

# **The News from the Village of Crieff**

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## **School Teacher Wanted**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1849.**

**Wanted, a teacher for Section No. 6, in the Township of Puslinch, of steady habits, and capable of giving instruction in the usual branches of an English Education.**

**Apply to Robert Dunn, Lot 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession of Puslinch.**

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## **School Teacher Wanted**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 1851.**

**For Section No. 6, Township of Puslinch. None need apply unless holding proper qualification certificates. A Second Class Teacher would be preferred.**

**Apply to Donald Stewart or Wm. Stewart, Puslinch.**

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## **Teacher Wanted**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856.**

**For School Section No. 6, Township of Puslinch.**

**Apply to Walter Cowan, Donald Munro, and Wm. Wright, Trustees.**

**N.B. — He will be expected to take charge of a Sabbath School.**

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## **School Examination and Exhibition**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> 1865.**

The yearly examination of the School, in Section No. 6, Puslinch, taught by Mr. Alex Campbell, will take place on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. In the evening, an Exhibition will take place in the School House, when the pupils will give a number of dialogues, recitations, et cetera. Addresses will be given during the evening by David Stirton, Esq., M.P., Charles Walker, of Guelph Grammar School, and others. A good choir will be in attendance and refreshments will be provided during the evening. Doors open at 6 o' clock. Recitations to commence at 7. Tickets of admission, 25 cents, children admitted free. The proceeds to be applied to the School Library. We trust that there will be a large attendance on that evening.

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## **Soirée**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> 1866.**

A soirée will be held in the School House in Section No. 6, Puslinch, on the evening of Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, when addresses will be delivered by Reverend Messrs Ball, of Guelph, Alex Mclean, of Flamboro, K. MacDonald, of East Puslinch, and David Stirton, Esq., M.P., and others. An efficient choir will also be in attendance. Tea to be served at 6 o' clock. Tickets of admission, 25 cents, children half-price. The proceeds will be given in aid of the Sabbath School Library of that section.

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## **Crieff Cash Store**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> 1867.**

We beg to inform our readers in Puslinch and Beverly that Mr. John McLean has just commenced business in the store recently occupied by Mr. Hugh Stewart. Having bought his stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, et cetera, to great advantage in the wholesale market,

he is prepared to sell goods at low prices for cash. We feel sure that Mr. McLean will be well patronized, and that he will give all of his attention to meet the wants and wishes of his customers.

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## **West Puslinch Soirée**

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1868.**

The soirée of the West Puslinch Presbyterian Congregation was held in the Church on Thursday evening last, and was eminently successful. The people began to assemble about 7 o'clock, and before 8, the Church was filled. The Reverend Messrs. McLean, Pastor of the Congregation, and Davidson, Porteous, and McDonald, as well as Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, occupied the platform. After grace had been said by Reverend Mr. Porteous, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm sung by the Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Housie, the ladies served an excellent supply of refreshments.

The intellectual part of the entertainment began by the Chairman introducing the Reverend Mr. Porteous, who gave an excellent address on the prosperity of the Church. The Reverend Mr. Davidson gave a very interesting account of a trip to and from Quebec, and Mr. Kenneth McKenzie followed with an exceedingly instructive sketch of his travels in the Red River Settlement. The Reverend Mr. McDonald, of Morriston, delivered a spirited address referring to the inestimable privilege, which as Christians, we enjoy, and earnestly strove to inculcate the necessity of giving a closer attention to all the duties required of us by God. The Chairman, Reverend Mr. McLean, made a few appropriate remarks, expressing his gratification at the large audience and the satisfactory manner in which the soirée passed off. The proceeds amounted to \$68 and will be expended in defraying expenses connected with the Church.

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## **A Few Hours Enjoyment at Crieff**

### **July 14<sup>th</sup> 1869.**

Our correspondent says that Mr. Robertson has, for the third time, treated his scholars to a "Dominion Picnic" in Mr. McDonald's bush, and, as usual, both young and old thoroughly enjoyed themselves. What, with recitation and swinging, music and singing, and plenty of eating, from the abundant supply of rich cakes and pastry, so kindly contributed by the ladies of the section, and the pleasant manner with which the same were distributed among us, we

had a real good time of it. The melodeon playing by Mr. C. J. Passmore, and the singing by the Misses Stewart and Martin and others, and Messrs. McCormick and McRone was tip top, Mr. McCormick's song "The fellow that looks like me", bringing the house down. The behaviour of the children was excellent and reflects much credit on their teacher, Mr. D. F. Robertson.

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**Lost, between Galt and Crieff Post Office, a Scotch Plaid.**

**The finder is requested to leave it at the Union Hotel, Galt.**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> 1870.**

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**Soirée in Puslinch**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876.**

**The annual soirée of the West Puslinch Congregation is to be held at Crieff on Tuesday evening, the 8<sup>th</sup> instant. Addresses will be delivered by Reverend Messrs. Torrance and Wardrope, of Guelph, Mason, of Galt, A. McKay, D.D., of East Puslinch, McPherson, of Killean, and the Pastor of the congregation. Music will be furnished by the choir. Tea served at half past seven.**

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## **Social in Crieff**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 1876.**

Last Tuesday evening a very successful tea meeting was held in connection with the West Puslinch Presbyterian Church, at Crieff. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies, and after the large number of persons present had satisfied themselves to their heart's content, there was still enough left to have sufficed many more. This part of the programme having been disposed of, the intellectual part of the evening's entertainment was entered upon.

Reverend Mr. McDiarmid occupied the chair and discharged the duties thereof with his usual ability. Excellent and interesting addresses were given by Reverend Messrs. Torrance and Wardrope, of Guelph, and by the Reverend Dr. McKay, of East Puslinch Church. The proceedings of the evening were very much enhanced by the excellent rendering of several choice pieces of music by the Norfolk Street Methodist Church choir, of this Town. The tea meeting was, on the whole, a decided success, the receipts amounting to \$50. A large number from Guelph were present, and all enjoyed themselves well. We understand that it is the intention of the congregation of West Puslinch Church to build a new church at no distant day.

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## **Crieff Items**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> 1878.**

Harvesting in this neighbourhood is very nearly finished, and now that threshing has commenced, the crop proves to be a good yield. Wheat, especially the spring crops, is, perhaps, not up to the average. Help has been rather scarce for a few weeks during the busiest time, but the press is now over.

Reverend Mr. McDiarmid, pastor of West Puslinch Church, is now enjoying a few weeks recreation in the Lower Provinces, the pulpit being filled by the appointment of neighbouring ministers. Reverend Mr. Robertson, of Strabane, preached on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Bickle, theological student, on the following Sabbath, while Reverend Mr. Thyne, of Kirkwall, was expected to preach on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Sons of Temperance Lodge in the village is in a prosperous condition, and adding to their number, by an initiation, at intervals. All success attend them.

The Literary Club meets in Wm. MacDonald's boot and shoe store, where various subjects are discussed in an interesting manner. Historical events and geographical explorations occupy a prominent position among the matters taken into consideration.

The village is in a state of "ennui", but when the pressure of work incidental to the season relaxes, we may expect more enlivening times.

If some favourite of the muses could manage to pay a visit to many parts of Puslinch, especially the southern part, a fountain of inspiration would be open to him, from which, any number of figures of speech, metaphors, similes, of "hope soaring on her airy pinions", et cetera, et cetera, could be drawn, though by some ruralists, the matter is considered differently. This valuable poetical fountain is in the shape of large quantities of thistle down flying about, and denotes culpable negligence on the part of the authorities for allowing such to be the case. Although there is a very good law, intended to prevent the spread, and, if possible, to exterminate the pest, through the carelessness of those in authority, it remains virtually a dead letter. A short time ago, a number of parties in the neighbouring township of Beverly contributed their mite to the credit of the township treasury for the privilege of neglecting to cut their thistles before growing to seed. Some action on the part of the township Council is required to bring those manifesting such open disregard of the law to a due sense of their duty. The annoyance is extreme to those who endeavour to free their farms from the nuisance, and in spite of all their labour, have the seed blown on to their land, there to grow on the first favourable opportunity.

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### **Death of an Old Settler in Puslinch October 23rd 1878.**

Puslinch has lost another old settler in the death of Angus McPherson, father of Donald McPherson, who passed away on the 20th inst., at the ripe old age of ninety years. The deceased was a native of Badenoch, Inverness-shire, Scotland. He immigrated to Canada in the year 1844 and settled in Puslinch, residing on the farm that he first occupied till his death. He was an elder in the West Puslinch Presbyterian Church ever since he came to the township and was highly esteemed by all who knew him, not only for his consistent Christian life but also for his many other excellent qualities as a friend and a neighbour.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Tea Meeting**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> 1879.**

**On Friday evening, the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, a tea meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Crieff. After tea has been served, addresses are expected to be delivered by Reverend John Laing, of Dundas, Reverend John McKay, Reverend Mr. Thyne, Mr. D. Guthrie, M.P., and the Pastor of the Church, and others. An excellent choir will furnish music during the evening.**

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## **Fire in Crieff**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1879.**

**On Tuesday last, an ex-hotel, occupied by Messrs. Kereher and Fitzgerald and owned by Reeve Leslie, was discovered to be on fire. Nothing could be done to stay the flames, and before the fire spent itself for want of fuel, the outbuildings, the temperance hall, and a stone dwelling house owned by Mr. Wm. McDonald, shoemaker. Although the fire burned with great fury, considerable furniture et cetera were saved. Mr. Leslie had his place insured for \$500 in the Wellington Mutual. The loss is about \$2500.**

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## **Local News**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> 1879.**

**At the late fire at Crieff, the residence of Mr. C. Moffat was saved with great difficulty. The flowers inside the windows were destroyed by the intense heat and while Mr. Moffatt was working at the fire he had his whiskers singed by the heat.**

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## **Tea Meeting in Puslinch**

### **January 13th 1880.**

The tea meeting in the West Puslinch Presbyterian Church on the 7th of January was a success, considering the unfavourable state of the weather. The church, although not crowded, was well filled. Reverend Alexander McKay, D.D., was appointed chairman. Mr. Laing, of Dundas, opened by p\_\_\_\_. Afterwards, the choir sang part of the \_\_\_ Psalm. Tea was then served, which was excellent, as also, the cakes. The \_\_\_ Mr. Robertson, of Strabane, gave an instructive and humorous address. Mr. Laing, of Dundas, read a Scriptural \_\_\_\_\_, "The Betrayal of Christ by Judas". After singing by the choir, Mr. Laing was again called on, when he gave a short address. The music was furnished by the choir from the congregation, under the management of Mr. Wm. McCormick, their precentor. Miss Cossitt, of Guelph, presided at the organ. The usual votes of thanks were carried at the close, with a special vote of thanks to Mr. John Mo\_\_\_\_, of Guelph, for the use of an organ. \_\_\_\_\_ were collected at the door.

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## **West Puslinch Presbyterian Church**

### **April 26<sup>th</sup> 1880.**

The Reverend Dr. McKay moderated in a call to a minister at West Puslinch on the 20<sup>th</sup>, which came out in favour of Reverend Evan McAuley, B.A., late of Mono and Caledon. The salary promised is \$600, with manse and five acres of glebe.



**Social at Crieff**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884.**

On Friday evening, January 11<sup>th</sup>, a soirée will be held in Knox Church, Crieff. Arrangements for a successful soirée are being made and all who attend may rely on spending a pleasant evening, good music, good speaking, and the tea excellent.

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**Soirée at Crieff**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup> 1885.**

A soirée will be held in Knox Church, Crieff, on Friday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Able speakers from Galt and Guelph will be present. Good music. This soirée promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

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**Social at Killean**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> 1885.**

The annual social in connection with the West Puslinch Presbyterian Church, of Puslinch, was held at Killean Schoolhouse on Friday evening last. Notwithstanding the severity of the night, a very great gathering enjoyed itself during the evening. The meeting was organized by the appointment of Mr. Duncan Ferguson as Chairman, and after the playing of a martial strain from the bagpipes of Mr. McLellan, the Killean piper, the entertainment was opened by very interesting speeches from Messrs. Thos. Cowan, of Galt, Dickie and Cunningham, of Hespeler, Gilchrist, of Killean, and Archibald Marshall, of Morriston. These gentlemen acquitted themselves with great satisfaction to the audience. The Hespeler choir, with its elegant organ, at intervals, contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The local and vocal young ladies, Misses Gilchrist, Bond, Scott, and McCormick, along with Messrs. Valick and Scott, from Morriston, made the meeting a very pleasant night indeed. Killean has ever been famous for the culinary supplies furnished by its lady contributors, and this occasion was no exception.

