Thomas Irving property just west of Winchester, and where he and his family have resided since.

In addition to being one of the district's most prominent farmers, the late Mr. Edgerton took a keen interest in municipal work and, for several years served on the local municipal council. He was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian church.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Hugh, and two daughters, Misses Eleanor and Maude Edgerton, all of Winchester; three brothers, Thomas, of Melvin Settlement; George, of Chesterville, and Myles, who resides in the West; also three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Wells, of Aulstville; Miss Mary Edgerton, Chesterville, and Mrs. Wilburn Ball, Maple Ridge.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock on Friday afternoon, with service at the family residence, Winchester, being conducted by Rev. W. D. Turner, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

A man goes back on his best friend when he kicks himself.

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Hal Roach Presents
TOPPER TAKES A TRIP
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MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
December 25, 26 and 27
LADY OF THE TROPICS
—Starring—
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Out of "Algiers" flashed the incredible beauty of Hedy Lamarr.. Now she is teamed with Robert Taylor....As lovers of the deep purple night.....in a throbbing drama from East of Suez.
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
December 28, 29 and 30
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MIDNITE SHOW, DEC. 31
Join the crowd at the Midnight Show, Sunday, Dec. 31st. Fun for all. Bob Hope and Martha Raye in "NEVER SAY DIE." Thirty days to live..so Bob marries Martha....and the fun begins.

MATINEES DAILY
At 3.00 p. m.
Admission 25c, Children 15c
NOTE: — SPECIAL PRICES FOR CHILDREN ON SATURDAYS
Saturday Matinees 10c; Saturday Evenings 35c, if unaccompanied by parents.

Christmas Greetings



The ageless Christmas message of peace, good will and happiness is being said and sung again, steadying, uplifting and vitalizing us, as its significance penetrates our inmost minds and warms our inmost hearts, keeping green the great things of the past and shedding illuminating light on everything worthwhile in the experience of mankind.

"For Unto You A Child Is Born"

The greatest of all Birthdays brings us into closer sympathy with the needs and welfare of others, into greater belief in the power of courage and kindliness.

With this thought in mind, the Management and Staff of the Winchester Press extends to one and all, Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas !

Temperance Fed'n Adopts Resolutions

A meeting of the Dundas County Temperance Federation was held in the United Church, South Mountain, on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13th, 1939. Representatives were present from the various parts of the County. The work of the past year was considered and committees appointed, after which adjournment was made for supper.

In the evening the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved that we, members of the Dundas Temperance Federation, assembled in convention at South Mountain United Church, place ourselves on record as a group of Christian people who are not prepared to sanction the continuance of beverage rooms as they are today in our Province.

Resolved that the pledge, organized and signed at Hulbert Sunday School Convention, November 18th, 1938, be adopted with the addition, namely:— "We, the delegates to the Dundas County Ontario Religious Education Council, in convention at Hulbert United Church, November 18th, 1938, deeming the time is now ripe for definite action against the increasing liquor consumption, due to beverage rooms throughout the Province of Ontario, do pledge ourselves to support only such candidate for the next Provincial Parliament as will pledge himself to do all he can to give the people of Ontario a referendum on the beer and wine question, or to abolish or to close all beverage rooms in the Province of Ontario by legislative enactment."

Resolved that we direct the Executive to procure Five Hundred (500) or more signatures to the pledge in order that further steps may be taken.

Resolved that when Five Hundred (500) or more signatures have been procured that we direct the Executive to call a meeting of all those who have signed, and of the temperance workers.

Resolved that the Dundas Executive immediately consult with Grenville previous to the calling of the aforementioned Convention with the view of co-operation and organization.

Resolved that we recommend Temperance Posts be established in Sunday Schools and Young People's Unions wherever possible.

Resolved that this Convention express its sincere appreciation and thanks to the Rev. Mr. Johnston and the members of South Mountain United Church for the use of their church and the hospitality extended to the Dundas Temperance Federation.

Resolved that we particularly express our thanks to the ladies for the bountiful and delicious repast which they supplied.

Rev. R. A. Whittam, of Toronto, addressed the meeting and gave valuable information in connection with the work.

District Cheese Boards

Alexandria—Boarded 380 white and 137 colored, with 300 colored daisies. All sold at 16 9-16 cents.

Casselman—Boarded 209 white and 90 colored. White sold at 16 3-8 and colored at 16 7-16 cents.

Cornwall—Boarded 957 colored. All sold at 16 13-16 cents.

Iroquois—Boarded 100 white and 425 colored. All sold at 16 15-16 cents.

Kemptville—Boarded 148 white and 546 colored. White sold at 16 1-4, colored at 16 1-2 cents.

Winchester—Boarded 300 colored and 15 white. All sold at 16 5-8 cents.

Coming Events

DATES TO REMEMBER

Don't forget the annual Christmas Entertainment at Summers' School tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Good program. Admission, 25c. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. 33c

Council Closes Year With Good Surplus

According to the financial statement, which will be in the hands of the local ratepayers this week, the municipal council ended the year with a surplus of $1691.13. The actual cash balance is shown as $5451.17, but liabilities, made up of debentures not yet presented, and outstanding cheques, total $3760.04.

During the year, which ended on December 15th, receipts amounted to $45,219.13, while the expenditures totalled $39,767.96. These included $5040.11 for county rates; $5154.25 for street maintenance; $9316.00 for school purposes; $2500.00 for bills payable; $803.85 for salaries and allowances; $4342.60 for debentures and coupons; $944.00 for street lighting; $195.35 for charity; $921.09 for fire protection; $685.30 for upkeep of town hall, and $9547.01 for miscellaneous items.

Cash on hand at the beginning of the year was $5820.55, most of which was used for rebuilding streets, improving the fire-fighting equipment and making needed repairs at the town hall and fire-station. Although the Council paved several streets, which were not on the annual street repair program, the tax rate was not raised, but the money expended brought this year's surplus down.

Unpaid taxes, including those of 1938 and 1939 total $3749.41.

Winchester's annual debenture liability at the present time is $6734.79. This includes $809.40, which runs for 20 years, to pay for the new addition to the local high school.

Mr. E. M. Shaver, the treasurer, and members of the Council, are quite satisfied with the annual financial statement, which indicates that the town has more than balanced its budget for 1939.

Induction Service Postponed.

The Induction Service, which was to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Chesterville, was postponed on account of the slippery roads, and will be held some day next week.

Christmas

Of all the seasons of the year
To one and all there's none so dear
As Christmas, when we love to stroll
To the old home—that sacred goal.

There's dad and mother waiting there,
Whose faces now are worn with care
Or if, perhaps, one sits alone,
Do cheer that heart by going home.

Somewhere a mother's waiting still
With arm upon the window sill,
A-staring down that narrow lane
With face against the window pane.

She long has looked, perhaps in vain,
And no doubt she will look again,
So, if you have a mother dear,
Go home, 'twill give her Christmas cheer

There is no love like mother's love,
It's like our Father's love above,
So ready to forgive each wrong
We did when foolish and headstrong.

Our Christmas does derive its name
From Christ, born on Judea's plain,
Whose birth we celebrate each year,
The birthday of our Saviour dear.

This baby, born in cattle stall,
Was born to save us, one and all.
Oh, how he guards us, day by day,
Lest waywardly we go astray.

This Saviour still doth reign supreme
And of our Christmas is the theme,
Let us to Him all rev'rance give
As long as we, on earth, do live.

The angels first did sing His praise,
Let us today our voices raise
In sweet accord to Christ our King
Who came to earth, sweet peace to bring

God grant this world, so void of peace,
May soon its strife and turmoil cease;
Then we can sing that song again,
Peace on earth, good will to men.

—John Reoch, Vernon.

Mrs. Isaac Hughes Dies At Hamilton

Mrs. Isaac Hughes, a former well-known resident of this place, passed away on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Miss Georgia Earl, Hamilton. Deceased had been in poor health for several years, but her condition did not become serious until a few months ago.

The late Mrs. Hughes was the former Annie Dowell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dowell. She was born at Burritt's Rapids 79 years ago.

In 1881 she was married to Aaron Earl and a short time later took up residence in the Melvin Settlement. Following her husband's death in 1899, she came to Winchester, where she resided until 10 years ago, when she took up residence with her daughter in Hamilton.

The late Mrs. Hughes' second husband, whom she married in 1912, predeceased her in 1919.

The deceased was a member of the United Church and during her residence in Winchester, took an active part in the work of the W. M. S., of which she was a life member. She was also a past president of the local W. C. T. U.. She was well known in this district and highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends, who will regret to learn of her passing.

She leaves one son, Lieut.-Col. Rollo Earl, of Kingston; four daughters, Mrs. Arthur Christie and Mrs. Percy Durant, Winchester; Mrs. Ernest Alderson, of Brantford, and Miss Georgia Earl, Hamilton; also nine grand-children and three great grand-children, and four sisters, Mrs. H. Boulden and Miss Georgia Dowell, of Brockville, and Mrs. N. H. Chester and Mrs. C. Carpenter, of Toronto.

The funeral is being held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Durant, here, at 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, where a private service will be conducted by Rev. W. S. Atchison, pastor of the United Church. Interment will be made at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

GOFORTH HELPERS' GROUP

A most enjoyable Concert, under the direction of the Goforth Helpers' Group of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, was held in the Church Hall, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th. The president, Miss Lillian Bruce, in a very happy and pleasing manner, extended a most cordial welcome to all present and voiced the appreciation of the Group to those who had assisted them in their work during the year and especially to Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Spinks. The chair was then taken by Mrs. E. J. Spinks.

The programme, which was presented by the members of the Group, consisted of a short play entitled, "Higher Mathematics." This portrayed the story of packing a missionary barrel, and not only created interest and laughter, but also brought home to all present the much needed Christmas spirit of generosity and unselfishness.

The music consisted of appropriate and especially well rendered solos, by the Misses Lillian Bruce, Jessie Gordon and Mary Brown, and Part Songs, Choruses and Carols by the Group.

Mrs. W. D. Turner brought greetings from the Provincial Board of the Women's Missionary Society and Brockville Presbyterial, and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Preston McIntosh, who told, in her own vivacious and pleasing manner, of her trip to Finland as a member of the World's International Nursing Convention, in July, 1925. This address was most interesting and very much enjoyed by all present. A warm tribute was paid by the speaker to the friendliness, the hospitality and the refinement and culture of the Finnish people.

Following the program, the Group served delicious refreshments, and a social hour was spent.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Minister—Rev. W. D. Turner, B. A.

Christmas Message and Special Christmas Music at the Morning Service.

A Cantata, "The Road to Bethlehem," will be presented by the Junior Choir in the evening.

Dr. G. I. Christie Addresses D.C.P.A.

The most enthusiastic annual meeting of the Dundas Cheese Producers' Association since its organization, was held in Brinston last Thursday. More than two hundred producers greeted Mr. Chas. Harkness, of Matilda, president, when he called the meeting to order in Gilson's hall. Upon roll call by the secretary, Mr. Wm. McIntyre, of Mountain, forty delegates responded, out of a list of forty-three operating cheese manufacturing plants in the county.

During the business meeting, several motions relative to the welfare of the producers, were placed before the meeting for discussion, and acted upon. At the conclusion of these discussions, the officers for 1940 were elected as follows:

President, Chas. Harkness, Matilda; vice president, Ray Allen, Mountain; secretary-treasurer, Wm. McIntyre, of Mountain. A directorate, consisting of three delegates from each township, to include the Association officials, was chosen as follows: Matilda, the president and Messrs. Dwight Merkley and J. N. Bouck; Mountain, the vice president, secretary and Mr. John Corry; Winchester, Messrs. W. J. Stewart, Thos. Annable and Thos. Johnston; Williamsburg, Messrs. E. A. VanAllen, Wm. Lane and Roy McMillan.

At 12.30 o'clock all repaired to the Matilda Memorial Hall, where the ladies of the Matilda Red Cross Society, under the supervision of Mrs. Chas. Hanson, with Mesdames O. A. Irvine, H. Houlahan and Chas. Strader, menu committee, and Mesdames Edgar Strader, B. A. Strader, A. R. Collison, Ed. Thompson, John Thompson and John Hanes, in charge of tables, served a banquet, which received very favorable commendation from the two hundred producers and their guests.