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## **Entertainment at Crieff**

### **February 6<sup>th</sup> 1888.**

A very interesting and successful entertainment, of a musical and literary character, was given in the Crieff Schoolhouse on the evening of Thursday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant. The building was crowded to the door. The chair was taken shortly after eight o' clock by Principal McCormick, of the Guelph Business College, who performed the duties of chairman in a pleasing and able manner.

Mr. R. Brydon, of Guelph, rendered three solos in splendid style, which were received with enthusiasm. Two solos were given by Mr. C. Strachan, of Guelph, which were also well received. Mr. W. R. Holmes, of Guelph, acted as accompanist in his usual efficient style. Two choruses given by Messrs. Brydon, Strachan, and Holmes, and one by the Valens Choir, of Beverly, were also well received.

A very interesting poetic composition was read by Mr. Ramsey, a Canadian poet, who is destined yet to rank high among writers of verse. Mr. Ramsey also gave a short address on the subject of poetry, which sparkled with keen wit and abounded in the expression of lofty sentiment. His eulogy of Burns was loudly applauded. A reading from Ramsey's poems by Dr. Cormack, of Morriston, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Miss Cameron, of Lucknow, Mr. Pepper and the Messrs. Brown, of Morriston, contributed very acceptably to the musical part of the programme. Mr. McDonald, of Morriston, gave two excellent readings. A recitation by Master Willie Mills, of Carlisle, N.Y., was an interesting and clever effort. A duet by Messrs. Brydon and Strachan, and the singing of the National Anthem, in which the audience loyally joined, brought a most enjoyable and successful entertainment to a close.

The Guelph contingent, the poet Ramsey, Dr. Cormack, and others were then driven to the residence of Mr. Hugh McDiarmid, where they were most hospitably entertained by the host, his lady, and friends. The financial result shows a handsome balance on the right side, which is to be devoted to the improvement of the school library.

**The Crieff News**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup> 1888.**

A tea meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Crieff, on the evening of Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Several talented gentlemen from Guelph, and other places, and also the choir of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, have been engaged so that the entertainment promises to be an excellent one.

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**School Examination at Crieff**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888.**

A very successful examination was held in the Crieff school on Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Notwithstanding the heavy rain which fell, about fifty visitors, among whom were several from neighbouring sections, assembled at the school house and were apparently well pleased with the day's proceedings. The classes were examined by Mr. Ramsey, of Killean, Miss Bryce, of Clyde, Reverend E. Macauley, and Mr. MacKenzie, the teacher of the school.

During the day, a sumptuous repast, provided by the ladies of the section, was done full justice to, and the work of the day otherwise received variation by an occasional selection of vocal or instrumental music by the pupils and some of the visitors.

After the examination proper was brought to a close, Mr. Jas. McNaughton was called to the chair and an interesting programme, of addresses, vocal and instrumental music, et cetera, was given. A few instrumental solos by Miss Leslie and a duet by the Misses Leslie and Cameron were particularly well given. The singing of the national Anthem brought to a close one of the most successful examinations ever held in the school.

## **Crieff Gossip**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> 1890.**

On Wednesday afternoon last, Mr. Wm. McIntosh, a well known resident of Crieff, was married to Miss A. E. Reid, daughter of Mr. Alex Reid, one of Puslinch's oldest settlers, by Reverend Mr. Robertson, M.A. The occasion was a most pleasant one, and the newly married couple have the wishes of many friends for their happiness. Mr. McIntosh and bride have returned from their wedding tour and have started housekeeping on their own account. He has set an admirable example, from which, the young men of the surrounding neighbourhood should copy.

A number of local farmers were in Guelph last Saturday to hear Sir Richard Cartwright's address on Reciprocity. They speak very highly of it, and of Sir Richard's ability as an orator.

Crieff was well represented at the Foresters' concert in Morriston, Friday evening. Reports say that the concert was not a great success but that the dance was very good.

Mr. James McPherson is making rapid preparation for the erection of a new barn in the coming spring.

Miss Katie McIntosh, of Toronto, is visiting friends and relations in this neighbourhood.

Mr. Duncan McDonald has about completed the improvements that he has been making on Mr. James McPherson's residence.

The Morriston pugilists gave an exhibition of their skills in the Queen's Hotel, last Friday evening. Such conduct is highly reprehensible, as the Rockwood correspondent to "The Herald" would say.

We wish to remind the Morriston correspondent that in the future Crieff will look after its own news.

The gobblers in this vicinity have been making an unusual lot of noise lately. There seems to be a dispute among them as to which will occupy the honoured place at the Christmas dinner.

**Crieff Gossip**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup> 1890.**

**Mr. Jas. McPherson had a bee, moving stumps, last Tuesday afternoon. While moving one of the stumps, one of Mr. Francis McDonald's cream horses, so widely known through the country, sprained one of its legs very badly. At last accounts, however, it was improving.**

**Miss Bella McDonald, of Galt, is visiting her relatives in the Gore.**

**Miss Katie McIntosh has returned to Toronto.**

**Last Monday evening, a prayer meeting was held by Messrs. Stewart and McQueen at Mr. Elliot's residence in the Gore.**

**Mr. John Ogg, of Guelph, has been buying turnips and potatoes from the farmers in this vicinity. He intends shipping them to Uncle Sam's dominions.**

**Is there any more talk of getting up another surprise party to the Second?**

**What has become of the Killean correspondent; has he gotten married too?**

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**The Crieff News**  
**December 30<sup>th</sup> 1890.**

**On the 12th of this month, Mr. John Reid met with a very painful accident. One of his horses had got its foot over the halter strap with which it was tied, and when Mr. Reid was trying to bring the foot back, the horse fell against him, crushing him against the side of the stall and breaking his shoulder bone.**

**On Tuesday last, Mr. John E. McPherson, while pulling down hay for his horse, fell through the hatchery, and his arm, striking against the ladder, it was broken, about two inches above the elbow.**

**Dr. Howitt attended to both cases and the patients are doing as well as could be expected.**

**Quite a number from this vicinity were out at the Christmas tree in Morriston on Wednesday night. Some of the children clubbed together and a democrat load of them took in the sights**

that evening. They speak very highly of the entertainment, although they were overlooked when the presents were being distributed.

Mr. Robert Scott, having just completed a new stable, is making preparations for the erection of a machine shed.

Misses Lizzie and Jennie Walden, of Paris, are visiting at Mr. John Patterson's.

The late spell of warm weather seems to have revived Killean's interesting correspondent.

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper

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## **Crieff Gossip**

### **January 28<sup>th</sup> 1891.**

The gossip was unavoidably detained last week, and I hope that the readers of The Mercury will excuse my neglect.

A meeting was held in the church on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of organizing a choir. The first practice took place in the schoolhouse last Saturday evening, and is said to have been very well attended. Mr. W. McCormick is the leader.

Some of the young ladies in the vicinity are thinking of going to "The Ambitious City", where they intend to spend the coming summer.

Miss Bella McPherson, who for some time has been a resident of Hamilton, has returned to Crieff, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

A number of the Crieffites attended the stereopticon entertainment in Duff's Church last Thursday evening, and were highly pleased with it. It is reported that the same entertainment will be held in the Crieff Church on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

Last Friday, Mr. John McDiarmid had a bee, sawing wood, and as they did not finish it that day, the same crowd assembled on Monday afternoon, when they succeeded in completing the work.

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**Crieff Gossip**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891.**

Our snow has almost disappeared and the roads are covered with a continual sheet of ice. Owing to the rain, the choir did not practice, as usual, on Saturday night.

One of our most popular young ladies, Miss Jessie McAllister, intends leaving us this week for the vicinity of Guelph. We wish her every success.

Today, a number of the neighbours have assembled to assist Mr. Alex McPherson, sawing wood. We are pleased to announce that Mr. C. Henderson, who has been suffering from a bad cold, has entirely recovered.

On account of the sickness of our pastor, Reverend Mr. Robertson, the pulpits of East and West Puslinch Churches were occupied on Sunday by Mr. W. M. Kannawin.

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**Crieff Gossip**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup> 1891.**

The reason for "The Gossip" not appearing in the last issue of The Mercury was not, this time, due to my neglect, it having been sent in at the usual time.

A private meeting of the Conservatives of this division was held in Crieff, last Friday evening. Every stratagem will, no doubt, be used to lessen the Reform majority.

The Public examinations took place in our schools last Friday, and as the weather was very favourable, a large crowd of interested people assembled to judge of the progress made by the children during the past year. The teachers from other sections who took part in the examining were Misses H. McLean and M. McLelland and Messrs. J. McDonald, McEachern, J. J. Walters, and S. Charlton. The speeches at the close were very interesting, and special praise was given to the scholars for their conduct during the day.

The stereopticon entertainment in the church next Thursday evening promises to be a great success. Those who saw the views when exhibited in Duff's Church, speak of them as being highly interesting and instructive.

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## **The Crieff Gossip**

**August 25th 1891.**

**The Morriston correspondent will be pleased to learn that the Crieff correspondent has recovered consciousness and will again endeavour to give the readers of the Mercury a slight idea of what has occurred in this vicinity during the past few weeks.**

**The recent rains have considerably delayed the farmers in harvesting of their peas and oats.**

**Threshing machines are heard on every hand, and reports say that the grain is turning out well.**

**We are pleased to record that Miss Jessie McAllister has about altogether recovered from her late spell of sickness.**

**Our teacher, Mr. W. M. Kannawin, has returned from holidays, and the small boy again wends his way to school.**

**Miss Bella McDonald left home last week, for Hamilton, where she intends remaining for some time.**

**During holidays, the appearance of our school was greatly improved by the erection of a very neat fence around the premises. Mr. John McMillan was the contractor.**

**Mr. Charles Becker, of the Crieff Public School, succeeded in taking a third-class certificate at the recent examinations. Miss Maggie McPherson, of the same school, was successful in passing the examination for entrance to the High School.**

**Mr. Allan Stewart has gone to spend a few weeks with relatives in the great Northwest.**

**Mr. Wm. McAllister left last week on a visit to friends in Scotland.**

**Mr. Wm. McIntosh has purchased the property previously owned by Mr. Henry Reid and will move thereto about the beginning of next year.**



**Mr. Henry Reid has purchased the McPherson property of two hundred acres in the neighbourhood of Glen Morris.**

**The weekly prayer meetings in this vicinity are being very well attended.**

**The eldership of the Crieff Presbyterian Church was lately increased by the addition of three new members. On Sunday, the 19th of July, the following gentlemen were ordained to fulfill the duties of that important office: Messrs. Wm. McAllister, John McAninch, and John Martin.**

**The Killean correspondent must be undoubtedly in a trance.**

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## **The Crieff Gossip**

### **December 15th 1891.**

**Last Tuesday night, the members and friends of the Crieff Sabbath School assembled at the home of Mr. Robert Scott, and in the course of the evening, Miss Jessie McAllister and Miss Mary J. Reid, on behalf of the Sabbath School, presented Mr. Kannawin, the Superintendent, with a handsome shaving set and watch chain. There were over sixty young people present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.**

**Mr. Alexander McPherson, who went out to the Northwest in August, has returned. He speaks very highly of the country and intends going back in the spring.**

**Alexander McLean had a shooting match on Wednesday to get rid of his flock of goslings. One or two went to Morriston, but the rest stopped in the neighbourhood. Perhaps, the Morriston sportsmen will have better luck at Mr. Stuart's shooting match, which comes off on Wednesday.**

**The dance at Botany Bay was a grand success, they all say, a large crowd being present and good music furnished by the four or five fiddlers present.**

**Great preparations are being made for the concert on the night of the 22nd. It is hoped that it will be a success. It is to be held in the schoolhouse, and as the exams come off that day, it will make a good windup to the day's amusement.**

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## **The Crieff Gossip**

**April 4th 1893.**

In spite of the bad roads, there was a good turnout at the examination on Thursday. The teachers present were Mr. Jas. McDonald, and Miss Bond, of Morrision, and Mr. Cooper, from the 3rd Concession, some others that were asked, not putting in an appearance. The ladies, as usual, did their duty in the way of eatables, providing an ample luncheon, to which all did justice. About four o' clock, the examining of classes stopped, and Mr. Dan McNaughton took the chair. He gave a short address, complimenting the teacher, Mr. John McDonald, on the progress of the scholars, and also on the excellent order maintained by them during the day, and comparing favourably the present system of education, with the old. Short addresses were then given by the trustees, Messrs. Roszell, McRobbie, and Cowan, the visiting teachers, Messrs. McDonald and Cooper, and by Mr. McAninch, Mr. Bulmer, Mr. D. Stewart, and Mr. Angus McPherson, after which, votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and to the ladies, and the proceedings closed with all singing "God Save the Queen".

Our new neighbour, Mr. Hollinger, has now got all his property in shape, and is waiting patiently for the spring work to commence.

Mr. J. McDonald, the teacher here, is spending his Easter holiday with his friends in Alton.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**August 22nd 1893.**

**Successful Picnic at Crieff** — Those who patronized the picnic in the Crieff grove on Friday afternoon and evening of last week enjoyed a pleasant time, but owing to the shower early in the afternoon the match between the married men and the football team did not come

off, which was more than made up for at night. Music, with dancing was an attractive feature, and they kept it up until about two o'clock in the morning, when all went to their respective homes, well satisfied with the entertainment. The music was provided by the Ramsey brothers, Gore of Puslinch, near Clyde. Refreshments, abundant in quantity and excellent in quality, were supplied to all.

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### **Concert at Crieff December 5<sup>th</sup> 1895.**

Mr. R. J. Stewart and Mr. R. H. Brydon, with the Guelph Glee Club, assisted by the McCaig and Ramsay string band and Dr. Howitt, of Morriston, gave one of the best entertainments ever given in Crieff on Wednesday night. Reverend Mr. Robertson, of Morriston, filled the chair. He is, without doubt, one of the best chairmen for any of these meetings one can have. Throughout, the program was a success, but special mention should be made of the numbers given by the Stewart family. The boys are wonderful players as they perform on so many different instruments. The music furnished by the Guelph Glee Club and by the string band was much enjoyed, and also the readings by Dr. Howitt and the recitations by the different local talent. The schoolhouse was packed, about forty being there from Guelph. Mrs. C. W. Morton, of Guelph, played the accompaniments in a tasteful manner. Messrs. Stewart and Brydon deserve great credits for all the arrangements.

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### **The Crieff Village News December 30<sup>th</sup> 1895.**

We were pleased to hear that one of our most estimable young ladies, Miss Jennie Reid, celebrated Christmas Day by becoming united to Mr. John McNaughton, of Schaw. We tender the young couple our hearty congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hollinger, of New York State, are visiting friends in the vicinity.

Mr. Dan McConnac (possibly McCormick or McConnell) is making extensive preparations for a new barn, to be erected next summer.

**Dr. Becker, of Port Elgin, spent Sunday with relatives in Crieff.**

**The many friends of Mrs. McPhee, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital for some time, will be sorry to hear that she died on Friday last, and was buried in Guelph on Sunday.**

**A meeting of the ratepayers of the section was held in the schoolhouse on Thursday, the 26th. Mr. John McRobbie was re-elected for a third term as school trustee.**

**This being nomination day, there will probably be a good turnout in Aberfoyle, as it is rumoured that there is likely to be considerable new blood in our next Council.**

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## **The Crieff News**

### **January 7th 1896.**

**Notwithstanding the severe cold, a goodly number of voters here turned out to express their opinions, by means of the ballot, as to who should and who should not represent us in municipal matters. We congratulate the two old Crieff boys who have been successful, our worthy Reeve, Mr. Allan Stewart, returned by acclamation, and Mr. Angus McPherson, now residing on the 3rd Concession, elected Councillor by a good majority, we believe.**

**On Friday night, a number of his friends from the 3rd and 4th Concessions and Clyde took William Bond by "surprise", and we hear had a very good time.**

**Mr. David McLaren, of Marlette, Michigan, has been over for a short time with friends in Crieff and Badenoch.**

**Miss Mary J. Reid, of Glenmorris, is visiting in the neighbourhood.**

**Messrs. Angus and Duncan McDonald, of Lucknow, are calling on their numerous relatives in this vicinity, but will be leaving on Saturday.**

**We are now waiting to see what steps our Council will take towards opening up that sideroad, west between Lots 20 and 21.**

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**Crieff News**  
**May 25<sup>th</sup> 1896.**

**Mr. Jas. Armstrong, of Crieff, spent his holidays with friends and relatives in Marden.**

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**The News from Crieff**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899.**

**A very pleasant affair took place at the residence of Mr. John McAninch, Puslinch, near Crieff, on Monday evening last, when about 100 friends and relations of Mar. Hugh McAninch, eldest son of John McAninch, gathered to bid him farewell on the eve of his departure to Manitoba, where he will reside.**

**Mr. Allan Stewart, Warden of Wellington County, was elected chairman. After a short but pleasant address, Mr. Stewart called upon Mr. Armstrong, teacher at Crieff, to read an address signed on behalf of friends of J. Scott and D. Stewart. At the proper time in the address, Mr. Hugh McAninch was presented with a beautiful fur coat. He was taken fully by surprise but made a very feeling reply, thanking his many friends for the beautiful and useful present that they had so kindly given him. He said that he was always pleased to be with them, and would not soon forget the pleasant times spent with them. He hoped that any of them that might come to Manitoba would come and see him in his new home where he would be pleased to meet them. Mr. Armstrong and others made short addresses on behalf of Mr. McAninch.**

**After supper, a social time was spent in games and dancing, and music by Messrs. Hobson, Anderson, and others. Mr. D. Stewart and John Scott Junior, who were appointed a committee, deserve credit for doing their part in right good style. The tables, managed by Miss Lizzie Stewart, were elegant.**

**Mr. McAninch left Guelph on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>. He took with him horses, grain, et cetera, and intends to be in time to choose a farm for himself to work this summer.**

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## **Concert at Crieff December 18<sup>th</sup> 1902.**

### **Good Audience Entertained with Fine Music and Addresses**

**A concert was held in the Crieff schoolhouse on December 12<sup>th</sup>. A bountiful supper was served from seven to eight o' clock, which, as usual, indicated the hospitality of Crieff.**

**After the tea had been served, the audience spent a very agreeable evening in listening to a programme that had been provided. The Reverend Mr. Robertson acted as chairman in his usual jocular manner. The Morriston choir rendered excellent music and the Scotch songs of Miss Renwick, of Kirkwall, certainly were a treat to her audience. Several dialogues and recitations were given by some of the scholars and young people of the neighbourhood.**

**Mr. McLaren, of Strabane, gave a very interesting and lengthy address to the young people who were present. By referring to the economy displayed by present manufacturing establishments with regard to their by-products, he encouraged the young people to make good use of their time and to store up knowledge for their future use.**

**Mr. McQueen, of Kirkwall, also gave an address of encouragement to the boys and girls. The Reverend Mr. McKenzie gave a brief but interesting discourse, emphasizing that honesty and truthfulness were two indispensable features in the characters of the boy and girl who will make a success in life.**

**The entertainment was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.**

## **May Build New Church**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 1903.**

The Presbyterians in the lower end of Puslinch have under contemplation the erection of a new church to support the one at Crieff. Friday night, about forty of those interested met at the residence of Mrs. Paddock and discussed the question, ex-Warden Stewart in the chair. It seems that the church at Crieff is somewhat out of repair, and that it is not central enough for the congregation. The proposition is to build a church on the site of the old original church, on the John Paddock farm, on the First Concession, opposite Mr. John Scott's farm, and about 2½ miles west of the present church at Crieff. Committees were appointed to take the matter in hand. The meeting was adjourned until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month, when a meeting will be held in Crieff to discuss the matter with the Presbyterians there. There is every prospect, at present, that the new church will be built.

**The Hespeler Herald newspaper**

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## **The Crieff News**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> 1906.**

We regret to learn that Miss Maggie McNaughton has been confined to bed with a slight attack of diphtheria. The place has been quarantined. She is progressing favourably.

At the meeting of the church people last Friday it was decided to shingle, repair the ceiling, and paint and remodel the pulpit of Knox Church.

At the home of Mr. Patterson, a large number of people gathered on Friday evening and spent the night in a very sociable way.

Miss Philips, of Hamilton, is renewing acquaintances there.

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**The News from Crieff  
April 24th 1906.**

**Sunday School Reorganization & Election of Officers — News Notes**

**Reorganization of the Crieff Sabbath School took place last Sunday. The following are the teachers and officers for the ensuing year:**

**Superintendent: Mr. John Montin (possibly Martin)  
Assistant Supt. & Bible Class teacher: Mr. John McAninch  
Organist: Miss Ida McDiarmid  
Assistant organist: Miss Edith McIntosh  
Boys' class: Mr. Jas. Hollinger  
Girls' class: Miss Aggie Grey  
Infant class: Misses Jeannie McPherson & Elizabeth McPherson**

**Mr. John Blake had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last Friday. The horse, some how or other, got tangled in the harness and fell, breaking its leg.**

**Mr. Frank Patterson and Miss Mary McCormick left recently to take up work in Galt.**

**Miss Margaret Stewart left on Monday to resume her studies at Guelph Collegiate Institute.**

**Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> 1906.**

The congregational meeting held in the church last Tuesday night was well attended. It was decided to wait until the outside work was done before the committee, authorized to look after inside work, should begin their work, and if they should then see fit, they were justified in purchasing new pews.

Reverend Mr. Bradley, of Berlin, will preach here next Sabbath afternoon, and the following Monday evening will deliver an address in the church on Presbyterianism.

Mrs. McLaren, of Michigan, has for the past few days been visiting at her son's, Mr. Archibald Scott.

Miss Kate Hollinger returned home last Saturday after a month's visit with relatives in Niagara.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 1906.**

As yesterday broke beautifully clear and the prospects for good weather being favourable, Messrs. Donald Stewart and Wm. Easten began the work of renovating the church. If nothing comes in the way, the repairing of the roof will be completed by the end of the week.

Miss Kate McIntosh, of Hamilton, is visiting her parents.

A number of the neighbouring farmers, with their teams, gathered to assist Mr. Hollinger with his seeding on Monday.

A very successful meeting of the Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held on Thursday last.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 1906.**

Messrs. Wm. Easten and Donald Stewart, who superintended the work at the church last week, left the roof in good condition. The men named are to be congratulated, along with a great number of the neighbours, who liberally turned out to help on the work.

Reverend Mr. Beese, of Morriston, occupied the pulpit here last Sabbath in the absence of Reverend Mr. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Broomfield, of Galt, paid a visit to Mr. John Cameron, recently. Mr. John McAninch Junior, of Armstrong's Mills, is visiting his parents. Messrs. M. Hollinger and McDonald are spending a few days with Mr. J. Hollinger.

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## **The Crieff News**

**July 31<sup>st</sup> 1906.**

Miss Mary McCormick, of Paris, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Angus McCormick, of Crieff.

Mrs. Ford and her three children, of Niagara, are visiting with her father, Mr. J. Hollinger, of Crieff.

Mr. Nelson McAninch, of St. Catharines, is home to his father's, Mr. John McAninch's.

The Puslinch Council of the Royal Templars held an open meeting last Tuesday night, for the purpose of re-organizing their lodge, and to give any person the opportunity to join, if they so desired. The lodge was only organized last Christmas and it now has a membership of thirty-four, which is a good showing, considering that Puslinch is a largely Highland Scotch settlement. The meeting was attended by a large number from the Galt Lodge, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A heavy rainstorm, accompanied by hail and lightning, passed over here last Friday, and did a great deal of damage. Mr. Thos. Paddock has his barn struck and totally destroyed. Besides the barn, the fire burned twenty-four loads of hay, a new binder, and also a seed drill, plough, and a few young pigs.