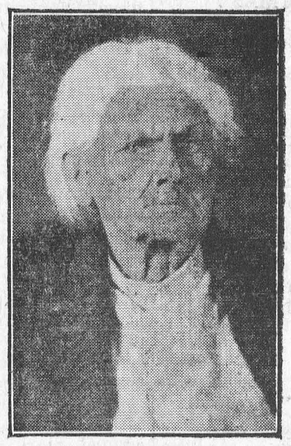
At 1.30 o'clock, after the toast to the King, Mr. W. H. Graham of Morrisburg, Agricultural Representative for the county of Dundas, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. G. I .Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College of Guelph. Dr. Christie is a former Dundas boy, whose home is in Winchester township. He expressed his pleasure at being permitted to return to his home county to address the producers. He urged, and complimented them upon the organization of so strong a body, in the county, and stated that they could not expect to accomplish their whole aims in one season, but must steadily persevere. He stressed the food value of cheese, and said it is required in Britain, along with bacon and ham from Canada. He said the government is not unaware that the fertility of the fields had been depleted, and an amount of delapidation of farm property had occurred during the past few years, with a just remuneration to farmers for their loss, but prophesied that the market secured and prices prevailing during 1940, would be withheld after the war, and agriculture placed on a firmer basis. The quota of 4 1-2 million pounds of bacon and ham per week, required from Canada, he said, could be easily met, and the market maintained, if the quality is right. He gave an account of rationing of stock in Britain, as compared with that in Germany. He said "Food will win the war," and urged that boys engaged in agriculture were doing their share in helping to win and, at the present time, were required more than men for the firing line. He emphasized the higher cost of production, due to greater restrictions placed for quality. Dr. Christie interspersed his address with an occasional anecdote, and was most instructive and interesting.

Mr. Chas. McGinnis, of Matilda, introduced Mr. Wm. Newman, member of the Farm Products Control Board, of Toronto, who delivered a shorter address, he having entered into the discussions of the morning session.

The president introduced Mr. S. T. Joss, B.S.A., of Belleville, secretary of the Cheese Producers' Association. He gave a history of the organization since its institution in 1934, and outlined its aims, giving several concrete examples of the benefits derived by the producer since its founding. He also pictured a more optimistic outlook for dairying than has prevailed during the past years.

Mr. Ray Allen, of Mountain, vice president, eloquently expressed the vote of appreciation of the Dundas Association to all those who had assisted in making this annual meeting the most successfully.

Celebrates 105th Birthday Today



MRS. MARY JANE BOGART

Believed to be the oldest resident of Eastern Ontario, Mrs. Mary Jane Bogart, known to scores of friends as the Grand Old Lady of Winchester Township, is 105 years of age today. She has lived under the reign of six British sovereigns and is still enjoying fairly good health.

Her mind is still keen but for some time she has experienced some difficulty in getting around in the house. She rests on the back of a chair to walk.

According to family records kept on an old Bible, owned by her parents, Mrs. Bogart was born in the county of Fermanagh, Ireland, on December 21, 1834. She came to Canada in 1845 with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Coventry.

Mrs. Bogart can still remember many incidents which occurred during the trip across the Atlantic in a sail boat 94 years ago and which took seven weeks and four days.

Although 105 years of age, Mrs. Bogart only visited Ottawa once during her lifetime. She has never suffered any serious illness. The venerable centenarian is of the opinion that young girls do not wear enough clothes and says, "if they would dress warm like I do, they would be healthier and would live longer."

Mrs. Bogart is living at the home of her son-in-law, Walter Loughridge, at Morewood, with two grandchildren, Myron and Mary Loughridge. She has two brothers, Francis and James Coventry, both of Moosejaw, Sask., and a sister, Mrs. George Bogart, 80, of Morewood.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS !

Mr. F. Johnson, Piano and Organ Tuner, wishes to thank his many friends and patrons for their patronage during the year, and wishes one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 33c

Greetings !

At this season of the year when the spirit of "Peace on Earth and Good Will To All Men," is so ardently hoped for, I wish to take this opportunity to extend Christmas Greetings to all my friends in Winchester and district.

To you and to yours in our community may this indeed be a Christmas of real hearty good cheer. May the holidays bring you great happiness and may future years bring more.

COUNCILLOR ALBERT TURNER

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A Merry Christmas



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Legal, Municipal and Government Advertising 12c per line first insertion and 6c per line for each following. 12 lines to inch.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1939.

OUR SINCERE WISH !

There is hardly an editor in this or any other country, we suppose, who has not sat down, pen in hand or caressed the keys of his worn and much abused typewriter with the fervent hope that the Muse will smile upon him and inspire him to write an original Christmas message to his readers. One has only to pick up an armful of December issues to find how exasperatingly illusive and barren of ideas one's own Muse, or any Muse for that matter, can be at this time of year,—and so, without blush or shame, but with the hope that the warm friendliness of our greeting will make up for our seeming lack of originality, we greet all the readers of the Winchester Press upon another Christmastide with that old and time-honored, though ever cheery wish—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS !

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship Him. And, lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

A HEALTHY ARMY.

"Less than one per cent. of Canada's soldiers whose chests have been X-rayed have so far been unfit for service, according to a statement made recently by officials of the Department of National Defence.

"The chest X-ray forms part of the re-examination given all members of the Canadian Active Service Force following their enlistment and is one of many precautions taken to safeguard the health of the troops and keep unfit men out of the service.

"Up to the end of last week 54,120 X-ray examinations were carried out and from these 31,010 plates were reviewed at defence headquarters in Ottawa. Some 308 men, less than one per cent., were found unfit on the basis of the 31,010 plates reviewed.

"Besides conducting the examination of men entering the forces the medical service keeps a watchful eye over the conditions under which they live, the aim being maximum possible comfort, for the soldiers."

The above news is gratifying to all Canadians and is an indication that the general health of Canadian manhood has reached a higher level in the last generation. With the excellent morale of the troops, combined with this healthy physical state, Canada has one of the finest armies ever mobilized.

It is not a pleasant thought, but today we have thousands of Canada's bravest and finest sons stalking their very lives, not only for King and Country, but for the future safety of civilization throughout the entire world. It is a worthy and necessary cause for such a sacrifice, but let us all hope that some miracle will turn up, bringing the war to a quick end, thus saving the lives of thousands of young men, who, prior to their enlistment, were living a normal, happy, healthy life. May God, in his infinite wisdom, grant this wish, which is the prayer of every mother in the land.

THE CHANGING TIMES.

The times are out of joint. The verdict is practically unanimous. The customary greetings at Chirstmas and the New Year are not heard as often as in former years and seem to lack warmth and enthusiasm, says the Leamington Post and News.

This fact was repeatedly referred to in addresses delivered during past festive seasons by eminent clergymen, distinguished statesmen, celebrated journalists and radio commentators Throughout all of the discourses this common theme appeared to be in the forefront, particularly last season.

How empty a thing it is to speak of merriment at the Yuletide and happiness in the New Year when the menace of unemployment stalks through the land; when millions of innocent people are the victims of unjustifiable warfare; when the very concepts of religion are being undermined; when freedom is in jeopardy, and public morale is at a low ebb. Under such circumstances it would seem but hollow mockery to proclaim "Peace on earth, Good will towards men."

Distress times are prone to produce that type of clear thinking which results in sound judgment. They are the occasion for taking stock and making an accurate evaluation. At such times philosophers are born and an incredulous world is treated with a surfeit of wise sayings, some of which come from quite unexpected quarters.

As illustrative of this phenomenon, there is a circular issued by a merchant at Christmas time. In it a comparison is made with conditions and those prevailing forty years ago. It reads as follows:

"Forty years ago—When eggs were 15 cents per dozen; butter 12 cents per pound; milk was five cents per quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated kids to bologna; the hired girl received ten bucks a month and did the washing, women did not rouge, and powder, smoke, vote, play poker, rummie, Lambeth Walk or roll their socks.

"Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed; beer was a nickel a throw, with a free lunch; waiters never got tips and hat check girls were unknown; kerosene lamps and lantern slides in the parlor were 'class.'

"No one was ever operated on for appendicitis, bought monkey glands or had a two-fifty blood pressure. Microbes were unheard of; everyone lived to be a good old age and every year walked many miles to wish their friends—A Merry Christmas.

"Today—Everybody rides in an automobile or flies, plays golf, poker or bridge, shoots crap, plays the piano with his feet, tunes in on his favorite radio station, smokes Turkish cigarettes and imported cigars, eats grapefruit, drinks his favorite brand of beverage, blames the high cost of living on the politicians, never goes to bed the same day he gets up, and thinks he is having a wonderful time."

ABOUT NOMINATION MEETINGS

The Huntsville Forester wants to know the reason why more interest is not taken in that town's nomination meetings. The Petrolia Advertiser-Topic says it's probably the way Huntsvillians have of registering their satisfaction with the present administration, and points out that Petrolia found a way of having a well-attended nomination meeting by dismissing the police force. The crowd at the meeting was so large it couldn't be accommodated.

Dismissing the police force may have turned the trick in Petrolia, but we doubt if it would cause that much excitement in Winchester. Local nomination meetings are seldom attended by more than twenty-five citizens. Just why there is a lack of interest at municipal nominations, is hard to understand. Municipal Councils are closer to the taxpayer than any other branch of the country's government. It is by their extravagance or economy that the tax rate is raised or lowered, and one would naturally conclude that the tax-payer would be vitally interested in the calibre of men that serve on the municipal council, more so than the ones that are elected to the Provincial Legislature or Dominion Parliament. However, it is apparent that the majority of tax-payers do not share this view, because they are not interested enough to attend a nomination meeting, which is held only once each year.

As an afterthought, we might suggest that the lack of interest taken in nomination meetings is due to the absence of party politics. This would lead us to assume that the tax-payer is much more concerned over what political party is in power at Toronto or Ottawa, than he is in the men who set his tax-rate. And this is hard to believe, because in these days of tight money, most of us do not want to pay more taxes than are absolutely necessary.

Another discouraging feature about these poorly attended nomination meetings is, that the council members who have served this municipality faithfully, without remuneration, (because Winchester is one of the few municipalities in Ontario where members of the Council give of their time and energy through public-spiritedness only), have no way of presenting their views to the majority of the ratepayers, personally; cannot make needed explanations regarding the financial statement (which is often criticized by certain tax-payers who would be enlightened if they made it a point to attend the nomination meeting), and are left in the dark as to whether or not the electors are satisfied with their previous efforts. This consistent lack of interest at nomination meetings, on the part of ratepayers, doesn't necessarily indicate that they are satisfied or dissatisfied with the council board, neither does it solve the problem of what men are most desirable as candidates in the next municipal election.

Possibly if there was a good turn-out at the nomination meeting, the renewed interest would induce more men to qualify for office following their nomination.

The local nomination meeting is being held in the town hall tomorrow (Friday) evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. If you, as a tax-payer of Winchester, can spare that hour, your presence at this meeting is urgently requested. Do not feel that it is not necessary for you to attend—your very presence will show that you are an interested citizen and that you are anxious to know what use the council has made of the money you paid out in taxes during the year. You may hear or learn something that does not meet with your approval and by being present you can express your views, which may be valuable to the municipality as a whole. The place to air your feelings, settle your grievances and offer criticism is at the nomination meeting, not on the street-corner or in somebody's back alley. Take this advice and attend the meeting on Friday evening. You owe this service to your community as well as yourself.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remember the old proverb: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It will console you on Christmas morning, when some of your friends, whom you sent gifts to, left you off their list this year.

The Russians, although meeting with stiff resistance, are evidently bent on carrying their fight to the Finnish (finish).

It is not too early to start thinking about those New Year's resolutions you are going to make on January 1st, 1940. The observant chap says: "When I turn over a new leaf, I fasten it down with cement." Well, that's about the only way most of us can live up to our new resolves at the beginning of each year.

Because he considers "Horace" to be a "sissified" name, a Massachusetts student is applying for permission to change it to "Edward" and his father declares: "We haven't any objection to his changing his name. If he doesn't like it, I believe he should change it. After all, it's his name and he's got to use it for the rest of his life." This sounds very much like common sense. Unfortunately, many people have to go through life with names that they loathe but which other people chose for them, and they haven't either the courage or the means to change them legally. —Brockville Recorder & Times.

"The Voice of the Press"

ARM CHAIR ACTION

(Almonte Gazette)

A lot of arm chair critics who read the newspapers and listen to the radio think there isn't enough action in this war. If they were in France sitting in a dugout, instead of an easy chair, they might be inclined to hope that inactivity would continue indefinitely.

THE IDEAL MAN

(Leamington Post & News)

Abraham Lincoln said a lot of wise things, including the following: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him. Be honest, but hate no one; overturn a man's wrong doing but do not overturn him unless it must be done in overturning the wrong. Stand with anybody who stands right, stand with him while he is right, but part with him when he is wrong."

NEWS CENSORSHIP

(Carleton Place Canadian)

Occasionally we are asked why certain matters are not discussed in more detail in the newspapers when matters affecting the movement of men and the progress of other activities having to do with Canada's part in the war. The Chief Censor's office at Ottawa is a very active branch of the public service and newspapers are perforce very guarded in the information given out. The papers are endeavoring to give all the co-operation possible, so that alien enemies may not profit.

THE PHYSICIAN IN POLITICS

(Brockville Recorder & Times)

The physician, especially if he is engaged in a rural practice, is proverbially regarded as an excellent candidate for parliamentary honors, perhaps because he comes into such intimate contact with so many people in the course of his day-to-day professional duties, and is able to render them so much assistance. Many a physician who has been prevailed upon to accept the nomination of a political party has been surprised by the volume of the support accorded him at the polls and sometimes ridings considered quite hopeless from the standpoint of a certain party, have been redeemed by it with satisfactory majorities because it had the good sense to choose a reliable family doctor as its candidate.

MR. HEPBURN STEPS IN

(Windsor Star)

If Ottawa won't do the decent thing—and the responsibility is unquestionably Ottawa's—Ontario's premier is going to make sure that men discharged from the army as the result of the discovery of TB or other chest trouble get a square deal.

Visiting a Toronto camp and finding out at first hand that men were being turned out of the army, after re-examination, with nothing more than the suits in which they enlisted, Mr. Hepburn ordered that all TB sufferers thus rejected will get free hospitalization and their wives and dependents receive benefits under the Mothers' Allowances Act.

Some sad cases have arisen in this connection. Men offered their services at the outset of hostilities, were passed by medical boards and donned the uniform. A second medical examination, later on, still found them O. K. Then came a third and a small percentage failed to pass. They had been in the army for two months or more. Some of them undoubtedly gave up jobs to enlist. Some had no money and next to nothing in the way of civilian clothes. Prisoners leaving the penitentiary after serving time for offences against society are treated much more generously than the government treated its citizens who found themselves in a predicament arising out of the wholly admirable desire to serve their country on the battlefield.

Every man discharged from the army on medical grounds, we suggest should receive a complete outfit of civilian clothes and a month's pay. The country owes at least this much to him.

WE LIKE TO LIVE IN A SMALL TOWN

(Perth Courier)

We like to live in a small town. We do not like to live in a city. And for our liking in that respect we have many reasons.

One of those reasons is very evident in the pre-Christmas season. In Perth no Santa Claus has appeared yet. In the cities there is a multiplicity of Santas. Every department store has one. There is one on nearly every corner seeking alms.

Just one Santa after another. And all to the befuddlement—if there is such a word—of the juvenile mind.

The juvenile in the city ages too quickly. Becomes too precocious. Is burned out, all too often, when normal people are enjoying the adult stage of life.

No, we prefer the small town and he who cares to laugh may laugh, but eventually, we think, we'll have the last laugh.

PROPHESYING COSTS LITTLE

(Trenton Courier-Advocate)

One can get some idea of the low mentality of a Stalin or Molotoff who would hurl the death-dealing devices of a nation of one hundred and fifty million persons against their tiny neighbor, Finland. And as the bear tightens his clutches on the small nations to the east and north of Germany, one can well imagine the feelings in Berlin.

As a prophesy we see the collapse of Hitlerism and a new German Government standing shoulder to shoulder with Great Britain and France to meet the Red menace. This may not happen for some time, but that it will happen is not beyond the realms of possibility.

Further, Italy would join with Turkey to keep Stalin away from the Balkans and the United States would have to keep its weather eye on Alaska and its west coast.

In the event that our prophesy came true the war would be prolonged, but Russia would lose in the long run.

THE WRONG CHURCH AND THE WRONG PEW

(Huntingdon Gleaner)

For a long time there's been a maxim about a man being in the right church but the wrong pew.

At Ormstown on one Sunday recently it was a case of four men in the wrong church and the wrong pew also. It seems that Dr. George H. Donald, of Montreal, was to address the rally of Presbyterian Young People in the Ormstown Presbyterian Church at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. The minister and three men, who were to sing at the Ormstown church, met with an accident and arrived late. By mistake they went into the Ormstown United Church, and the service was more than half over when learned that they were not in the right church. Hurriedly they made their exit and arrived at the right church somewhat late but to an audience that patiently awaited the excellent discourse that was in store for them.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Visitor: (in country store): Do you keep stationery?

Old Shopman: No, zur, I don't. I likes to move about a bit, I do!

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Little Brother: You'll be an old maid if you take the last piece of cake."

Little Sister (aged six): "Oh, that's all right. I've been one all my life."

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Clerk: What is your objection to the holes in the Swiss cheese?

Customer: I think the ventilation should be in the limberger.

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Counsel (to witness): You're a nice sort of fellow, you are!

Irish witness: I'd say the same of you, only I'm on oath!

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The marble tournament was in full fury. One little boy had missed an easy shot, and let slip a real cuss word.

"Edward!" called a preacher from the spectator's bench. "What do little boys who swear when they are playing marbles, turn into?"

"Golfers," was the reply.

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"The evening wore on," continued the man who was telling the story.

"Excuse me," interrupted the would-be-wit, "but can you tell us what the evening wore on this occasion?"

"I don't know that it is important," replied the story-teller, quite unperturbed. "If you must know, however, I believe it was the close of a summer's day."

Our Column

Charitable persons speak one to another; uncharitable persons speak one of another.

The weather is more likely to agree with other people than with the weather forecaster.

Occasionally a man carries the hod for himself while laying the foundation for a fortune.

It is almost as easy to pick the wrong woman for a wife as it is to pick the wrong horse in a race.

Maybe Stalin started the current war with Finland because there's a shortage of ice cubes in Russia.—Ottawa Citizen.

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child itself.

The citizen who makes a child happy Christmas time often learns that he gets a lot of happiness out of the transaction for himself.

Jud Tunkins says politeness compels you to wish a man Merry Christmas even in cases where you may not honestly believe he deserves it.

Some think war waits only on the bringing in of Europe's wheat harvest, when the scythe can be handed back to the Grim Reaper to do his stuff.

There are two kinds of cleverness in wit, and both are priceless. One consists in thinking of a bright remark in time to say it; the other consists of thinking of it in time not to say it.

THE POET'S CORNER

THE HERODS PASS

King Herod sought the little Child;
His men, defeated, cruel and wild,
Swept through the country, sword in hand.
But found not they the little Child.

One night to shepherds on high places
A great light came, and, with glad faces,
They journeyed far to Bethlehem
And found the Saviour of all races.

And all the Herods have their day,
But wither must their brutal sway
Before the higher law of Love
Which comes to us on Christmas Day.

—John Stephen.

PEACE BELLS

O'er Judah's ancient plain,
Again ring out the bells
Above the sounds of strife and pain,
Their holy anthem swells.
O blessed bells of Bethlehem,
Proclaiming peace to men

Peace bells! Carols drifting
O'er the land where Jesus trod.
Hushed the war trumpets sounding,
To honor the Son of God.
God grant the sacred anthem
Through earth's wide lands may ring;
The blessed Babe of Bethlehem
Enthroned as Lord and King!

—Elizabeth Vining.

UNFOLDMENT

I tried to reach, to talk with God
Yesterday, yesterday;
I knelt upon a hill's damp sod,
And all my lips could say
Was: I have pain, and I have woe;
'Gainst sin I long have fought.
I waited; then in anguish cried:
Why hearest Thou me not?

I wept above the Holy Word,
Through the night, through the night,
Till sudden, sweet, a voice I heard
Beyond the dawn's half light.
It said: He is of purer eyes
Than evil to behold.
Lift up thy thought, and change thy prayer,
To gain thy Father's fold.

I listened; and I talked with Him,
Just today, sweet today;
No mortal, erring sense to dim
The Truth-illumined way.
I said: I know that error has
No cognizance of Thee;
Nor can it have of Thine own child—
And then, God talked to me.

—From the Christian Science Sentinel.

THE GIFT SUGGESTION!

Alas!—It is December,
The last month of the year
A hint so we'll remember
Santa Claus will soon appear.

Supposing you are guessing
What Old Santa should bring along,
Then we do not mind confessing
So you will not get in wrong.

He has so many nice things
It is hard to choose the best
From diamonds down to piston rings,
But here's what we suggest:

"Keep your friends in constant touch
With this corner of the crest—
The right way to accomplish such
Is send your friends The Press."

It only costs one fifty
To send for one whole year—
A gift that absent scholars
Would appreciate—hold dear!

'Twould inform them of the social life—
What became of Lucy's lad,
How he got his second wife
Through the medium of an ad!

How Tom Atoes quicky growing
Delicate vines and small green head—
The improvement he was showing
Just before his head turned red.

How Ben Zine drives a new truck
And delivers all the mail,
How his speed makes chickens duck—
'Twould turn a negro pale!

How his cousin young Ben Anna
Hangs around a yellow bunch—
'Twill be a gruesome panorama
When they hang, we have a hunch!

How Pat Atoe still wears glasses
Focussed from his countless eyes,
And when cars make forward passes
He's not smashed into disguise!

How Tom Farmer lost his cattle—
Recovered them through an ad.,
How the Allies won a battle
And how Poland's fate was sad!

How debutate Dela Catessen
Is engaged to Domestic Science,
And the other girls are guessin'
How she jilted Catsup Heinz.

With his fifty-seven varieties
To enhance his culinary art,
Grand Master of Eating Societies—
Who'd ever think they'd part?

How Dela lost her butler
And felt so terribly bad,
But she got another hustler
With a six-line "wanted" ad!

Now she's quite contented—
Stopped worrying about her loss,
She'll no longer be prevented
From helping the Red Cross!

How Al Abastine's brother
Chums around with Mer Esco—
They stick close to one another
When you brush them to and fro.

How that writer A. Pen Dicitis
Takes pains with his literary art
How he married Dia Betes—
Death alone this pair will part!

How Jim Naisium's gone athletic
How his muscles sure stand out
But it really is pathetic
Out of shape—he's got so stout!

How that athlete Amateur Hockey
Handles his hickory stick
Just as agile as a jockey
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OBITUARY

LATE SILAS HENRY BALDWIN

There passed away at his home in Inkerman on Friday, Dec. 8th, the late Silas Henry Baldwin. The deceased was born on February 2nd, 1855, and had spent almost his entire life a resident of Mountain Township. For many years he was successfully engaged in farming but nearly twenty-seven years ago ill-health forced him to retire. During the last years of his life he was a semi-invalid but he bore his afflictions with great fortitude and courage.

His wife, the late Elizabeth A. Hoy, predeceased him on February 9th, 1938. Left to mourn his passing are four daughters, Nellie at home, Mrs. C. E. Cleland, Weyburn, Sask.; Mrs. G. H. Pierce, Oxbow, Sask., and Mrs. J. Shannette, Williamsburg; also two sons, Earl and Lee, of Inkerman, and one brother, Wesley, of Cardinal.

The funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 11th, at the United Church, Inkerman, and was conducted by Rev. S. T. Burman, who chose as his text, Sol. 4.6. During the service Mrs. Wallace Crowder sang: "No Night There." "Brief Life Is Here Our Portion" and "Lead Kindly Light" were also sung during the service.

Among the floral tributes were, a pillow, Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baldwin and family; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cleland, Weyburn, Sask., Mr. and Mrs. Will Cleland, Weyburn, Sask.; Sprays, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cleland, Toronto, Mrs. J. Shannette, Williamsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Baldwin, Cardinal.

Interment was made at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

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METCALFE

Mrs. Angus Mullins was hostess to the Bridge Club on Monday evening when Mrs. J. E. Craig was awarded the prize for highest score. Light refreshments were served, Mrs. Mullins being assisted by Miss Margaret Mullins.

Metcalfe Women's Institute

The December meeting of the Metcalfe Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. A. Cowan, with the president, Mrs. Roy McKeown, in the chair, and Mrs. A. R. Boland as secretary. Roll call was answered with a Christmas verse. A letter was read from Her Excellency The Lady Tweedsmuir, expressing appreciation to President and Secretary for the pleasant time accorded her on her recent visit to Metcalfe.

An interesting report of the Musicale and Tea, held at Government House, was given by Mrs. Roy McKeown, Mrs. A. R. Boland and Mrs. W. A. Cowan.

It was decided that Christmas baskets would be sent out by the committee as usual, and the hospital bed, presented to the community by Misses Mina and Clara Latimer, was gratefully acknowledged. This bed has been stored at the home of Mrs. Gertrude York where it will be available at any time for patients of the community.

It was decided that the secretary keep on file an account of all work done by the members for the Red Cross Society, to be reported to the Department at a later date.

The Travelling Library having arrived, Mrs. Robt. McKeown was appointed librarian and members may exchange books on Friday afternoon and evening of each week.

A sum of money was voted to the Institute for the Blind, as well as to Mrs. W. Coombs for storage of dishes and Mr. A. Hammell, caretaker of the Township Hall.

The motto for the month, "Gather the Crumbs of Happiness and they will make a loaf of Contentment," was taken by Mrs. H. A. Bunt, and a paper on "The Origin of the Christmas Seal," was given by Mrs. A. Harrison. The prize donated by Mrs. J. C. Woods for the Guessing Contest was won by Mrs. R. A. F. Blair.

An exchange of Christmas Gifts was enjoyed at the close of the meeting and refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. J. C. Woods, Mrs. A. R. Boland, Mrs. L. Dow, Mrs. L. Graham, the committee for the month.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clarke, of Osgoode Station, and the Misses Reba Shaver, Glenna and Norma Murdock, had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shaver, of Baldwin's Bridge, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Armstrong, Mr. O. A. Barkley and the Misses Eileen and Winnifred Boyd were into Ottawa on Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Ferrel and Miss Hattie Ferrel were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. M. Moore.

Mrs. R. Murdock and Miss Joy Gamble called on Mrs. Hannah Jeffrey on Sunday.

Mr. Gordon and Miss Jennie Boyd spent Monday at Hainsville.

Mrs. Merrill Foster of Shanly, visited Mrs. F. R. Barriger a few days this week.

Mrs. Willie Shaver and baby, Sheila, were visitors of Mrs. Valeria Murdock on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Anderson were up to Kemptville on Saturday.

A number of our citizens are laid up with bad colds at present.

Women's Institute Meeting.

The regular meeting of the South Mountain Women's Institute was held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Asa Berry.

After singing the Ode and repeating the creed, the local Leader of Meat Cookery Class, Mrs. Gordon Cleland, and her assistant, Mrs. Asa Berry, continued their demonstration, using sweet breads, pot roast and round steak.

After roll call, reading of minutes, communications and treasurer's report, the following reports were received: Committee to look after Food Sale for raising Red Cross funds, reported the sale to be held on Friday, Dec. 15th, in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Miss I. Muirhead reported for the committee which decided to undertake a concert in aid of Red Cross, to be held on January 24, when a blanket will be given as a door prize. The Red Cross committee reported that the following had been shipped with the Township Red Cross Society on Dec. 4th—11 pneumonia jackets, 8 hospital gowns, 5 pairs of pillow cases, 12 sling bandages, 7 binders, 12 T-bandages, 48 pairs socks. Mrs. J. Wood reported that the recent canvass for Red Cross funds had brought in $194.

The following committees were appointed: to look after some relief work, Mrs. Gordon Mulholland, Mrs. W. E. Graham, Mrs. Asa Scott; to look after good cheer baskets, Mrs. Frank Berry Mrs. J. Wood and Mrs. H. Graham.

$10. was voted as a donation to the local rink. At close of meeting lunch was served by hostesses, Mrs. T. B. Lunny and Mrs. W. R. Farrell, and their committee.

Has your Subscription expired?

W. M. S. Annual Meetings

MRS. F. F. DAVIDSON RE-ELECTED

At the annual meeting of the United Church W. M. S., held on Thursday, Dec. 14th, the following officers were elected for 1940:

Hon. President, Mrs. W. S. Atchison.
President, Mrs. F. F. Davidson
1st Vice President, Mrs R. Dukelow.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. W. J. Cass.
3rd Vice President, Mrs. Faye Scott.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Hughes.
Rec. Secretary, Mrs. O. Wallace.
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Thos. Annable.
Christian Stewardship Secretary, Mrs. W. N. Lannin.
Community Friendship Sec'y., Mrs. E. Merkley.
Supply Secretary and Committee, Mrs. P. Durant, Mrs. E. Steele and Mrs. E. Shaver.
Temperance Sec'y., Mrs. K. Helmer.
Missionary Monthly Secretary, Miss May Rose.
Literature Secretary, Mrs. T. O. Keyes
Associate Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. N. W. Beach.
Press Secretary, Mrs. G. E. Earle.
Pianist, Mrs. Mabel Allison.
Band Supt., Mrs. W. J. Stewart.
Baby Band Leader, Mrs. T. O. Keyes.
Finance Committee, Mesdames Lannin, Hughes, A. Christie, J. Patterson and T. Edgerton.
An Advisory President for the Mission Circle is missing.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mrs. Atchison.

Mrs. Davidson expressed her appreciation of the co-operataion of the members during the past and thanked them for the honor again conferred upon her.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful," followed with prayer by Mrs. Davidson, ending in the Lord's Prayer by all. After the minutes were read by Mrs. Lannin, it was announced that a cupboard had been built in which all the Secretary's and Treasurer's books of the past may be kept, also study books, etc.. also that the allocation for 1940 is the same as for this year, and that Miss Jean Miller, M. D., of West China, is our missionary for special prayer. The usual reports were given and Mrs. Wallace read a Temperance item.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. P. Durant, who had prepared the programme, Mrs. Atchison presided for this part. "Silent Night" was sung as a duet by Mrs. Hugh Wilson and Mrs. E. Steele, with Miss A. Walker at the piano.

At Christmas in 1938 there met in Madras, India, a large company of Christians: 470 men and women from 70 countries came and experienced the fellowship of Christ's world-wide church. The programme "Christmas at Madras" is an exact reproduction of the Christmas Day broadcast from Madras in which eight world Christians took part. Others than Mrs. Atchison taking part in this programme were: Mrs. D. Nesbitt, Mrs. G. E. Earle, Mrs. O. Wallace, Miss M. Rose, Mrs. K. Carlyle, Mrs. W. Lannin and Mrs. Faye Scott.

Nominations should be sent before January 10th to Mrs. W. R. Johnston, South Mountain, for the following vacant offices in the Presbyterial—President, Treasurer, Secretary of Christian Stewardship, Supply Secretary, and Secretary of Circles.

After the singing of a hymn, prayer by Mrs. Atchison closed the meeting, after which dainty refreshments were served by the committees of October, November and December.

ST. PAUL'S W. M. S.

St. Paul's W. M. S. held their December meeting in the S. S rooms on Tuesday, 12th . The President, Mrs. W. D. Turner, presided, and opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Geo. Angus and Mrs. Spinks had charge of the devotional period and the theme "Peace" was carried throughout the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary. A Life Membership certificate was presented from the Society by Mrs. Turner to Mrs. Wm. Watson. Annual reports of different departments were presented: Mission Band, Mrs. Wm. Watson; Girls' Group, Mrs. Spinks; Home Helpers, Mrs. Wm. Johnston; Library, Miss Empey; Supply, Mrs. Walter Moffat; Students, Miss Irving; Glad Tidings, Mrs. Moffat; Press, Mrs. Geo. Wilson; Secretary, Miss Irving; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Angus.

Mrs. Wm. Johnston took the chair for the election of officers for 1940, who are as follows:

Hon. Presidents, Mrs. D. H. Munroe, Mrs. M. Moffatt, Mrs. Wm. Hay.
President, Mrs. W. D. Turner.
1st Vice President, Mrs. J. Geo. Wilson
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Johnston.
Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Empey.
Cor. and Student Secretary, Miss Irving.
Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Angus.
Pianist, Miss Gardner.
Assistant Pianist, Miss Empey.
Home Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Johnston.
Assistant Home Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Ross.
Glad Tidings Secretary, Mrs. W. Moffatt.
Press Reporter, Mrs. A. G. Suffel.
Library, Miss Empey and Mrs. Colin Hay.
Supply Committee,, Mrs. C. R. Robinson and Mrs. Walter Moffatt.
Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Watson.
Girls' Group Leaders, Miss Maude Edgerton and Mrs. Spinks.
Mission Band Leaders, Mrs. Hugh S. Wilson and Mrs. C. R. Robinson.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing a verse of "O God of Love, O King of Praise." Lunch was served and a social hour spent.

NATION VALLEY

Mr .and Mrs. Norman Rae and little son, Lyle, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Merkley one day last week.

Miss Vivian Fetterly, of Chesterville, visited her home in the Valley.

Mr. Sherman Ball spent one day last week at Merrickville.

Miss Olive Merkley entertained a number of young people at her home on Wednesday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison and little son, Malcolm, and Miss Freda Bailey visited Ottawa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gray and little son visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bell and daughter, Thelma, of Brinston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fetterly recently.

Mrs. A. D. Summers entertained the Cass Bridge Red Cross branch on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Vivian Fetterly visited her sister, Miss Verna, in Ottawa last week.

Mr. Frank Moodie, of Calgary, has been visiting in the Valley, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Summers, and other friends.

Mr. Victor Johnston was a guest at the Jamieson home the first of the week.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. Thomas Gilmer and Ronald and Miss Annie Gilmer spent the week end in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. John Gilmer spent a few days with friends in Iroquois.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Irving spent Wednesday at Mr. and Mrs. Sam. R. Hamilton's

Mr. John McGowan, of Brinston, was a caller in the Valley on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gilmer spent Tuesday in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. David F. Gilmer and son Ross, spent Thursday with Mrs. Jeffrey and Ross at South Mountain.

Messrs. Clarence and Lloyd Gilmer spent the week-end at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilmer.

Mr. Percy Gilmer of Prescott, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gilmer.

The Sunday School Christmas Tree and Concert is being held in the church on Friday evening.

TOYES HILL

Mrs. Elzie Johnston spent a few days at DeCalb.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Dukelow and Miss Maud Dukelow of Spencerville, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Arloa Coleman and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Millar spent Saturday in Cornwall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kirkwood and Doris spent Saturday in Ottawa.

The sympathy of this community goes out to Mrs. Levi Casselman in the death of her father, Mr. Geo. Carter.

Miss Vera Haggerty of Aultsville, spent the week-end at her home here.

Annual Meeting W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R. S. Peterson. After the devotional exercises, which were conducted by the president, Mrs. R. S. Peterson took charge of the election of officers, which are as follows:

President, Mrs. Dalton Coons; vice president, Mrs. Harold Millar; rec. and cor. secretary, Bertha Coons; treasurer, Mrs. Alex McIlreath; strangers' sec'y., Mrs. Zern Harper; supply, Winnie Hunter; missionary monthly, Bertha Coons; press reporter, Bertha Coons; organist, Mrs. Harold Millar; assistant, Mrs. E. Haggerty.