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**The News from Crieff**  
**August 21<sup>st</sup> 1906.**

**Mr. Angus Stewart had the misfortune to fall and break his arm last week.**

**The young people of Crieff purpose taking a picnic to Puslinch lake on Thursday afternoon. The necessary affairs have been arranged for by committees and a very enjoyable time is expected.**

**During the summer holidays, the outside of the school was painted, which improves its appearance very much.**

**Mrs. McKenzie, of Kansas, was renewing acquaintances here last week, after an absence of about twenty years. She enjoyed herself very much and was much pleased to meet some of her old friends again.**

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**The News from Crieff**  
**October 9<sup>th</sup> 1906.**

**Mr. John McGeachy has been busy for some time, tearing down and clearing away the old foundation of his barn, and is now making preparations for the building of the new foundation. Mr. McGeachy intends building the stonework this fall, but will complete the framework next spring.**

**Reverend Mr. Robertson preached his farewell sermon to the Crieff congregation last Sabbath. His sermon was one that will leave a lasting impression on the minds of this congregation.**

**The Crieff News**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup> 1906.**

**Mr. Jos. Clark, of Lily Oak, who has been for the past two weeks visiting relatives here, left for his home, last Saturday.**

**Mr. Jas. Halden, of Brantford, is visiting his uncle, Mr. Jno. Patterson.**

**Dan McDonald has been stumping again this fall, in another field.**

**Mr. Jas. McLean, of Morriston, and his men, commenced today the work of framing Mr. R. McPherson's barn. Last Monday, Mr. McLean commenced building the stonework on Mr. John McGeachy's barn.**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906.**

**Mrs. Philips and Miss Kate, of Hamilton, spent Thursday and Friday visiting relatives here; they left on Saturday for their home. Mr. Garrick, of Sheffield, addressed the Bible class last Sunday afternoon. His address was much appreciated by all.**

**Mr. Jas. Walten, who has been visiting in the village for a short time, left on Saturday for his home in Brantford. Mr. Braidwood, of Galt, spent Sunday with Mr. Clark and family.**

**Mr. Alexander McPherson, of Guelph Township, paid a visit to his relatives here, last week.**

**Many of our young men went out shooting on Thanksgiving Day; one of our sharpshooters was able to aim at a crow on the wing, and from regions unknown, bring down an owl from on high. Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger attended the Erin Show, and report an enjoyable time.**

**Guelph Mercury**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup> 1907.**

**Mr. Donald Stewart met with a very painful accident on Friday. He was leading one horse and had another two running around for exercise, when the one he was leading suddenly wheeled around in play and kicked him in the chest. He has been confined to the house ever since. It is to be hoped that his injuries are not of a dangerous nature.**

**Mrs. K. McLennan, of Guelph, paid a short visit to her mother last week.**

**Miss Lizzie McDiarmid, of Saskatchewan, is visiting her uncle, Mr. John McDiarmid.**

**All regret very much that Mr. Jno. McPhatter and family intend leaving our vicinity, Mr. McPhatter having sold his farm to Mr. James McMillan. Mr. McMillan takes possession in March. We hope, however, for Mr. McPhatter and family's success, in whatever part fortune may select.**

**Mr. Angus McPherson has recovered somewhat from his accident, and is seen again out of the house.**

**Mr. Alex Sim, of Calgary, is visiting his father, Mr. Robert Sim. He intends leaving again for the West in a few days.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1907.**

**Mr. Dan McDonald has the earnest hope of the community for a speedy recovery. He is able to be up again, and if the weather is favourable, will soon be able to be out, although he has been greatly reduced in weight by his illness.**

Many from these parts attended the funeral of the late James McLean, of Morriston, on Sunday.

Mrs. John McAninch has been the victim of a severe cold for some time past.

The measles still seem to be holding their own. Many are still quite sick. The attendance at school has been materially lessened on this account.

Mr. John McGeachy Junior raised the foundation of his barn two weeks ago, and soon will be ready for the raising of the frame work.

Mr. Allan Stewart and his daughter, Miss May, left last Friday evening, after spending a few days visiting relatives and acquaintances in this vicinity.

Miss Kate Hollinger, of Niagara, is visiting her parents.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **May 7<sup>th</sup> 1907.**

All will regret that Mr. John Patterson and family, who have been residents of Crieff for many years, intend moving away soon.

Messrs. Alex and John McLean, of Morriston, completed the carpenter work of Mr. Ronald McPherson's barn this week.

Mr. Dan McDonald is again out of doors, enjoying the fresh air. He and his mother intend moving from the house in Crieff to the one on the farm, this week.

Those who were confined to the house with measles are again around. No further outbreaks have occurred, and it is likely that all danger from this disease will soon vanish.

## **The News from Crieff**

**April 13th 1908.**

**Miss Ellen McPherson has returned home after spending several weeks among friends in Beverly.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Sparks moved to their new home on the McIntosh homestead last week, and we take this opportunity of extending to them a most hearty welcome to our community.**

**We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Katie Stewart, who met with a rather serious accident on Friday last. She is doing very nicely under the circumstances, and we hope that she may soon be among us again.**

**Services were conducted by Mr. Hammond, of Morriston, on the Sabbath, owing to the illness of our pastor.**

**A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. Fred Roszell about a week ago.**

**A number of farmers in this neighbourhood are busy plowing.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 1908.**

**Miss Lizzie McPherson spent last week as the guest of Miss McCormick, of Puslinch Lake. Mrs. D. Kennedy is visiting Mrs. A. McPherson Senior. Miss Katie Hollinger is spending a few weeks at Niagara.**

**The funeral of the late Mrs. Duncan Cameron took place from her son's residence, on Saturday last. Mrs. Cameron was one of the older generation, and after a short period of suffering caused by a paralytic stroke, passed to her rest on Thursday.**

**The marriage of Mr. William Pagett to Miss Currie, of Freelton, was solemnized on Monday last.**

**Mr. Craig, Public School Inspector, paid his semi-annual visit to the school last week.**

**Our baseball team is busy re-organizing for the coming season. They anticipate an unusually brilliant career this summer, the places being filled with none but the best.**

**The Carey Brothers entertained the congregation in the church last Tuesday evening with their famous moving pictures and illustrated songs.**

**Sabbath school re-opens for the summer term this week.**

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## **Crieff Village News**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> 1908.**

**Mrs. D. Wheeler and family, of Freelton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger.**

**Mr. and Mrs. S. Ingram, of Toronto, are visiting at Mr. K. McDonald's.**

**A spirit of gloom seems to pervade the usually genial atmosphere of the village this week; the boys have gone to camp. We are proud of the spirit of patriotism that is displayed by the unusually large number who were brave enough to leave their homes in the wee sma' hours of Monday morning last.**

**The football boys from the 2<sup>nd</sup> gave their annual dance at the home of Mr. Pinkney on Wednesday of last week. A very large number were present and report an excellent time.**

**A most enjoyable dance was given at the home of Mr. James E. McPherson on Friday evening. Many of those who were invited were unable to attend on account of the severe storm in the early part of the evening.**

**We are sorry to report the misfortune that befell Mr. Wm. McAllister last Monday evening, when his team of horses was struck by lightning in the field and instantly killed. No other loss was sustained in our immediate vicinity.**

**Peter McPherson and Lottie McAninch are writing their entrance examinations in Aberfoyle, this week. The young people are holding a picnic to Puslinch Lake on Saturday.**



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**The Crieff News**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup> 1909.**

**The Women's Foreign Missionary Society held its monthly meeting in the vestry, last Thursday afternoon. Miss I. McLellan, of Guelph, addressed the meeting, after which, tea was served.**

**A number from here attended Toronto Exhibition last week.**

**We regret to hear that Mrs. Marjory McDonald is seriously ill.**

**Mr. John Hollinger, of Niagara Falls, spent a few days with his parents here. Miss Jean McPherson has returned after visiting her sister in Clyde. Miss Maud McCormick spent a few days with her mother in Ayr.**

**Wm. Curry and family have moved to the village. Mr. Duncan McDonald spent a few days with friends in Moffat.**

**Miss Edith McIntosh will leave this week for Toronto where she will take up a position as bookkeeper.**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup> 1909.**

**Mr. Ronald McPherson had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week.**

**A number of Crieff people attended the recital at Valens last Friday evening.**

**Miss Margery McDonald is slowly recovering from her recent illness.**

**Mr. Charles Martin and bride have returned after a brief honeymoon to Toronto and other points.**

**A number from here attended the evening service in the G. E. Church on Sunday.**

**Miss McKnight spent Sunday at her home in Kirkwall.**

**Mr. Francis McDonald is building an addition to his house.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Michigan, are visiting their uncle, Mr. A. J. McPherson.**

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**The Crieff News  
March 12th 1910.**

**On Thursday evening of this week, a large number of the friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntyre met at their home to spend the evening with the family before their departure to the West. Mr. Alan Stewart, who was appointed chairman for the evening, briefly explained the cause of their meeting and asked Mr. John McAninch to read the following address:**

**Dear Friends and Neighbours:**

**On this, the eve of your departure from our midst, we, your sincere well-wishers, wherever your lot may be cast, have gathered together to clasp your hands in kindly farewell and to bid you God speed on your approaching journey.**

**We regret that you, who have grown up among us, should thus be called upon to take up your abode in a land so far removed from us, but we trust that it is for your own advancement and truest welfare.**

**As a slight token of our regard for you and yours, and that you may not depart without some small remembrance of us, we beg you to accept this purse.**

**In the new land to which you are about to journey, new ties and friendships will be formed, but we trust that these will not shut out the old, and that you will often remember us in your thoughts. We hope too that on many more occasions we may be permitted to join heart and hand together in friendly meeting, as of old.**

**And now may our good wishes speed you and attend you in the home that you have chosen, and may the hand which has hitherto failed not, lead through long years of happiness and prosperity.**

**Signed,**

**John McAninch, Arch. Scott, & Ronald McPherson.**

**Mr. McIntyre, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the company for their gift, after which, tea was served by the ladies.**

**The W. F. M. S., Women's Foreign Missionary Society, held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Cowan, on Thursday afternoon.**

**We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Isaac Roszell, of Clyde, formerly of this neighbourhood, which took place yesterday afternoon.**

**Mrs. Angus McPherson is visiting friends in Hamilton this week.**

**The Guelph Mercury newspaper**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> 1910.**

**Misses Edith and Gladys McIntosh, of Toronto, are spending Easter with their parents here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh gave a most enjoyable Easter party to the young people of this neighbourhood on Friday evening.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, of Niagara Falls, are visiting relatives here.**

**Mrs. Hurley and her little daughter, of Glencoe, are visiting with Mrs. C. Irwin, sister of Mrs. Hurley.**

**Mrs. John Patterson, of North Bay, is renewing old acquaintances in this neighbourhood.**

**Mrs. D. McCormick and daughters have gone to spend the holidays with friends in Durham.**

**Mr. L. Gregor, of Morriston, is cutting wood in this neighbourhood with his gasoline engine, and seems to be giving good satisfaction.**

**Mr. Matthew Elliott has purchased a fine team of work horses.**

**Some of the farmers in this neighbourhood have commenced plowing.**

**Miss Sylvia and Master Andrew Patterson, of Brantford, are visiting friends in this neighbourhood.**

**Mr. D. McPherson, of Toronto, is visiting relatives here.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1910.**

**Mr. M. Hollinger, of Erin, spent Sunday with his parents here.**

**Miss Victoria Hollinger, of Niagara Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinger.**

**Mr. D. McFarlane has commenced to take down his barn and is making preparations for the construction of a new one.**

**The lime kiln of Christie and Henderson Co. has been remodelled, and Mr. E. Gordier and his staff of men will commence burning lime this week.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1912.**

The warm days are coming at last. Last Thursday night was the first night this spring that was not visited by frost. The sun is working miracles on the snow and it is disappearing very rapidly. The roads are in a dreadful state, neither wheeling nor sleighing being good, although wheels get the greater run now.

Mrs. Fred Arkell was visiting relatives here last week.

A meeting was held in the vestry last week to decide what improvements would be best to beautify the Sunday School.

Mr. Matthew McAninch left on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> for his brother's home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, after a very pleasant farewell party at his home on Monday night. All wish him every success, and regret his departure from this vicinity.

Mr. Gordon Scott, of Sheffield, was visiting his parental home for a week.

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## **The Crieff News**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

We are a little disappointed to have such a hard frost last night after last week's warmth and soft roads, and are also sorry that the robin has to shelter himself in warmer quarters today. The wheat was quite green in spots, but it is hoped that this will not injure it much.

This is maple syrup season, but it is thought that it will be short and it is very few who are tapping this year.

Mr. Robert McPherson is spending his Easter vacation at home.

Mrs. Angus McPherson and her daughter, Marjory, of Guelph, spent Easter with her brothers.