Some very interesting readings were given and a candle lighting service was carried out by several members. The meeting closed by all repeating the Mizpah Benediction. Lunch was served by Mrs. Peterson.

MOUNTAIN

Successful Short Courses Held.

Very successful and educational Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics have been held at Mountain in the I O. O. F. Hall, from Nov. 21st to December 15th, inclusive.

The Agricultural Course was conducted by the Dundas and West Stormont Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, under the capable directorship of the Agricultural Representative, Mr. H. W. Graham, B.S.A., of Morrisburg. Mr. H. V. Binkley, B.S.A., of Western Ontario, was assistant Agriculturist.

The Home Economics Course was under the directorship of Misses Edith Zavitz, of Ilderton, Ont., and Helen Hulet, of Norwich, Ont.

During the courses, special speakers from Kemptville, Ottawa, Norwich, Carleton Place, Toronto and Perth gave lectures on different phases of the work.

On Friday afternoon, the Home Economics Class entertained the Agricultural Class and representatives of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, to an afternoon tea, at the close of which presentations were made to Misses Zavitz and Hulet by Misses Mary Crowder and Mary Carlyle, and Miss E. Cheney, on behalf of the girls' class, thanked the instructresses for their leadership.

Presentations to Messrs. Graham and Binkley were made by Messrs. Morris Hyndman and Wm. Gibson, and Mr. John McCargar expressed the thanks of the boys' class. Each made a fitting reply, and the National Anthem was sung.

United Church W. M. S.

The Christmas and annual meeting of the United Church W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. A. Bouck on Tuesday evening. The president, Mrs. S. B. Simms, presided. During the meeting, a special candle service was held, and Christmas readings were given by Mesdames C. W. VanAllen and Geo. Imrie Sr. Mrs. D. W. Cameron rendered a Christmas solo and prayer was offered by Mrs. A. Hoy. Mrs. H. C. Fader read the Christmas Bible lesson.

The following list of officers were elected for the year 1940:

Hon. President, Mrs Chas. Robinson; president, Mrs. S. B. Simms; 1st vice president, Mrs. A. Bouck; 2nd vice president, Mrs. D. W. Cameron; rec. secretary, Mrs. A. Norton; treasurer, Mrs. A. VanAllen; cor. secretary, Mrs. D. W. Cameron; Christian stewardship, Mrs. J. McGillis; secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, Miss Violet VanAllen; literature secretary, Mrs. Harold Simms; press secretary, Miss Violet VanAllen;; pianist, Mrs. C. W. VanAllen; assistant, Miss Violet VanAllen; sec'y. Missionary Monthly, Mrs. E. Durant; community friendship sec'y., Mrs. F. Beckstead; supply sec'y., Mrs. H. C. Fader; finance committee, Mrs. Fader, Mrs. Bouck, Mrs. McGillis and Mrs. H. Simms. Lunch was served by the hostess.

"Henry, what were you conversing with the ashman about?"

"Why, Helen, I was trying to coax him to smoke those cigars you gave me for a Christmas present."

"Call him back, Henry."

"Ah, you would like to see him take the cigars?"

"No, I want him to take some perfume to his wife—you know, dear, the perfume you selected for my Christmas gift."

Some men get an awful jolt when they fall in love.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAIN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 15th, 1939

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities

Police Village of South Mountain	$ 329.98
Eighth Concession Drain	197.25
Total Liabilities	$527.23

Assets

Simzer Drain	$ 303.36
Government Subsidy on Roads	4941.78
Arrears of Taxes	16731.00
Uncollected Taxes, 1939	15767.89
Allen Drain	37.00
Cash on Hand	9555.14
Total Assets	$47336.17

Total Assets	$47336.17
Total Liabilities	527.23
Assets over Liabilities	$46808.94
Total Receipts	$77129.14
Total Disbursements	$67574.00
Balance on Hand	$ 9555.14

ROBERT BRYAN, Reeve. S. FETTERLY, Treasurer.



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This week I deal with some beauty problems that cause heaps of worry at this time of the year.

"How can I strengthen my finger-nails? And is it possible to taper the finger-tips in any way?"

To taper the finger-tips, pinch them between finger and thumb of your other hand several times a day. After you've washed your hands, dab some cream into your nails, and gently wipe back the cuticles with your towel. Soak nails in oil (almond or olive) once a week.

"How can one keep fresh and dainty? I find this a problem even in winter-time, as I dance a good deal."

Too many women overlook this point and are avoided by others. Everybody perspires; it is a natural function of the body. Wash yourself often, using gentle palmolive soap because it cleanses thoroughly and also helps to beautify the skin. For special occasions, dab a little deodorant cream under the arm pits.

"My hair is too greasy. How shall I treat it?"

The best way is to treat the scalp with a good spirit tonic. Here is one you can get made up for you: Methylated spirits, four ounces; salicylic acid, one-eighth ounce; liquor picis, carb, one-half ounce. Massage this solution into the hair and scalp regularly for a time.

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ORMOND B. Y. P. U.

The Service Group was in charge of the meeting last Friday night, under the leadership of Miss Mildred Porteous. The opening period was devoted to Song Service, then followed a season of prayer led by Stewart MacDonald. During the business period the vice president, Mr. Roy Cumming, presided.

A hymn was sung, and the Biblical story of Jesus' birth was read from Luke, Chap. 2, by Mrs. D. Campbell.

Christmas messages were given by Miss Hazel MacDonaald and Mr. Stewart MacDonald.

A pleasing duet, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," was sung by Misses Violet MacDonald and Mildred Porteous. A seasonable topic entitled: "From the Ivory Palace to the Bethlehem Manger," was read by Mrs. Dan MacDonald.

The Christmas hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," was sung, and Rev. Mr. Armstrong dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The B. Y. P. U. meeting of Dec. 22nd is being withdrawn, as the Christmas Concert is being held in the church on that date.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Monday, December 4th, the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Suffel, of Calgary, Alta., received their friends at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Calgary. The other members of the family present were their only son, Ralph, and their grandson and granddaughter, Jim and Anne Crawford. Many beautiful golden 'mums and roses, the gift of friends, added to the attractiveness of the living room.

The tea table, which was centred with a low bowl of roses, flanked by cathedral tapers, was presided over for the first hour by Mrs. W. S. Timmins and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, their places being taken by Mrs. Spruce and Mrs. W. R. Blow. In the evening, Miss Miza Christie and Mrs. Carson Bradley presided. The assistants were Mrs. J. E. Cook, Mrs. Fred Christie, Mrs. A. D. Campbell, Mrs. A. Law, Mrs. Harvey Bailey, Miss Jessie Maxwell and Miss Mildred Henderson.

Some thirty-five Winchester friends, now residents in Calgary, took this anniversary occasion to present Mr. and Mrs. Suffel with a beautiful silver tea service, coffee spoons and reproduction Sheffield plate tray, suitably engraved.

FORMER WILLIAMSBURG REEVE DIES IN BURLEY, IDAHO

Word was received recently of the death at Burley, Idaho, of Mr. Riley M. Beckstead, formerly of this district. Mr. Beckstead was born in Williamsburg Township, on October 6th, 1858. He was Reeve of Williamsburg for five years, 1895 and 1896, 1898-99-1900.

He and his family left Williamsburg about the year 1900, to take up residence in Salt Lake City, Utah. There he was connected with the police and sheriff's dpeartments. He has been retired since 1935. Concerning Mr. Beckstead's ability in his official capacities a Salt Lake paper says: "His record was outstanding, and he was credited with having solved some of the most baffling crimes in Salt Lake police history.

The late Mr. Beckstead was a brother of Mr. M. S. Beckstead, present Williamsburg township clerk, and the only surviving member of the family.

Riley M. Beckstead also leaves to mourn, three sons, three daughters, 18 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. His wife predeceased him in April of this year.

DISTRICT NEWS

STRADERS HILL

Mrs. Blanche Hanson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foster in Morrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Merkley, Jean, Audrey and Gordon Merkley, of Haddo, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Strader and family.

Mrs. Herbert Hanson spent a couple of days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Riddell at Williamsburg.

Miss Laura Johnston, R. N., of Brockville, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnston.

Miss Audrey Strader visited Miss Jean Strader on Saturday.

Mrs. Phil Srtader, of Smiths Falls, spent a couple of days this week with Mrs. Guy Strader.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, of Toyes Hill, spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Strader.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Strader, Lyell and Audrey Strader, and Miss Gertrude Casselman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Christie at Spencerville.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mr. Geo. Carter at Toyes Hill on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lorne Hogaboam spent Sunday with Mr. Mahlon Strader.

WINCHESTER SPRINGS

Mrs. Elburn McIntosh and Mrs. Elzie Johnston are spending some time with friends in U. S. A.

Mr. Basil Adams of Queen's University, Kingston, is spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams.

Miss Helen McIntosh spent a few days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Strader at Winchester Station.

We are sorry to learn Mr. Calvin Strader is confined to his bed with a heart ailment. His many friends hope he will soon be up again.

Messrs. I. P. McIntosh, Clifford Robinson, Arthur Adams and Heber McIntosh attended the Dairyman's Banquet held at Brinston on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Bolton, Mrs. J. Coons and Herman Coons spent Sunday aternoon with Miss Evelyn Coons, who is a patient in the Civic Hospital.

Mrs. Florence McIntosh is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Hilda Johnston, at Bouck's Hill.

Misses Pauline and Helen McIntosh spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner, at Winchester.

The many friends in this community extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Casselman in the death of Mrs. Casselman's father, the late George Carter, at Toyes Hill.

Master Beverly Casselman and sister, Norma, entertained Messrs. Harold and Harry Stetson and sister, Marion, to tea on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Casselman, Beverly and Norma, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Medric Landreville, at Ottawa.

Mrs. Orren Casselman and Melba returned home after spending a couple of weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Landreville.

WINCHESTER SPRINGS W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Winchester Springs was held December 5th, in the church, with the president, Mrs. Adams, in charge. The meeting opened with the Christmas carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful," followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The Scripture Lesson was the familiar Christmas story taken from Luke 2:1-20. Mrs. Allison read the minutes of the previous meeting, and the roll call was answered by eleven members. Due to the absence of convenor of Nominating Committee, Mrs. Adams brought in the slate of officers for 1940 as follows:

Hon. President, Mrs. Briggs McIntosh; President, Mrs. Cecil McIntosh; 1st vice president, Mrs. Arthur Adams; 2nd vice, Mrs. Clifford Robinson; rec. secretary, Mrs. Ralph Allison; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Potter; cor. secretary, Mrs. A. E. Holmes; Christian stewardship sec'y., Mrs. Geo. Myers; Temperance sec'y., Mrs. Thos. Keyes; supply sec'y., Mrs. Alvin Steele; reserve fund sec'y., Mrs. A. Bailey; Missionary monthly sec'y., Mrs. C. Thompson; community friendship sec'y., Mrs. O. Casselman; birthday sec'y., Mrs. Aden Casselman; press sec'y., Mrs. Gerald Rice; mission band leaders, Mrs. Walter Robinson, Misses Amy Adams and Grace Myers; social convenor, Mrs. A. Rice.

Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung. Mrs. T. Keyes closed the meeting with prayer.

MOREWOOD

Mrs. A. Bowles and daughter, Mildred, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Watson, Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLeod and son, of Crysler, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlyle.

Miss Ethel Byers, of Hawkesbury, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carlyle, of Reids Mills, called on Mrs. Jas. Bogart on Sunday evening.

Miss V. Stewart spent Sunday with Mrs. Jas. Bogart.

Mrs. Fred Putman and daughters, Betty and Norma, spent a couple of days in Ottawa.

Mrs. A. Bowles and daughter, Vera, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Marcellus, Chesterville.

Mr. G. Brown, of Montreal, will be the preacher in the Presbyterian church for the next two Sundays.

W. M. S. Meeting

The December meeting of the Morewood Presbyterian W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. T. E. Coulthart on Thursday, December 7th, at 2 p. m.

The program committee, Mrs. W. C. Hunter and Mrs. C. A. McGregor, presented a Christmas program of suitable hymns and bible readings, over which Mrs. Coulthart presided. Mrs. Robert Rainey, of Chesterville, was heartily welcomed and gave a wonderful paper and resume of the first part of the Study Book, "Moving Millions," and of the untouchables and Gandi of India. Our allocation for the year consists of an outfit for an Indian Boy of 11 years of of age. A most pleasant part of the program was the presentation from the W. M. S., by Mrs. Rainy, of a life membership certificate to Mrs. John McLeod, one of our very helpful Home Helpers. Mrs. McLeod replied in a few words.

Officers elected and installed for the year 1940 are as follows: Hon. President, Mrs. Robt. Rainy; president, Mrs. T. E. Coulthart; vice presidents, Mrs. T. W. Moffatt and Mrs. W. C. Hunter; treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Countryman; secretary Mrs. W. E. Feely; H. H. sec'y, Mrs. Jean MacLean; G. T. sec'y, Mrs. J. W. Marcellus; Lit. Sec'y, Miss Nellie Moffatt; Supply Sec'y, Mrs. Allen Smirle; Mission Band Sec'y., Mrs. C. A. McGregor and Mrs. W. C. Hunter; Up to the minute Sec'y., Mrs. Jas. Moffatt; C. G. I. T. leader, Mrs. Jean Nadeau; press Sec'y., Mrs. W. S. Feeley; auditors, Miss Nellie Moffatt and Mrs. Allen Smirle.

At the close of the meeting a dainty tea was served in aid of the expense fund. A large number of ladies of the congregation were welcomed. Thanks of the society is due to Mrs. T. E. Coulthart, hostess, and her efficient helpers.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Coulthart, Mr. Lennox Baker and Mr. W. C. Hunter attended the Presbytery meeting and W. M. S. executive meeting at Kemptville.

Morewood Presbyterian Church has extended a call to Rev. A. S. McLean, of Caladonia, P. E. I.

The Crusaders Mission Band met at the home of Miss Marion Marcellus for their annual meeting. All officers were re-elected for 1940. A pleasant part of the meeting was the presentation of two blue, three silver and one gold seal to six girl members. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a dainty luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter and family spent Saturday in Ottawa, with the former's sisters.

Morewood United Church

At the service on Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. J. MacAskill, chose for his subject "Streams of Service," basing his remarks on Psalm 46:4.

Religion has been a mighty river all down through the ages, leaving its influence on ever period.

The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. F. Bezanson, rendered an anthem, "Rise Up, O Men of God."

In spite of the inclement weather, a goodly number attended the evening service, which was under the leadership of the Y. P. S. A song service of Christmas carols was enjoyed by everyone. The retiring President, Mr. Jas. McMillan, presided, and led the devotions, assisted by Mrs. McMillan. Rev. J. MacAskill conducted a very impressive instalation service, when the following officers were inducted:

President, Miss B. Mewhort; vice president, Lennox Babcock; secretary treasurer, Marjory Faulkner; Christian Fellowship, Jas. McMillan; Christian Culture, Miss Alta Loucks; Christian Citizenship, Miss Park; Missionary sec'y., Miss H. Stewart; Recreation sec'y., Mrs. M. Dillabough; pianist, Mrs. Archie Coulthart. This part of the service concluded with the Y. P. S. singing "Just As I Am."

The choir of thirty young people sang as a special, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Mrs. Archie Coulthart gave the address, using as an opening to her remarks: Matt. 2:11. The Wise Men presented gifts as an act of worship. We must not get so tangled up in tinsel, trees and lights that we forget the real meaning of the day. It is the Birthday of the King of Kings, and ought to be regal. Christ gave to us His very best.

Mrs. Bezanson presided at the organ.

UNITED STATES MEN MAY JOIN AIR FORCE

Enlistment for the Royal Canadian Air Force has been opened for United States citizens and non-Canadian citizens of European descent living in Canada, it was reliably understood in Ottawa last week.

These recruits must make application in Canada personally and must take an oath of allegiance before they are accepted.

Many American fliers have been trying to enlist and have filed applications, it was learned. However, with R. C. A. F. enlistment practically at a standstill at present in Canada because of the huge numbers of Canadians who re-recruited in the first month of the war, it was not considered likely many American or foreign applicants would be accepted for some time.

MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS

More people were admitted to Ontario mental hospitals in the first six months of this year than during any six months in the history of the Department of Health, Hon. Harold Kirby, Minister of Health, said recently.

"Natural increase in the population, increasing longevity and the fact that to-day people are not as willing as they once were to care for elderly indigents, are some reasons, according to Dr. B. T. McGhie, Deputy Minister of Health.

"In the old days, particularly on the farms, people were willing to look after their old folks. To-day, people are living in apartments and duplexes, and even those who might are not as willing as they used to be to look after elderly sick people. This means they come to the hospitals."

Ponderous Uncle: My boy, it will pay you to be diligent in your studies. Remember, what you have learned no one can ever take from you.

Small Nephew: Well, they can't take from me what I haven't learned, either, can they?

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CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES



United Church

10.30 a.m., Christmas Music and Message.
11.30 a.m S. S. and Bible Classes.
3.00 p.m., Harmony.
7.30 p.m., Evening Service.
Monday, 4.15 p.m., Trail Rangers; 7.00 p.m., C. G. I. T.
Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Tuxis Boys.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Mid-week Service. 8.15 p.m., Y. P. U.
Thursday, 6.30 p.m. Junior Choir.
The Concert in the Sunday School rooms, Friday night, Dec. 22nd, at 7.15 o'clock will be given by the children and Members of the Cradle Roll. Parents and all interested are invited. No charge.
Friday, 7.30 p.m., Senior Choir.
Sunday, Dec. 31st, Meeting of Session at 10.00 a.m.; Reception of New Members at 10.30 a.m.

Rev. W. S. Atchison, Pastor.

Church of England

Holy Trinity Church, Chesterville, Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.
St. Peter's Church, South Mountain, Even. Song at 3.00 p.m.
St. Matthias Church, Winchester, Even Song at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. J. A. L. Ellacott, Rector.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Minister—Rev. W. D. Turner, B. A.

11.00 a.m., Morning Worship.
7.30 p.m., Evening Service.
Organist and Choir Leader, Miss Clara Irving.

Wesleyan Methodist Church

Preaching at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 30 p.m., Prayer Service.
Friday, 7.30 p.m., Young People's Meeting. A cordial welcome to all.

Rev. D. W. Summers, Pastor.

Baptist Church

10.00 a.m., Sunday School.
11.00 a.m., "Where is He?"
2.45 p.m., Service at South Gower.
7.30 p.m., "Home Again."
Special Music at these services.
Wednesday, 6.30 p.m., Sunday School Christmas Supper and program in the Town Hall.
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Rev. R. F. Willson, Pastor.

Wesleyan Methodist Church Inkerman

10.00 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a. m., "The Word was made Flesh!"
7.30 p.m., "Christmas in a War-torn World!"
Reception of new members and a Special Christmas Communion Service.
Worship with us Christmas Sunday!

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TURKEY NOT ANCIENT CHRISTMAS DISH

The turkey as a Christmas dish was introduced into England in the sixteenth century and is therefore of less antiquity than the huge sirloin of beef or the mince pie. Mince pies were first shaped like a manger, as were the Yule cakes given out by the bakers to their customers. The plum porridge later developed into the plum pudding, which date from 1675. At the old Christmas feasts peacocks and cranes formed some of the dishes. Before being roasted the peacock was carefully skinned, and after leaving the oven the bird was reclothed with its old plumage.

Patty Cake!

By Frances Lee Barton

"PATTY cake, patty cake, my baker's man. Make all the cakes you wish, fast as you can. Sell them all, baker's man, but not to me. My mama's patties taste too good, you see! She has a recipe — tested and true. Chocolate Fruit Patties — makes forty-two. Test out this recipe, my baker's man. Then you'll sell patty cakes fast as you can."



Chocolate Fruit Patties

1 cup sifted cake flour; 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder; ½ teaspoon salt; 4 tablespoons butter or other shortening; 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted; ⅔ cup sugar; 2 eggs, well beaten; ½ cup chopped nut meats; ½ cup chopped raisins; 4 tablespoons chopped candied cherries; 4 tablespoons chopped candied pineapple.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Add butter to chocolate and mix well. Add sugar gradually to eggs, beating thoroughly; then chocolate mixture and blend. Add flour and mix well; then nuts and fruit. Drop from teaspoon on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 3½ dozen patties.

For variation, 1 tablespoon chopped candied orange peel may be substituted for candied cherries and pineapple.

KEEPING TREE FRESH

If a Christmas tree is set in water when it first comes into the house and is kept in water while it is part of the Christmas decoration, it will remain fresh and green for at least a week longer. Water should be replaced as it evaporates. If the base of a Christmas tree is trimmed with a sharp knife just before it is mounted, the pores will be left open, allowing water to rise in the stem to the living cells which are still trying to provide the tree with food and moisture. Spruce and fir retain their needles longer than most other Christmas trees.

MISTLETOE A PARASITE

The mistletoe, traditional Christmas decoration much more in favor in earlier days, when the ardent swains were not so forward and the maidens were more reserved, is found most abundantly in the tropics, although it is widely distributed throughout the world. The mistletoe is a parasite, living on the sap of the trees around which it entwines itself. On the Atlantic seaboard of the United States the mistletoe is found as far north as the Jersey coast, but is more abundant farther south.

S. S. NO. 7, MOUNTAIN REPORT

Grade 7: Reita Bellinger 73.4, Norma Lang 66.8.
Grade 5: Nelda Simzer 64.3, Ada McEwen 51.6.
Grade 4: Arthur Milne 80.6, hon.; Gerald Simzer 60.3.
Grade 3: Shirley Bellinger 74.6, Robert Milne 69.8, Leslie Trotter 60.8, Albert Barkley 59.6.
Grade 2: Madeline Barkley, Jackie Render, John Trotter.
Grade I: Franklin Milne, Reita Marion, Lyle Simzer.

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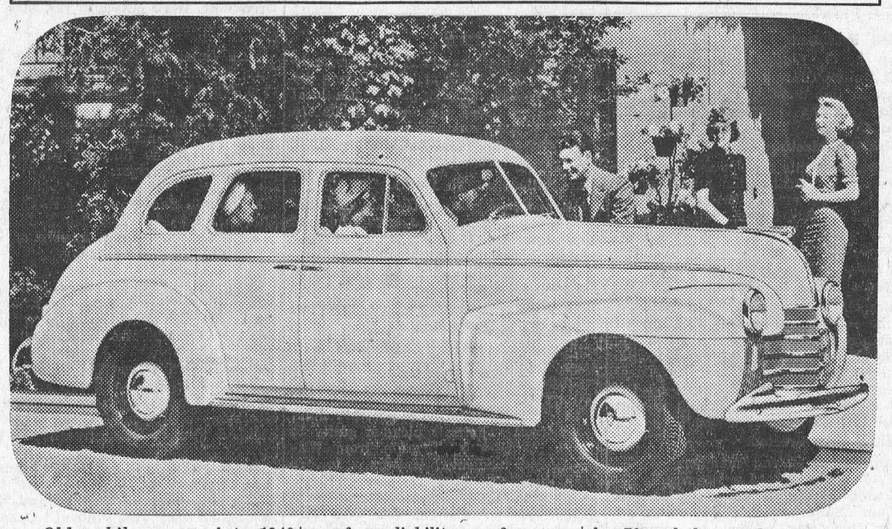

Oldsmobile sweeps into 1940 with an impressive list of improvements which fully maintain the proud traditions of this famous car for reliability, performance, economy and comfort. This year, Oldsmobile features three series—the six-cylinder 60, the six-cylinder 70 and the stately Custom 8 Cruiser. Illustrated above is a 60 four-door sedan.

Happiness Found On Chrisrmas Eve.