Miss Sharp is spending Easter at her home in Paris.

Despite bad roads, Reverend Mr. Lawrence managed to be present at church to deliver a splendid Easter sermon.

Our Sunday School was re-opened yesterday after being closed during the winter months. It is hoped that there shall be better work done than ever before.

Miss Lottie McAninch returned home on Saturday after spending a few days with her brother in Guelph Township.

Messrs. Allan Stewart and John Cameron are taking advantage of Easter excursions by visiting Dr. Stewart, of Teeswater, and other relatives in Lucknow.

Mrs. Howard, from Niagara Falls, spent Easter with her parents.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **April 15<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

We are having an ideal day today after our first electrical storm of the season, which occurred last night.

Messrs. D. Martin and D. McAllister have taken their sawing outfit into this vicinity and are causing the farmers to hustle in the morning.

The farmers around here are all pretty well supplied with hired help for the summer and are just waiting to commence on the land, and several have started ploughing.

Mr. Angus J. McPherson was very unfortunate in losing a valuable young horse.

Miss Jean McPherson is visiting friends at Clyde.

**The Crieff News**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

**Most of the farmers in this district were fortunate enough to get their harvest in before the last heavy rainfalls.**

**Our school teacher, Miss Ada Sharp, has returned after spending a two month vacation at her home near Paris.**

**Mr. Robert J. McPherson left last week for the West.**

**Miss Mary McKnight, of Kirkwall, spent last week in our vicinity. Her many friends here wish to congratulate her on her splendid success in the examinations at the University of Toronto and wish her continued prosperity when she returns to her work there in October.**

**A number from here attended the Toronto Exhibition last week.**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**October 1st 1912.**

**The weather has taken a turn, there being occasional frosts. Cutting corn and filling silos is the order of the day.**

**Mr. Angus J. McPherson is laid up with a sore foot.**

**Miss Lizzie Stewart is home from a pleasant visit in Galt. Miss Mary Stewart is home for a few days.**

**Mr. Dan Martin had the misfortune of having his team run away last Saturday night. He was drawn over the dashboard, but received no serious injuries.**

**The people of the vicinity intend taking in Aberfoyle Show on Tuesday.**

The five sisters of Mrs. R. Paddock celebrated her birthday at her home on the 26th of September, and all enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and dainty tea.

We are sorry to report Mrs. D. McCormick on the sick list.

The following is the September report of S. S. No. 6. The pupils whose names appear below have obtained 60 per cent on the total and 40 per cent in each subject for the month of September:

Form V – Margaret McPherson.

Senior IV – William McCormick, Walter Scott.

Junior IV – Cassie McCormick, J. Dean Irwin.

Senior III – Bessie McCormick, Helen McCormick, Elizabeth McPherson, Andre Scott.

Junior III – Gracie McAllister.

Junior II – Gracie Kennedy... (Remainder of article is missing.)

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## **The News of Crieff**

### **October 8th 1912.**

Reverend Mr. Mustard, of Toronto, delivered a very impressive sermon at the pre-communion service, last Thursday.

The Misses Charlotte and Jessie McPhatter and little Eva Girard spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. McAninch.

Mr. Peter Gilchrist and daughter, Diveena, attended the communion service on Sunday last.

The thank-offering meeting of the W.F.M.S. will be conducted by Reverend Mr. Blair, of Nassagaweya, on Sunday evening, October 12th, at 7:30. He will also conduct the afternoon service.



## **The Village News from Crieff**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

Many of the people of this district were disappointed with the day of Rockton Show. Many of the farmers who intended showing horses turned them out instead of taking the risk of getting wet, but Mr. Archie McMillan penetrated through the disagreeable day and took home several prizes.

Mr. Dan McMillan has finished the carpenter work of Mr. Jim McPherson's barn, but is busy at smaller jobs around.

Mr. Donkey and men are also making improvements in the neighbourhood.

We are glad to hear that Miss Maude McCormick is recovering from her recent illness.

Both of Reverend Mr. Blair's services were splendid, and all who were there, enjoyed them very much. A very generous collection was taken up for the W.F.M.S. There was a very good attendance at the W.F.M.S. meeting last Thursday at the home of Miss Maggie McRobbie.

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## **The Crieff News**

**October 28<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

Thanksgiving came in very promising to the sportsman, and the hounds can be heard howling, and the report of the rifle is also echoing in this district, in quest of game. Foxes are plentiful around here.

Mr. Allan Stewart and Mr. John Cameron are going away tomorrow on their annual holiday for a few weeks' hunting through Muskoka. We wish them a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Miss Tessie Stewart visited her brother, Dr. Stewart, of Teeswater, and other relatives, over the holiday.

Miss Sharp, of No. 6 School, visited her parental home, in Paris, over Thanksgiving.

**Miss Lottie McAninch went for a two weeks' holiday to her brother's home, Armstrong's Mills.**

**Miss Isabel Stewart spent Sunday at her parental home.**

**Miss Edith McIntosh, of Toronto, was home for a short visit.**

**Mrs. John Gilchrist, from Killean, Mr. Thomas Gilchrist, and Miss Charlotte Gilchrist took in the services at Crieff on Sunday.**

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## **The News from the Village of Crieff**

### **November 12<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

**Most of the farmers have got their roots in, but hope that it will keep open weather for a while longer, as they are behind with their plowing.**

**We are pleased to see our organist, Miss Hattie Munro, back to her position again, after being laid off with a sore arm.**

**Miss Ellen McPherson spent over Sunday at her home.**

**Mr. Fry (Frey) has started his practice again.**

**Miss Lizzie Stewart has returned home from visiting her friend in Teeswater.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **November 18<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

**Dr. Ella Valence, of Saskatchewan, and Mr. Earl Valence, of Valence, visited friends at Crieff, on Sunday. (Valence may be Valens.)**

**Mr. Robert McPherson arrived home on Friday after spending a couple of months in the western provinces.**

**Miss Mary Stewart spent over Sunday at home.**

**Mr. Allan Stewart has also arrived home from his hunting expedition in Muskoka. Although he did not have the luck of some in shooting a deer, he is well pleased with his holiday.**

**Last Thursday afternoon, the W.F.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Sim. A very good attendance was present, but several were detained by the disagreeable day. Delegates were appointed to go to the Convention in Acton on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff November 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

**There was quite a snowstorm here on Sunday afternoon and it looks very much as though winter has set in.**

**A very good attendance was present at the prayer meeting in the church last Wednesday night. Afterwards, a meeting of the congregation was held to decide what improvements should be made on the manse.**

**Miss Lottie McAninch has returned from the W.F.M.S. convention held in Acton.**

**Our Sunday School usually closes at the end of the year, but Reverend Mr. Lawrence has decided to take the Bible class for the winter, which all the young folks appreciate very much. The young folks are also very busy practising for their Christmas tree.**

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## **The News of Crieff December 3rd 1912.**

**The weather has taken a change, it being very wet and soft. Some of the farmers are taking advantage of this soft spell by plowing.**

The season of threshing is nearly at an end. Mr. Dan Martin has just a few barns to visit now. He has had a really busy fall, between threshing and silo filling.

Visitors from Kirkwall attended our service on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lizzie Stewart is visiting friends in Egypt. (This Egypt is in Puslinch.)

Mr. Hollinger, our mail carrier, is having a bee today, getting his winter supply of wood from Mr. Ironside.

There was a meeting after service last Sunday for the appointment of officers for the Bible Class, as follows, Miss Sharp – President, Mr. Walter Cowan – Secretary, Mr. James McPherson – Treasurer, and a committee of four – Miss Cowan, Miss Jean McPherson, Mr. Robert McPherson, and Mr. Robert Mc Robb.

Following is the report of School Section No. 6 for the pupils who obtained 40 per cent, and on an average of 60 per cent.

Fifth Class – Jean McCormick, Maggie McPherson.

Senior Fourth – Willie McCormick.

Senior Third – Bessie McCormick, Maggie Scott, Helen McCormick, Lizzie McPherson, & Andrew Scott.

Junior Third – Gracie McAllister, Donald Stewart

Second – Gracie Kennedy, Jennetta McDonald, Vernie Wheeler, Irene Irvin.

Part Second – \_\_\_\_ Longsway, Donelda Gregor.

\_\_\_\_ Second – Helen Stewart, Angus McDonald, Ros\_\_\_\_ Longsway.

Please note: Some names were not legible.

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## The Village News from Crieff

December 9<sup>th</sup> 1912.

We are having clear, frosty weather accompanied by high winds and flurries of snow.

We extend our sympathy to the friends of the late Mrs. Alexander McPherson, who passed away on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 o' clock.

**Miss Marjory McPherson, of Marden, spent last week visiting friends and relatives of this vicinity.**

**Mr. Bryde, of Harriston, is visiting at the home of Mr. Allan Stewart. He intends taking in Guelph Winter Fair.**

**Our Christmas tree and concert is to be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. All are cordially invited.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

**We are very sorry to know that Miss Sharp, our school teacher, has given her resignation.**

**A number from this vicinity attended the Winter Fair in Guelph and reported it as being a great success.**

**Mr. Alexander McPherson has purchased the farm of Mr. Wm. McIntosh. Mr. McIntosh intends moving to the city.**

**The cold weather in the West has frightened many of the young men home to where they are sure of good shelter.**

**The W.F.M.S. met at the home of Miss Aggie Gray. The delegate who attended the convention at Acton gave the report for the Thursday afternoon.**

**The farmers are not sorry to part with some of their pigeons for the benefit of the shooting match that will take place at Mr. Draper's, Hespeler.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1912.**

**Mrs. Kennedy, of Niagara Falls, is visiting about here at present. Mrs. Clark, of Manitoba, is visiting with relatives here. Miss Bella Stewart is home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Mary Stewart is holidaying at home.**

**Mr. Dan Martin has been busy sawing wood around here this week.**

**A very successful concert was held in the schoolhouse on Thursday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup>. An excellent program, of songs, drills, dialogues, and recitations, was rendered by the young people of the section. The success of the concert reflects great credit on the teacher, Miss Sharp.**

**On Friday evening, December 20<sup>th</sup>, a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. John McAninch, to bid farewell to the school teacher, Miss Sharp, as she has resigned. Mr. Allen Stewart acted as chairman. Mr. Robert McRobbie read an excellent address, and Miss Maggie McPherson presented Miss Sharp with a Kodak. Miss Sharp replied fittingly, thanking the people for their kindness. She will be missed very much, as she took a great interest in everything connected with the section.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

**Mr. John W. Wilkinson, who has been sojourning in the southern States, called on his uncle and aunt, Mr. Marshall and Miss Isabella Ferguson, this week.**

**A pleasant afternoon was spent on Friday week ago, when a number of the parents and friends of the pupils and teacher gathered at our school, where a number of well rendered recitations, dialogues, and Christmas songs were given by the pupils. After the program that they all enjoyed, lunch and cup of tea were provided by the ladies of the section. Those who assisted the teacher, Miss Nesbitt, in waiting on her guests were Miss Isabella Ferguson, Mrs. Henry Fixter, Miss Charlotte Gilchrist, Miss May McCormick, and Miss Devina Gilchrist.**

**Miss Isabella Ferguson was a welcome guest of Mrs. Scott Senior, on Thursday last.**

Your correspondent was pleased to note that at some of the closing exercises in different schools, there were reading, spelling, and mental arithmetic contests, and also an exhibition of the pupils' writing and drawing. The very great benefit derived from such contests is more than we can realize. It gives a great inspiration to the pupil to do his or her best all the way through their work, and makes ambitious pupils, pupils that will try to be a credit to their teachers and their parents and themselves.

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## **The Crieff News**

### **December 30<sup>th</sup> 1912.**

We were afraid that our sleighing was going but by the look of things this morning, it is going to be better than ever.

Crieff is very fortunate in securing Miss Nicholl, from Strabane, as our future school teacher.

There was a sleigh load from here took in the concert at Duff's Church last Friday evening and enjoyed their first sleigh ride this winter very much.

Mr. Alexander McPherson purchased a new horse last week.

We are pleased to have Miss Ella McPherson in our vicinity again. She is spending a week with home friends.

Mr. John Gilchrist and father spent Saturday with the former's sister, Mrs. Angus McCormick.

Mrs. John McGeachy Senior has been ill but is somewhat better of late.