"Mr. Squires," he said, his surprise manifesting itself in his voice, "this is a rather unexpected visit. But we are all very glad that you have decided to join us this year. Won't you come in and make yourself at home with us."

Mr. Squires glanced past the elder.

"Where's the doctor?" he whispered. "Is he here?" The words were tumbling from his mouth. "I have just been to his house and the servant told me he was here. I must see him. I'm hurt."

Mr. Hines turned to find the doctor, but his action was unnecessary. So quiet had the room become—for most of those present were hearing old Mr. Squires speak for the first time and their curiosity had overcome them—that his every word was plainly audible despite the low tone in which they were spoken. In common with the others, Dr. Phillips had heard the plea for his services and was now striding to where the hermit stood.

"What's the matter, Mr. Squires?" he cried in alarm. "What have you been doing to yourself?"

By way of reply, old Mr. Squires held up his left arm. It was, everyone could see, swathed in crudely made bandages through which there showed a faint tinge of crimson.

Dr. Phillips led him slowly to the back of the Great Hall. The children began to peep out from their hiding places as he passed that they might see this man whom they had been taught to know as a human monster. What they saw must have pleased them, for a few minutes later they romped about the hall as before. All traces of fear were vnished.

While the doctor bathed and redressed the hurt, the party progressed almost without interruption. Presently old Mr. Squires reappeared and to the surprise of everyone, the children began to cluster about the newcomer, showing him their newly-opened gifts, and confounding the eldes who had built for him in the youngsters' minds an evil reputation.

Nervously, Mr. Squires looked about him as if seeking an exit—a speedy one at that. But after one litfle girl had become so bold as to put her tiny hand in that of the "monster" his eyes began to sparkle. Everyone waited breathlessly to see what he would do. Those few moments were thrilling ones. Would he persist in remaining aloof from the villagers or would the small child's gesture change the course of his life and, in turn, the lives of nearly everyone else?

Presently he turned to Mr. Hines and the other man. "Why," he asked, with a booming laugh, "why wasn't I told that things like this happen at Christmast? Oh, don't explain," he interrupted Mr. Hines, "I know you've tried year after year to make me see the light and I was too stubborn to accept your word for it."

Then he turned to the entire group. Everyone had stopped in the midst of their activities to listen to this great voice, now hearty and joyful where once it had been gruff and harsh.

"You have made me very happy tonight," he said simply. "Happier than I have been for 30 years. I bless the trifling hurt that magnified itself in my eyes sufficiently to bring me down here tonight. It made me enter a hall that I have always feared. I have hated other people's eyes upon me and feared the laughter of little children. I did not know these things could be for I have lived alone so long that I have become nervous and that very nervousness has made me hate all mankind.

"But starting this very night, I am going to try to make up for all the unhappiness I have brought into your lives. These children have made of me a new man and I can assure you that anything I may do for them tonight is but a beginning of the many things that I—and I alone in St. Joachim—have the opportunity to do.

"Please remember that my house is yours. The door will always be open. And I expect you to call on me tonight when your annual party starts. And don't forget too, to always let me know what your program is to be for future good times.

"Now, let's get moving. Let's all have a real Merry Christmas. What have you there, little girl.....?"

HINTS FOR THE HOME

Felt Hats.

Some spots may be removed from felt hats by rubbing them gently with fine sandpaper.

The Canary's Bath.

Oftentimes one may induce the canary to take its bath by sprinkling a few seeds on top of the water in the pan.

White Enamelware.

White enamelware can be cleaned by dipping a wet cloth into baking soda and rubbing it on the ware. Do not use the soda sparingly.

Baby's Hair.

Pure white vaseline rubbed on the baby's head is an excellent preventive of scurvy, and acts as a splendid tonic for the growth of the hair.

Dirty Curtains.

A half cup of salt added to the water in which curtains are being soaked, loosens the dirt more rapidly and aids materially in the laundering.

Keeping Apples Fresh.

If a little glycerine is rubbed over apples, they will keep longer. The glycerine can be washed off when you are ready to use the apples.

Cleaning Furniture.

Badly soiled furniture can be cleaned by washing with soap and water, to which has been added two or three tablespoonfuls of kerosene or turpentine. Then rub dry with a soft cloth.

Iron-Containing Foods.

Should one require more iron in his system, it can be found in the following foods: Beef, eggs, milk, barley flour or cereal, cornmeal, oatmeal, rice, wheat flour, beans, cabbage, sweet corn, peas, spinach, turnips, apples, lettuce, dried prunes, and raisins.

Added Flavor

The flavors of veal and lamb steaks are often enhanced by the addition of a slight touch of garlic. Heat a little fat in a frying pan and add a clove of garlic, cook for a minute, then discard. The fat is then ready to use for browning the meat. The garlic flavor will be very delicate.

Reduce Spattering.

The spattering and smoking of fat when broiling steaks or chops can be reduced considerably as follows: After pre-heating the broiler, pour in just enough cold water to cover the bottom of the broiler pan. The water does not interfere with browning or crisping the meat. It lessens spattering, and also makes the cleaning of the broiler much easier.

THE UNITED CHURCH

A great message on the grace of giving with the challenge, "What is your attitude towards giving?" was brought by Rev. W. S. Atchison when on Sunday morning he spoke from Paul's words in II Cor. 8:5, "They first gave themselves to the Lord." Paul was speaking of the people of Macedonia among whom he had been working. They gave voluntarily, cheerfully and according to their ability.

The children's talk was about Mr. Sun of China, who, when found wounded, was brought to a Christian hospital where he gave his life to God and ever since has been so thankful to the good doctors and nurses that he is doing all he can to publish the good news of the Kingdom of God.

A children's choir of 23 voices, accompanied by Sybil Empey on the violin and Mr. Johnson at the organ, and Mrs. Johnson as Leader, sang with good effect a beautiful Christmas chorus: 'Ring Out the Bells of Peace.'

MODERN ETIQUETTE

1. If you have some extra fine wine that you wish to serve at your Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, should it be served as an appetizer or with the dessert?

2. When a man invites another man to luncheon or dinner, should the host allow his guest to order, or should he do so for both?

3. Should the word "yours" follow such closes to a letter as "Sincerely," "Lovingly," and "Devotedly"?

4. Is it a sign of good breeding when a person has a studied and artificial manner of speaking?

5. When a man is dining with a girl in a restaurant and another man stops at the table to chat for a minute, what should the girl's escort do?

6. Is it improper for two girls and their escorts to go on an all-day motor trip without a chaperone?

Answers

1. It would be preferable to serve the wine with your after-dinner coffee, along with nuts and fruits. 2. He should allow his guest to give his order first, and directly to the waiter. When dining with a girl, she gives her order to him and he orders for both. 3. Yes. That is the preferred form. 4. Not in the least. This manner is easily detected by those with whom the person is conversing, who know that it is affectation. It has been said, "We are never so ridiculous from the habits we have than from those we affect to have." 5. He should rise and remain standing until the other man leaves. 6. This is all right provided they do not stay away overnight.

CAREFUL THOUGHT!

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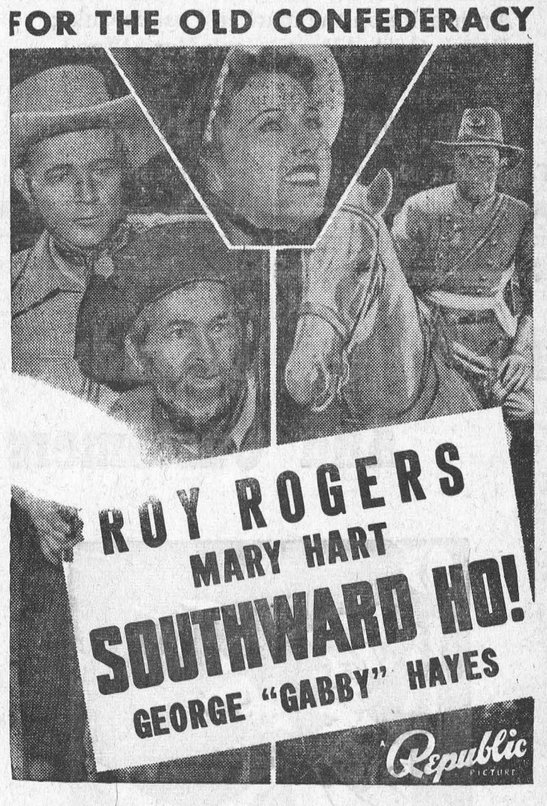

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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ROSEVERE MISSION BAND

The Rosevere Mission Band of the United Church elected its officers at the December meeting:

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Mission Band Supt., Mrs. W. J. Stewart
Musical Director, Miss A. Walker.
Past President, Joyce Crawford.
President, Velma Johnston.
1st Vice President, Marion Loucks.
2nd Vice President, Muriel Armstrong
Rec. Secretary, Norma Armstrong.
Cor. Secretary, Mary Barclay.
Mite Box Secretary, Allen Kellogg and June Saunders.
World Friends' Secretary, Audrey Levere and Christine Stewart.
Strangers' Secretary, Eric Steele and Betty O'Neil.
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LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS

Elected President.

Rev. A. O. Lloyd, minister of Bell street United Church, Ottawa, and well known in this district, has been elected president of the Ottawa Religious Education Council.

Nomination Meetings.

Residents of this district are reminded that municipal nomination meetings are being held on Friday, December 22nd, as follows:. Winchester Village, town hall, 7 to 8 p.m.; Winchester Township, Morewood, 1 to 2 p.m.. Mountain Township, Inkerman, 1 to 2 p.m.

Fractures Wrist in Fall.

The many friends of Mrs. A. F. Utman will be sorry to learn that she suffered a fracture of the right wrist, when she stumbled over a piece of wood in the garage, adjoining her home, on Tuesday evening. She was attended by Dr. H. S. Gross, and will be without the use of her arm for several weeks.

100 Club Tree Erected.

Over the week-end members of the local 100 Club erected a beautifully illuminated Christmas tree on the lot west of Flora's Store, and that was one of the things that was needed to complete Winchester's Christmas garb. If the light fall of snow would remain, the stage would be all set for the Christmas festival.

Stores Remain Open.

Local stores are remaining open every night this week for the convenience of Christmas shoppers who cannot find time to shop during the day. All stores have a fine display of Christmas merchandise at reasonable prices. For superior service and your own convenience patronize your local stores. Winchester merchants appreciate your trade and are deserving of it.

Hotel Man Stricken.

Harvey Ouderkirk, for a long period landlord at the Windsor House at Morrisburg, is seriously ill at his hotel, a sufferer from paralysis, which came upon him suddenly, being preceded by other sickness. Throughout his life he has enjoyed good health, except showing by lameness an attack of infantile paralysis in childhood. Mr. Ouderkirk is approaching the 70th anniversary of his birth.

Canal Guard Quarters.

Guards on the Morrisburg canal now have the use of the lockhouse, which would otherwise be in disuse after the closing of the canal for the season. Comfortable and convenient quarters are now enjoyed by the guards, who found poor service at the vacant power house, about a quarter of a mile to the west. The guards have a rather prosaic time, no one so far having happened along to cause any excitement.

Penny Bank Savings Up.

According to a recent copy of the Penny Bank bulletin, pupils of Winchester Public School have slightly more money on deposit now than they had a year ago. The comparative figures are: $301.02 for 1939, and $297.68 for 1938. These figures are for the standing at the end of October. Throughout Canada, pupils in 522 schools have $1,398,521.52 deposited in the Penny Bank. This is a slight increase over last year.

Roads Quite Slippery.

Drizzling rain and sleet on Tuesday night have left the roads in this district quite slippery and hazardous to travel on. The ice forming on Hydro wires interrupted the service for several hours yesterday morning, and more than one housewife found her refrigerator defrosted upon rising from her slumbers, otherwise little inconvenience was suffered by the interruption. The cause of the hydro trouble was a broken wire in front of Ault's Creamery. A further interruption in the service yesterday afternoon and evening was caused by a break in the transmission lines on Caleb Street, the result of a tree limb falling on the wires. Hydro lines were damaged at several points throughout the district, as were telephone services.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT

Pupils of the local Public School presented a very interesting program at their annual Christmas Concert, held in the Susie Annable Memorial Hall on Friday evening last. The program was arranged by the teachers and was heartily received by the large audience present. Nearly every pupil in the school took part in the evening's entertainment and showed the results of weeks of painstaking training by their teachers.