Miss Bessie McCormick is confined to the house with a bad attack of cold, but is recovering.

Mrs. Wheeler's children and little Edith McDonald have also been visited by the cold. It seems as though several of the scholars are taking advantage of their holidays to get over with the cold. It's a very good time to have it.

School meeting was last Thursday. Mr. Fred Roszell's term is out and Mr. Gregor is in his place. Mr. Walter Scott is caretaker for this year.

Reverend Mr. Lawrence had the pleasure of giving several diplomas to scholars in Sunday School, who had won them by repeating correctly 200 Bible verses on the catechism. Three gold seals were won.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **January 13<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

The W.F.M.S. (Women's Foreign Missionary Society) met at the home of Mrs. K. McDonald this afternoon, a splendid attendance being present.

Mrs. A. McPherson and daughter, Emma, of Marden, spent a few days visiting the former's brother and friend. Miss A. Blake and the Misses Taylor, from Aberfoyle, were visiting at the home of Mr. McDiarmid, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McAllister arrived home after spending several days visiting friends and attending the wedding of their cousin, Miss McAllister, of Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond entertained a party of friends and neighbours on Friday evening. A sleigh load from Hespeler was present. They spent the night in playing progressive Euchre and dancing. Miss Jean McPherson won the prize for best player and received a box of writing material in return.

We are all sorry to know that Reverend Mr. Lawrence and family are under a very severe attack of the grip. We sincerely hope that they shall soon be well again.

Mr. J. A. Cockburn took the pastor's place very ably in church on Sunday.

Mrs. K. Cameron is very low at present from an attack of pneumonia. Miss Maggie McPherson is laid up with a cold. Mr. Fred Russell's children are recovering from la grippe.

The annual meeting of the Congregational Church will be held on Wednesday night, January 15<sup>th</sup>.



**The Village News from Crieff**  
**January 20<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The weather is still very changeable, the sleighing being poor.**

**Mr. Archie Fraser has been under a very severe attack of influenza, but we are glad to hear that he is recovering.**

**We are also glad to hear that Reverend Mr. Lawrence is improving, although others will be obliged to fill our pulpit for a few Sundays.**

**Reverend Mr. Hough, of Morriston, occupied the pulpit yesterday and delivered a very good sermon. Mr. Jas. Blake taught the Bible class yesterday, a good attendance being present.**

**All the people here, who were visited by Mr. Grippe, enjoyed his absence better than his presence.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are having really nice, frosty weather at present, although the thermometer has not reached the zero point yet.**

**The first social evening in connection with the Bible Class was held last night in the class room. A very good program was procured by the committee, and the evening was spent very pleasantly. We hope that these social evenings together will be very beneficial to our young people.**

**Mrs. Donald Stewart is laid up with an attack of la grippe.**

**Mr. D. Stewart had the misfortune to have his valuable hound killed by a C.P.R. train lately.**

**Mr. Sandy Stewart, of Qu'Appelle, arrived here on Friday and is visiting his home people at Crieff. Mr. McNaughton, from near the same place, is also visiting his mother.**

**Several people from here took in the Scotch Supper at Kirkwall, and enjoyed the Scotch dishes very much.**

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## **The News from the Village of Crieff**

### **February 11<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The thermometer reached a few points below zero yesterday, that being the coldest that we have had this winter, but it looks as though soft weather is to follow.**

**Mr. Norman Manson returned to his home after spending a couple of weeks at his grandfather's, Mr. J. E. McPherson, helping him to get in his summer's wood.**

**Miss Edith and Gladys McIntosh, from Toronto, spent over Sunday at their parental home.**

**Mrs. Alexander McPherson has a slight touch of la grippe.**

**A skating party is being held tomorrow night at Mr. Ronald McPherson's pond.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **February 17<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are having very nice weather and excellent wheeling, in fact, never better.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stewart entertained a number of young people on Wednesday evening. The fore part of the evening was spent in playing cards and games, after which, lunch was served, and then music and dancing was indulged in. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed, and the host and hostess acted their part splendidly.**

**Miss Isabelle Stewart, of Ayr, spent over Sunday at her parental home.**

**Miss Alice Gordier, of Hamilton, is visiting her parents.**

**Mrs. Martin, of Badenoch, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Donald Stewart. We are also glad to hear that Mrs. Stewart is improving.**

**Reverend Mr. Haugh, of Morriston, conducted the service here, yesterday.**

**The W.F.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Isaac Hobson last Thursday afternoon, there being a splendid meeting, with a good attendance.**

**The wood whackers are making a great stir in Mr. Weir's bush, preparing telephone poles and getting summer wood.**

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## **The Crieff News**

### **February 25<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We all welcome the sleighing back again, and hope that it will stay for some time. We were quite surprised at having a thunderstorm last Saturday.**

**Reverend Mr. Lawrence was able to resume his duties in the church on Sunday, and it is hoped that he shall be able to continue.**

**A second week-night meeting in connection with the Bible Class was held last Monday night, and proved very successful.**

**Several people from here attended the concert down at Valens on Wednesday night.**

**Mr. McMillan and bride, from Hornbay, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick.**

**The Foresters had an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stewart, last night. A few of the neighbours were also present, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.**

## **The Crieff Village News**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We have more snow at present than there has been all winter. It was really stormy on Sunday afternoon and snowed almost continually on Monday.**

**Miss Lizzie Smith, who is teaching at the Lake School, spent over Sunday at her uncle's, Mr. Allan Stewart.**

**Mr. Archie McGeachy, of Valens, had a splendid party last Thursday evening, two sleigh-loads from here being present.**

**Miss Lottie McAninch entertained a few friends on Friday evening.**

**A very good program was given last night at our social evening in connection with the Bible Class. It ended up with a spelling match that was very interesting.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are having our March thaw, which makes the roads very disagreeable.**

**A sleigh-load from here went down to Mr. Wm. Sims' last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in games and dancing, and all went home well pleased with their outing.**

**Mrs. Fred and Nelson Paddock entertained about forty of their friends on Friday evening. Excellent music was given and a delightful dance was enjoyed.**

**The funeral of the late Miss Christie McLean, of Badenoch, took place today, at two o'clock.**

**Mr. John Gilchrist's sale today was very successful. It being an excellent day, many were present.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The lovely, warm weather, which we enjoyed last week, has tempted Mr. Robin back to see us. His cheery song makes people think of spring and its accompanying work.**

**The young people, in connection with the Bible Class, had their usual social evening last night and enjoyed a splendid programme, and were favoured with a lovely, bright night.**

**Our bits of green were not forgotten to be worn yesterday.**

**Mr. Sandy Stewart returned to this vicinity after spending a few weeks with his brother, Mr. Dougal Stewart, of Teeswater.**

**The W.F.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Dan McDonald. The roads being bad, a few were prevented from being there, but a very good attendance was present.**

**Mr. Robert Simm had the misfortune of having his house burned down last Monday afternoon. He is badly burned, but we hope for his speedy recovery under his daughter's care, Miss Mary Simm.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are enjoying lovely weather at present and hope that it will continue fine.**

**Mr. Dan McMillan and gang are busy repairing roofs in the neighbourhood.**

**On Tuesday evening, the young people, to the number of about thirty, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh to bid farewell to their daughter, Clara, on the occasion of her departure to Toronto. Mr. Robert McRobbie was appointed chairman, and called upon Miss Jean Stewart, who read a very feeling address, and at the proper time, Miss Lizzie Scott presented her with a sunburst and chain. Miss McIntosh replied very feelingly, thanking them**

for their kind remembrance and expressing her regret in leaving her many friends and that she would always remember the happy days that she had spent with them. Short speeches were given by Messrs. James Blake, Walter Cowan, and Robert McPherson. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and games. A very enjoyable time was had by all present, departing for their homes in the wee sma' hours.

Mr. John McAninch, of Armstrong's Mills, spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. Allan Stewart is improving slowly from his recent illness.

The meeting of the W.F.M.S. (Women's Foreign Missionary Service) met at the home of Mrs. G. Scott on Thursday. The attendance was small on account of the rain.

Several of the neighbours were at a plowing bee at Mr. George McPherson's last week.

The meeting in connection with the B.C. (Bible Class) is to be held tonight.

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## **The Crieff News**

### **April 21<sup>st</sup> 1913.**

We are still enjoying lovely weather, although an electrical storm passed over on Friday evening.

The farmers around here are busy with the seeding. Several have already sown.

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

### **April 30<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

We had a continuous rain from Saturday afternoon until yesterday afternoon, which has freshened things up greatly. Fall wheat in these parts is very promising.

Considerable damage was done by last Tuesday's storm, although nothing nearby.

Mrs. Ervin's (or possibly Irvin's or Irwin's) and Alexander McPherson's barns have undergone improvements, and look quite reliable for holding more good harvests. The McMillan framers are now busy building a new barn for Mr. White, below Galt.

Mr. Allan Stewart's recovery from recent illness is slow. Mr. John McGreury is with him at present to help with the seeding, which has been sorely neglected.

Mr. Donald McGeachy is at Mr. Donald McCormick's at present, suffering from a severe attack of illness.

The Misses Maggie and Lizzie McPherson are recovering from sore throat.

Mr. James McPherson is also on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hood, of Sheffield, spent over Sunday at her parental home, Mr. James McPherson's.

Miss Lizzie Stewart spent a week visiting friends in Egypt and Beverly.

Mr. Ronald McPherson disposed of a team of horses last week.

The Y.P.S. (Young People's Society) met in the vestry last night for the last time this season. A programme was given, and finished off with lunch and tea.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

The weather of last week was almost perfect and brought out almost all of the small fruit trees into blossom. A few farmers in the vicinity have finished seeding while others are still busy at it.

Miss M. Shamburn is at Mrs. Grace Paddock's at present. Mr. Hugh Ross is visiting friends in Beverly.

Mrs. John McAninch is visiting her son, John, at Armstrong's Mills.

**The sick people of last week's report have all much recovered.**

**Anniversary services shall be held in Knox Church, Crieff, on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are still having frosts in the mornings, but it looks brighter during the day. Friday night's storm did considerable damage, the wind being worse than the electric part of it. Several trees were overturned and the Misses Gray had their barn damaged. However, the splendid shower helped things along, and did good.**

**Reverend Mr. Menzie, of Vancouver, gave a very pleasing discourse on Western missions, last Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McAninch spent over Sunday with the former's parents and sisters.**

**Miss Katie McPherson is visiting her cousin, Miss Kate McCormick, Puslinch Lake.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The frosts of last week must have severely hurt the fruit tree blossoms. It has also been dry until last night, when there was a pleasant shower.**

**The meeting of the W.F.M.S. was held at Mrs. D. McAllister's last Thursday afternoon, a very good attendance being present.**

**Miss Gracie McAllister and Mr. Wm. McCormick have had a severe attack of sore throat.**



**Mr. J. Day, of Armstrong's Mills, spent a few days visiting Muskoka friends in this vicinity.**

**Mr. Sandie McPherson, of Guelph Township, visited over Sunday with his sisters and brothers here.**

**Mrs. Wilson and Mr. McLaren and daughter visited over Sunday with Mr. Angus McPherson and family.**

**The church managers had a meeting last night, and Mr. Chisholm fills the position of caretaker for the coming year.**

**We had the pleasure of hearing Reverend J. D. Morrow, of Dale Church, Toronto, at our communion service on Sunday.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Knox Church, Crieff.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**This vicinity is enjoying very pleasant weather this last week, although a little cool sometimes. We have been favoured with a few lovely warm showers of late.**

**A splendid attendance was present at both morning and evening services, at our anniversary, yesterday. The pastor who conducted both services was Reverend J. McDonald, of Waterloo, who taught school here about twenty-two years ago. Everyone was glad to hear him and see him again.**

**Miss Lizzie Stewart is visiting friends in Galt.**

**Recent frosts have certainly done much damage, and have given tender buds and blades a great setback, but, although bad, it would have been worse if the hot sun had shone on the frozen parts, instead of the continued coolness. The damage throughout the country is not so bad, as at first anticipated. Currants, gooseberries, and other small fruits are nicely formed, while much rhubarb is ruined. The lilac has been frozen while in bud and may never reach the stage of being in full bloom.**

## **The Village News from Crieff**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The weather still keeps cool and the lower parts are still being visited by frosts. The farmers are busy preparing their root ground and several have their potatoes planted.**