The chairman for the occasion was Mr. H. G. Graham, principal of the school, while Misses Ida Gardner and Evelyn MacDonald acted as accompanists during the evening.

The program consisted of the following numbers:

Chorus: "Happy Christmas Children" by Room E.
Guitar Selection: Joyce Crawford.
Chorus: "Christmas Dolls," Room E.
Boys' Chorus: "The Snow Brigade," by Room C.
Playette: "The Authentic Lesson," by Room E, with Billy Lowe playing the part of the teacher.
Chorus: "The Night Before Christmas," by Room B.
Chorus: "The Sorry Elf," by Room E.
Playette: "Tom's Practical Joke," by Harry Keyes, Eileen McDonaald and Muriel Holmes.
Playette: "Their Magic Hour," by pupils of Room D.
Piano Solo: "The Goblin's Frolic," by Velma Johnston.
Playette: "Fairy Good Cheer," by Room C.
"Christmas Carols" by Room A.
Dutch Folk Dance, by Room B.
"Christmas Crazy Class," by Room D, with Christine Stewart as the teacher.
Girls' Chorus, "Alice Blue Gown," by Room C, with Marguerite Murdock as soloist.
Chorus: "The Call of the Motherland," by Room B.
Recitation, "Grandpa's Spectacles," by Christine Stewart.
Playette: "Mr. Piper Gives a Present," featuring Norma McKercher and Billy Olive from Room C.
Chorus and Solo Dance, by Louise D'Rivers and Room B.
Playette: "The 5.15," by Room A.
National Anthem.

Making Ice At Rink.

Although the weather is not extremely cold, men have been at work during the past few days, making ice at the local arena. At present, the rink officials are unable to say whether the ice will be good enough for skating next week or not. It will all depend on the weather.

Kemptville Man To Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gordon, of Kirkfield, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Jane, of Toronto, to Alfred Merkley Casselman, B.A., of Kemptville. The marriage will take place on Monday, December 25, at high noon in St. Andrew's church, Kirkfield.

Sentence Grain Thieves.

A series of grain thefts among Williamsburg township farmers was cleared up last week with the sentencing of Hilliard Levere, Pittston, and Harry McCooeye, Hainsville, by Magistrate John McCormick. The pair pleaded guilty to about 100 bushels of grain from Williamsburg township farmers. Levere was given one year definite and two months indefinite in the Ontario reformatory on two charges, and McCooeye, who pleaded guilty on one charge, was given three months in jail.

Santa Claus Visits Winchester.

Arriving on the 7 o'clock train on Tuesday evening, Santa Claus paid a pre-Christmas visit to Winchester, making his headquarters at Hy. Bessin's Big Store. He was greeted by hundreds of kiddies, all of whom received a bag of candy. Before leaving town, he informed Mr. Bessin that he would return on his annual country-wide tour on Christmas eve and would fill all the kiddies' stockings with toys—that is if they had been good children and didn't have too many black marks on their card. So kiddies, be good from now until Christmas at least, if you want Old Santa to be good to you.

Post Office Busy.

Postmaster Erle Helmer and his assistants are this week "enjoying" their annual Christmas rush. All mails, both coming and going, have been extremely heavy this week and the postal clerks have been kept on the move from morning till night. Mr. Helmer reports that the office established an all-time record for the sale of stamps on Monday, when nearly $100.00 worth were sold. In comparing this year's volume of mail with that of other years, the postmaster says it's just as heavy. The posting of greeting cards, Christmas parcels, circulars and the issuing of an increased number of money orders keeps the boys travelling at top speed for about 10 days prior to Christmas.

THE LATE JAMES IRVING

The funeral of the late James Irving, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. E. Gallagher, Islay, Alta., was held from the Irving home here on Saturday afternoon last. Service was conducted by Rev. D. W. Summers, assisted by Rev. W. S. Atchison. Interment was made at Maple Ridge Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Ernest Christie, Rowat Elliott, Ward Summers, W. J. Cass, James Roberts and A. G. Suffell.

Born at Cass Bridge 92 years ago, he was a son of the late James Irving and his wife, Grace Johnston. For many years he farmed at Cass Bridge, later moving to Winchester, where he lived for 10 years. In 1916 he went to Morrisburg and served as a guard at the canal until the war ended. For the past 20 years he had resided with his daughter in Alberta, where he was an honorary president of the Curling Club. Mr. Irving was a Presbyterian.

He had always enjoyed good health until a few days prior to his death.

His wife, who was the former Annis Middagh, whom he married in 1870, died in 1918. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Gallagher, Islay, Alta; and Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Edmonton; two grandsons, Robert and Donald Gallagher, and one grand-daughter, Miss Ruth Hamilton.

Many beautiful floral offerings were received.

C. G. I. T. HOLDS CHRISTMAS MEETING

A Christmas meeting of the C. G. I. T. was held in the Sunday School of the United Church on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Words of welcome, on behalf of the C. G. I. T. Department, were extended to the many visiting friends, by Mrs. W. S Atchison The meeting was opened by the singing of O Canada and the repeating of the C. G. I. T. Purpose.

The Worship period, including a White Gift Service and a Candle Lighting Ceremony, was conducted by Laura Dukelow and Evelyn Fennell.

The following program was then given: two Christmas Carols by the girls of the Intermediate Department; a Story, "A Christmas Vision," by Betty Stewart; piano duet by Doris Armstrong and Betty Stewart; story, "The Road to Bethlehem," by Joyce Levere; vocal duet by Marion Helmer and Patti Cass, accompanied by Betty Stewart.

The offering, received by Evelyn Fennell and Laura Dukelow, was dedicated by the singing of "We Give Thee But Thine Own."

A splendid one-act Play, "Mimi Lights the Candle," was presented with dramatic ability by the girls of the Senior Department, under the leadership of Ethel Annable. The cast included Patti Cass, Maibel O'Neil, Doris Annable, Dorothy Annable, Jean Hodgson, Eileen Saunders, Joyce Bolton, Erma O'Neill and Jean Stewart.

The girls of Evelyn Fennell's class exhibited a fine display of handcraft, part of which will be given to the Missionary bale. Miss Annie Walker was the pianist throughout the evening.

Mrs. Atchison sincerely thanked all those who took part in the programme, thus making the evening a decided success. The singing of Taps brought the meeting to a close.

Lord widen out our love for Thee,
Until we thrill with ecstacy.
And Christmas time shall then abound,
Through every hour the year around.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patterson, of Brockville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Coughler, on Sunday.

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Miss Violet Steele, R. N., of New York City, is spending holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steele.

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Mrs. John Carkner and daughters, Betty and Frances, of Ottawa, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrigar.

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Mr. Keith Saddlemire, of R. C. A. F., Ottawa, and Miss Beatrice Saddlemire, of Williamsburg, were guests of Miss Laura Dukelow on Tuesday.

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Miss Violet Steele, R. N., of New York City, arrived home last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Steele.

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Messrs. Don Rowat, of Toronto University, W. H. Agnew, David Melvin and James McKendry, of Queen's University, Kingston, are spending the Christmas holidays at their respective homes here.

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John McConnell, of the permanent staff of the R. C. A. F., Toronto; Cecil McConnell, of Detroit, Mich., and Keith McConnell, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Ottawa, recently visited their parents, Reeve and Mrs. McConnell, of Morewood, where the former's wife is convalescing after a recent illness.

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Mr. Harold Smith, formerly of Edmonton, Alta., and now of the Civil Service staff, Ottawa, will spend Christmas here with his aunt, Mrs. Geo. E. Earle, and Mr. Earle. He will be accompanied by Mr. Donovan Wellwood, who also came from Edmonton recently to accept a position in the Civil Service, Ottawa.

Vernon W. Franks, of Clinton, Ont., has been engaged as principal of the Prescott high school to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. J. Holmes, who has been appointed postmaster at Prescott. Mr. Franks graduated from Western Ontario University in 1932 with the degree of B. A. and in 1934 secured his M. A. degree. In 1935 he became a teacher on the staff of the Clinton Collegiate Institute, coming to Prescott from that town.

MONTREAL PAPER PAYS TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY SPROULE

It is given to but few mortals, especially those associated with the Arts, to receive anything like a full complement of praise or honour from their contemporaries while they still tread the prosaic footpaths of this work-a-day world. However, to one local artiste, unstinted praise has been given and fitting honour hath been bestowed; eugolistic reviews of Dorothy Sproule's poetry have appeared in many of the finest Canadian and American magazines and newsappears, and indeed, in journals beyond the Sea.

Perhaps it is because Dorothy Sproule is so unassuming that her admirers have been so eager to tell of her literary excellence; to exclaim at their joy in the reading of her verse. It is fitting that readers should laud the writers of delightful works; tell of their appreciation their delight in favorite poems. But when contemporaries in the field of poetry come forward and render glowing tributes to another's skill, popularity, and charm, is quite another matter, and you will agree a most unusual thing, writes in Jean Macdonald Worfolk, of Cote St. Antoine Road.

Courage and an abiding faith has been Mrs . Sproule's watchword. She has fought ill-healtth and many formidable obstacles and where many another has grown cynical and crabbed, her character has mellowed and grown sweeter and nobler with the years.—Montreal Herald.



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REEVE BRYAN RETIRING

The Press has been informed that Reeve Robert Bryan, of Mountain township, will not be a candidate in the forthcoming municipal elections, having decided to retire at the close of his present term. Mr. Bryan has been a member of Mountain Council for the past 19 years, several of which he served as reeve. His municipal career was climaxed this year when he was elected Warden of the United Counties of Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry. Reeve Bryan's many friends, as well as his fellow-councillors and officers,regret to learn that he is about to retire. His faithful devotion to service will ever be a monument to his memory in Mountain township and throughout the United Counties. In relinquishing the reigns of office, he leaves the township in a sound financial condition, with a balance on hand at the close of 1939 of over $9,000.00.

Classified Ad. Column

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CARD OF THANKS—The family of the late James Irving wish to thank the many local friends and relatives who were so kind to them during their recent bereavement. Special thanks is extended to Rev. W. D. Summers and Rev. W. S. Atchison for conducting the service. 33p

IN MEMORIAM—In loving memory of John Stirling Gibson, who passed away on December 19th, 1932.
The depths of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
His memory we shall always keep.
And while he sleeps a peaceful sleep,
—Ever remembered by father, mother, sisters and brothers. 33p.

Nomination Meetings

VILLAGE OF WINCHESTER

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Village of Winchester for the Nominations of Reeve, Councillors and Public School Trustees for the Municipality of the Village of Winchester for the year 1940, will be held in the Town Hall, Winchester, on **Friday, December 22nd, 1939,** between the hours of seven and eight o'clock in the evening.

If a greater number of candidates qualify than are necessary to fill the several offices, a poll will be opened at the several polling places in the Village of Winchester on **Monday, January 1st, 1940,** at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and will remain open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon to receive the votes of the electors.

E. M. SHAVER, Returning Officer.
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TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAIN

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors of the Township of Mountain, for the Nominations of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Township Councillors for the Township of Mountain for the year 1940, will be held in the Community Hall in the **Village of Inkerman on Friday, December 22nd, 1939,** between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon.

If a greater number of candidates qualify than are necessary to fill the several offices, a poll will be opened at the several Polling places in the Township of Mountain on Monday, January 1st, 1940, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and remain open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon to receive the votes of the Electors.

EDWARD BUSH, Returning Officer,
Hallville, Ont.

BORN

At Winchester, Ont., on Sunday, December 17th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Watson, a daughter.

Greetings



Had we the skill of Shakespeare, it would be hard for us to find a better phrase conveying our emotions than this simple one that has been said so often: "A Merry Christmas."

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