**The 24<sup>th</sup> of May passed away quietly. A number of young people took in the ball game that was played at Mr. Roy Coburn's, Valence (Valens).**

**Mr. and Mrs. Howard, from Niagara, are visiting her parental home and friends.**

**The telephone line was completed here on Friday last.**

**Mrs. Angus and Peter McPherson visited friends in Guelph Township, over Victoria Day.**

**The framers are busy with Mr. Archie McMillan's barn, Killean.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The weather is keeping dry; the threatening showers seem to be blown by with wind.**

**Mrs. Dan Marks and D. McAllister have secured a great supply of water at Mrs. Liza McCormick's.**

**Mrs. Wm. McAllister goes with her daughter to Niagara to spend some time.**

**Mr. F. Delafield and Miss McPatten, from Clyde, spent over Sunday at the latter's sister's, Mrs. J. McAninch. Mrs. J. McPherson is visiting her daughters in Beverly.**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> of June passed quietly, a few attending the games in Aberfoyle.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 1913**

**The splendid rain was very much welcomed here on Monday morning, which we hope has broken the weather so that it shall not be so hard to rain in the future.**

**The grader has been in use on the sideroad between Lots 21-22, also in front of Mr. A. Fraser's. The farmers are busy at their statute labour.**

**One of our popular young ladies, Miss Ellen McPherson, left Puslinch this morning for Whitewood, Saskatchewan. We are sorry to lose her, and the best of good wishes will accompany her from this vicinity.**

**Miss Annie McPherson, of Marden, is spending a few weeks with her aunts and uncles here.**

**Miss Wismer is visiting her friend, Miss Hattie Munroe.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Long and family have come up from Toronto to spend the summer at the Misses McIntosh's recent home.**

**Miss Lottie McAninch had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Nesbitt, of Killean, school teacher, and Miss N. Nicol, Crieff, school teacher, on Thursday evening.**

**The young people of this vicinity had a splendid picnic to Puslinch Lake yesterday, and were favoured with lovely weather.**

**The W.F.M.S. met at the home of Mr. J. M. McAninch on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Lawrence was present and gave some splendid ideas on the work and constant necessity of missions.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1913.**

We are enjoying lovely weather, and it has been so favourable for haying. Farmers are well pleased with getting it in, in such good shape. Most all the wheat and rye is cut and is of splendid quality, much better than it has been for some years. The raspberries are a good crop and people are doing their best to keep them from spoiling.

A most delightful picnic was held at Puslinch Lake on Friday afternoon, from Puslinch, and Beverly also enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Dr. Baker, from Toronto, motored out to see his old home and friends in Crieff, this week. All were pleased to see him again.

We were pleased to see Mr. J. Patterson, an old neighbour in our vicinity, on Sunday last.

Miss Maggie Smith, from College Heights, spent a few days visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Miss M. Nichol spent a few days in her S.S. (School Section) here last week.

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## **The Crieff News**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

The weather is exceedingly hot and dry at present, the land being very much in need of rain.

Miss Emma McPherson, of Marden, is visiting her aunts and uncles in the vicinity.

Mrs. Hugh Ross and children are the guests of Mr. Sim.

A car load from Arthur motored to Mr. Hollinger's yesterday.

Mr. Dan McMillan and gang left for Ayr this morning where they have commenced another barn.

**Mr. Dan McDonald had the misfortune to have two colts go through a shed floor when let out for a drink. They went into the barn instead of going to the water trough and got through into a shed, in connection with the barn. They may have been hurt very badly, but got off wonderfully well.**

**Mrs. Gilbert McAllister has another baby girl, July 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **The News of Crieff**

**August 4th 1913.**

**The weather still keeps very hot and dry. A few farmers have finished harvest. The buzz of the threshing machine can be heard in this vicinity these mornings.**

**The railroad surveyors are busy surveying the C.P.R. for a double track, with intentions of having it built from Toronto to Galt this fall.**

**The air has been polluted with the smoke from fires along the railroad. Several fires have started, burning large pieces of fences and swamp.**

**We are glad to know that Mrs. A. Chisholm is recovering from her serious attack of quinsy, also, Jim Scott, from sore throat, and Mrs. Hollinger, from her illness.**

**Miss Norma Taylor, of Guelph, is visiting Miss M. McDiarmid.**

**Miss A. McIntosh is visiting friends in this vicinity.**

**Mr. A. J. McPherson set up a fine new windmill today.**

**A few from here intend taking in the Kirkwall lawn social this afternoon and evening.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**August 12<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are enjoying lovely weather now, it being much cooler than what we have had lately. A very severe electric storm passed over here Saturday night, but no damage was done.**

**The Misses McConnell and Robert Scott spent over Sunday at their parental homes. They came up from Burlington where they work for the power line.**

**Mr. J. S. McPherson had the misfortune to lose a valuable calf in a spring, it being crowded while drinking, and went under before help could arrive.**

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## **The News of Crieff**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**We are having nice cool weather at present, had frost this morning and a lovely rain on Friday.**

**Friends from this vicinity are attending the funeral of Dr. Dougal Stewart, of Teeswater.**

**We are glad to know that Mrs. R. Munroe is recovering from recent illness.**

**The last meeting of the W.F.M.S. (Women's Foreign Missionary Service) was held at the home of Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**The women of this congregation have also quilted four quilts for missions, which will be sent away this weekend.**

**Reverend Mr. Crouser, of Guelph, conducted the service here, yesterday.**

## **The Crieff News**

### **September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1913.**

**We are having nice weather, accompanied by occasional showers of rain. The farmers are busy sowing fall wheat and some are preparing rye ground.**

**A few people from this vicinity are attending Toronto fall fair.**

**Mr. James McCaig, of Vancouver, was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Bond and Mr. McAninch, last week.**

**Mrs. Tufford and Miss Cassie and Mrs. Angus M. Husson, of Guelph, were visiting relatives in the neighbourhood, last Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Mrs. Martin and Mrs. T. McAllister and children spent last week with Mr. D. McAllister.**

**The school bells can be heard for quite a distance this morning. Miss Jane McCormick has also commenced Guelph school.**

**Miss Grace McAllister is under another attack of tonsilitis.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **September 10<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**Mrs. Alex Mitchell from Thomas, New Ontario, is visiting her parental home and relatives here.**

**A very fine new furnace was set in our school last week. Jack Frost shall not be admitted this winter.**

**Mr. A. J. McPherson has been on the sick list.**

**A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart on September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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**The Village of Crieff News**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup> 1913.**

**The weather has taken a turn and looks very much like winter yesterday and today, but we certainly have had a splendid fall for all kinds of outdoor work.**

**Mrs. J. McLarty, of Toronto, is at her sister's, Mrs. Mary McCarrick's home, with a very serious sore hand. It started from a small scratch but blood poison has set in.**

**We are glad to know that Mr. Jas. E. McPherson is recovering from his recent illness.**

**The young folks here are busy preparing for the Christmas tree and concert, which is to be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>. A very good program is being provided. Miss Nichol, from Strabane, will be elocutionist, and Reverend Mr. Lawrence, chairman.**

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**Teacher Required**  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1914.**

**For School Section No. 6, Puslinch, Wellington County, second-class certificate, duties to commence after holidays. Apply, stating salary, et cetera, to Robert J. McPherson, R. R. No. 2, Puslinch.**

**from the Globe & Mail newspaper.**



## **The Crieff News**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 1915.**

**The last two or three rains have done wonders in forwarding the growth of hay and grains. Everything looks very promising.**

**The people around here have been making great improvements to the roads.**

**Mrs. Jas. McPherson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Manson, of Clyde.**

**Four of our fourth class pupils are trying their entrance exams at Aberfoyle.**

**Our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. A. Scott, and delegates Misses Lee Scott and Lottie McAninch, and Mr. R. J. McPherson, all attended the convention at Ellis's Church on Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>. They report having a pleasant time, enjoying good music, speeches, and an excellent repast.**

**Anniversary services will be conducted in Knox Church, Crieff, on June 27<sup>th</sup>, services being held at 10:45 forenoon, and 7:30 evening, Reverend R. Dodds, of Rockwood, occupying the pulpit. The Tuesday following, June 29<sup>th</sup>, a lawn social and concert will be held on the beautiful lawn of the residence of Mrs. Fred and Nelson Paddocks. Baseball and other games will be played in the afternoon, supper being served from 6 o' clock to 8. All are cordially invited.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**On June 29<sup>th</sup>, "Bridewater", the lovely home of Messrs. Fred and Nelson Paddock, was the scene of joyous festivity when the congregation of Knox Church, Puslinch, held its annual garden party on their beautiful lawn.**

**In the afternoon, from two o' clock until six, various sports were indulged in, the principal one, however, being the game of baseball, which was played by the teams of Kirkwall, Morriston, and Clyde, and they certainly did credit to themselves, Kirkwall taking first place, Morriston, second, while Clyde came third.**

**Rain threatened all afternoon, but much to the joy of the many spectators, it did not come. After the ball game, tea was announced, and a delicious supper, which was served by the**

ladies of the congregation, was partaken of by the many guests present. The tables were set under the trees and were decorated with flowers.

In the evening, the crowd gathered on the spacious lawn, and all had the pleasure of hearing a very good program, which consisted of comic songs, music, et cetera, rendered by Cronk's Orchestra, of Guelph, also speeches from Dr. Charlton and Mr. J. Struthers, of Galt, while Mr. R. McRobbie gave a reading. Mr. Lawrence, the pastor, proved a very efficient chairman, and also favoured the crowd with an address. The booth, which was situated under a clump of trees, was an object of interest to the children.

The evening came to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, after which, the crowd, headed by Mr. Lawrence, gave three rousing cheers for "Paddocks and the old home".

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## **The Crieff News**

### **September 27<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

Rally Day was observed in Knox Church on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>. In spite of the rather unfavourable weather, most of the children were there.

Many of the farmers are busy cutting their corn. Mr. Fred Roszell was in the neighbourhood with his corn binder.

Mr. Robert McPherson has returned to Toronto to resume his studies at the university.

Mr. James McPherson has sold his farm for a very good price to Mr. Reid, of Flamboro.

Mr. Angus McPherson is remodelling his house.

Miss Abbie McIntosh returned to Toronto after spending a few days with friends in Crieff.

Mr. D. McAllister is roofing Mr. H. Fixter's silo.

## **The News from Crieff**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Mr. James McPherson Senior passed away on Saturday afternoon. His funeral, which was held today, was largely attended by a wide circle of friends and neighbours.**

**Mr. Clark, of Strabane, filled the pulpit of Knox Church on Sunday, in the absence of Mr. Lawrence.**

**Last week's correspondence announced that Mr. James McPherson had sold his farm. The item should have read that Mr. Alex had, instead of Mr. James McPherson.**

**Many from this vicinity intend taking in the Aberfoyle Fair on Tuesday.**

**Mr. George and Andy McConnell returned from the West on Friday.**

**Mr. James Raddick called on old friends and neighbours last week.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**While filling silos on Friday last, Mr. Dan Martin had the misfortune to have the fingers of his right hand taken off. He was taken to the Galt General Hospital.**

**Miss Margaret McDiarmid, Miss J. McCormick, Miss C. McKay, and Mr. Dean Irwin, of Guelph High School, visited at their homes over the holiday.**

**Mr. Robert Scott, of Paris, spent the holiday at his home here.**

**Many from this vicinity took in Aberfoyle Fair on Tuesday.**

**Mr. Noble Chisholm, for his general purpose team, and Jas. Scott, for his driver, carried off some of the prizes.**

**Miss Wills spent the holiday at her home in Mitchell.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915.**

**The threshing machine is in the neighbourhood this week.**

**Dr. Grant, of Toronto, preached a very interesting sermon on Sunday last.**

**Mr. Robert Scott, of Toronto, was at his home here on Sunday.**

**Miss Margaretta Ellis, of Marlette, Michigan, is visiting relatives here.**

**Mr. Ronald McPherson entertained at his home last Friday evening, about fifty young people, in honour of his niece, Miss Ellis, of Michigan.**

**Mr. James McPherson erected a new driving shed last week.**

**The many friends of Mr. Joe McConnell, who has been suffering with typhoid fever, will be pleased to hear that he is improving.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Mr. Robert McPherson, of Toronto, spent Sunday at his home here. Miss Marjorie McPherson, of Guelph, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Cameron.**

**We are pleased to hear that Mr. Dean Irwin is able to resume his studies after his recent illness. Mr. James McCaig is helping Mr. A. McPherson to get ready for his sale on November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mrs. T. Paddock and little daughter, Edna, returned from a very pleasant visit with her mother and brother in the West.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

### **November 16<sup>th</sup> 1915.**

**Mr. A. McPherson's sale on November 11<sup>th</sup> came off very successfully, everything going to its full value, under the management of Mr. J. McDonald, auctioneer.**

**Private D. Manson, of Guelph, visited relatives over Sunday, also Lance Corporal B. Tardiff, of Guelph.**

**Mr. R. McConnell, of Dundas, spent Sunday at his home.**

**Mr. J. Cameron and A. Stewart returned from a hunting trip among the tall timbers and report a very good time, but rather poor success.**

**A number of the friends and neighbours met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McPhedron to bid them goodbye and present them with a couch and chair.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **March 15<sup>th</sup> 1916.**

**We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Reid, who has been under the doctor's care, is getting around again.**

**Mr. R. McIntyre and Messrs. E. McPherson and A. McIntyre left for Whitewood, Saskatchewan, on Saturday last.**

**While out driving on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Russell Kearns had the misfortune to have his driver's leg badly cut.**

**Mr. Noble Chisholm has rented the late Mr. H. McIntyre farm.**

**Our mail carrier, Mr. Hollinger, is to be congratulated on getting around every day last week, though the roads were almost impassable.**

**Wedding bells will soon be heard in Morriston.**

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## **The Crieff News**

### **March 5<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chisholm, the Gore, Puslinch, was the scene of a quiet wedding on February 28<sup>th</sup>, when their eldest daughter, Jean, was married to Mr. Howitt Stewart, second son of Mr. John Stewart, of Beverly. They left for a trip to Niagara Falls and other points. Mr. Stewart has taken over his father's farm and the young couple will settle on the old Stewart home.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **August 21<sup>st</sup> 1917.**

**Harvest is in full swing and the weather is favourable.**

**The Misses Tufford, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with Miss Jean McPherson.**

**Reverend Mr. and Mrs. W. Kennawin and babe motored up from Toronto and spent a few days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott. Mr. Kennawin preached two interesting sermons on Sunday afternoon and evening.**

**Mr. and Mrs. E. Kearns and Mrs. Kearns, of Burlington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid.**

**Threshing has started in this vicinity for another season.**

**Sergeant G. McKay has been helping with the harvest, but has been ordered overseas, and expects to leave soon.**

**Quite a number from here took in the picnic to the lake on Tuesday last.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Corbett and Mr. and Miss Ellis, of Ingersoll, visited at the home of Ronald over the weekend.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**August 29<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**Miss Grace Dawson, of Guelph, is visiting Miss C. McKay.**

**Miss Leona and Marjorie Hollinger, of Niagara, returned home after spending a couple of weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger.**

**Miss E. Taylor, of Guelph, spent a few days last week as the guest of Miss Margaret McDiarmid.**

**Mr. Delmar Wheeler, of Hamilton, is home for a few days.**

**Mr. Charles McConnell and Miss Hood were quietly married on Wednesday last.**

**Mr. Robert McConnell has returned home from the Guelph hospital, recovering from his recent accident.**

**An airplane passed over the village at about seven o' clock this morning.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> 1917.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Reid visited at Burlington over the weekend. Quite a number from here are taking in the Toronto Exhibition.**

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox, of Hamilton, spent the holiday at Mr. Dan McDonald's. Miss Grace Stewart gave a delightful birthday party for her little cousins on Thursday last.**

**Mrs. McAllister and her niece, Miss T. Gordon, of Ottawa, are visiting at Niagara Falls. Miss Kate McPherson left for Indian Head, Saskatchewan, to visit her sister, Mrs. Clark.**

**Quite a severe electrical storm passed over on Sunday morning, with a heavy rain.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**October 23rd 1917.**

**An auxiliary branch of the Puslinch Red Cross Society was organized at Crieff on Monday evening of last week. The following officers were elected:**

**President: Mrs. Wheeler.**

**Vice-President: Mrs. A. McPherson.**

**Secretary: Miss W. Tennant.**

**Treasurer: Miss L. Scott.**

**This makes the third auxiliary branch that has been organized during the past year.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 1918.**

**The weather seems most unsuitable for Christmas and New Year's.**

**The Sunday School closed last Sunday, for the winter months, owing to the severity of the weather.**

**Miss Jane McCormick, of London Normal, and the Misses Christina McKay and Grace McMillan, of Hamilton Normal, are spending the vacation at their homes here.**

**Miss Margaret McPherson, of Guelph, is at home for the holidays.**

**Miss Marion Currie, of London, is visiting Miss Jane McCormick.**

**Miss Mina Edwards, of Durham, is visiting Miss Clara Nelson.**

**Mr. Robert Scott spent the holidays at home.**

**Miss Tena McMillan, of Morriston, gave a party on Christmas night in honour of her friend, Miss Wickle, of Harriston.**

**About forty of the young people enjoyed the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick on Friday evening last.**

**The Community Life meeting is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Blake, on Wednesday night.**

**The annual meeting of Knox Church will be held on Thursday night, January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1919.**

**The annual meeting of Knox Church was held on Wednesday afternoon, of last week. The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. took place at the home of Mrs. Angus McPherson, on Thursday afternoon.**

**A large number attended the funeral of the late Mr. Daniel Martin, which took place last Tuesday afternoon.**

**We are glad to know that Mr. James Scott is able to be at work again. We are sorry to report that Mr(s). Charles McLean is under the doctor's care at present.**

**Messrs. A. McAllister and M. McCormick, of Erin, returned home last week after visiting friends here.**

**Miss E. Scott went to Galt today, where she will begin work immediately.**

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**The Crieff News  
February 11<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**Mrs. Wm. Bond visited in Hamilton last week.**

**Miss Elizabeth McPherson spent Sunday in Guelph.**

**At a meeting in the schoolhouse here, last Thursday night, for the purpose of organizing a farmers' club, Messrs. J. A. Cockburn, T. Mahon, and H. Hohenadel were the chief speakers. The following officers were appointed: President – Mr. A. Stewart, Vice-President – Mr. Jas. Blake, Secretary-Treasurer – Mr. Fred Roszell.**

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**The Crieff News  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**Miss Margaret McPherson commenced her duties last Wednesday at Mr. C. C. Borden's, Guelph.**

**Mr. Ronald McPherson, who was visiting friends here, returned to his home in Michigan last week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart entertained about forty of their friends and neighbours at a fowl supper on Tuesday evening of last week. After supper, dancing and playing cards were indulged in. The party broke up at an early hour, all having spent a very enjoyable time.**

**Mr. Chas. McLean has gone to Branchton to work in the saw mill there.**

**The W.F.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. A. Scott, last Thursday afternoon, quite a large number being present.**

**We are sorry to report that Mr. Blair McPhatter is on the sick list.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

### **April 9<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**The sap has stopped running, owing to the warm weather that we have been having.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allan and Miss Margaret McPherson, of Guelph, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

**Mr. Robert Scott spent the weekend visiting friends in Galt.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell, of Dorchester, are visiting friends here.**

**Another of our soldiers, Sapper Archie McLean arrived home on Wednesday of last week.**

**The Sunday School, after having been closed for the past three months, re-opened on Sunday last, under the splendid management of Mr. A. Scott and Mr. R. McRobbie.**

**Mr. Vernie Wheeler has accepted a position at Acton.**

**We are glad to know that Miss Jennie McPherson is home from the hospital, and is doing nicely.**

**The Crieff News**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup> 1919.**

**Congratulations to Miss Donelda Gregor, who has been successful in passing her entrance examinations.**

**Mr. Barnes, of Galt, occupied the pulpit here on Sunday last.**

**Mrs. E. Allan and Miss Margaret McPherson, of Guelph, spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McPherson.**

**Miss Jennie McPherson has returned home, after visiting friends in Hamilton.**

**Mrs. M. McCormick, of Welland, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. D. McCormick, returned home on Monday.**

**Reverend and Mrs. John MacKenzie motored over from their home in Bellington, West Virginia, and arrived here on Friday. They will spend a few weeks on their farm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leishman and family, of Paris, and Miss Davina Gilchrist and Mr. H. Cameron, of Guelph, and Mrs. A. Thompson, of Chilliwack Valley, B.C., visited at Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormick's, on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald and daughter, Wilhelmina, visited friends in Acton, on Sunday.**

**Miss Donelda Gregor is spending a few days with Miss Elliott, in Badenoch.**

**Miss Bessie Barber, of Guelph, and Miss Edith Steele, of Galt, are visiting at Mr. Thomas Paddock's.**

## **The Crieff News**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

**On Friday evening, Miss Jeanetta McDonald entertained a large number of her friends. A sumptuous lunch was served. Music and dancing were indulged in till the wee sma' hours.**

**Last Sunday being Mothers' Day, the service by our pastor, Reverend Mr. Woods, and the special music by the married people of the congregation were much appreciated.**

**Miss Maggie McPherson and Miss Clara Nelson visited at the home of Mr. Dave McNaughton, over Sunday.**

**The U.F.O., The United Farmers of Ontario, held their monthly meeting on Thursday last. A large number of the farmers are through seeding and are now waiting for "Old Sol" to do his part.**

**The regular meeting of the Guild (possibly the Young People's Guild) was held last Tuesday, with a good attendance.**

**The Women's Sewing Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Roszell, last Wednesday afternoon. The Women's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Duncan McAllister on Tuesday of this week, with a good attendance.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

**The regular meeting of the Young People's Guild was held last Tuesday night, with a very large attendance. The program for the evening was a debate on the Income Tax. Miss Jane McCormick and Miss Lee Scott were for the Income Tax and Mr. James Blake and Mr. George McKay, against. The ladies won the debate, which was enjoyed by all.**

**Mr. Gordon McKay has purchased a Ford car.**

**We are sorry to learn that Miss Jean McPherson is on the sick list.**

**Puslinch and Crieff ball teams had their first game on Saturday evening, Puslinch being the winner.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup> 1920.**

**Vernie Wheeler visited his grandparents over Sunday.**

**Fire completely destroyed the home of Duncan McAllister, on Tuesday last. They are now residing on Main Street, Crieff.**

**Mrs. McLaren is visiting for a few days at Archie Scott's. Bob Scott spent the weekend with his parents.**

**A piano has been purchased for Crieff School.**

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**The News of Crieff**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

**The funeral of Miss Jean McPherson was held on Wednesday last. She will be sadly missed by her relatives and many friends.**

**Anniversary services will be held in Knox Church, Crieff, next Sunday. On Monday evening, a lawn social will be held at the home of Mr. Fred Roszell. Ball games will be played in the afternoon.**

**Mrs. Wheeler, of Acton, and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Hollinger, of Niagara Falls, are visiting relatives at Crieff.**

## **The Crieff News**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

**The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. A. McCormick, on Tuesday afternoon, August 10<sup>th</sup>. A good attendance was present.**

**A number from here attended the raising and dance at Mr. Donald McMillan's, Morriston, on Friday last; all reported having a good time.**

**Mrs. Milloe, (perhaps Milloy) of Toronto, and Mrs. Broomfield, of Galt, spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Allan Stewart.**

**Miss Ida Stewart has returned home after spending a few days with friends in Dundas.**

**The Misses Mary and Jean Stewart, of Galt, are spending their holidays at their home, 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession..**

**Miss Lizzie McPherson and Mr. Archie McLean spent Sunday in Galt.**

**Mr. Blair McPhatter has commenced the season's threshing. The Farmers' Club is holding its annual picnic to Puslinch Lake on August 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### **"Kind o' Unanimous Like"**

**One of our popular young men informs us that George McKay told him that Jack McFarlane told him that Andy Scott told Donald Stewart that Bob McRobbie declares point blank that what Scott said his brother Bob informed him that Russell Kearns said plump and plain that Archie Mclean thought Willie McCormick said that Bob McConnell heard that there was no doubt, whatever, that Angus McDonald overheard Gordon McAllister telling Elmer Bailey at a baseball game that Fred Paddock said that it was a matter of fact and great public interest that his brother Nelson believed that Willie Stewart said that his old friend, Jack McCaig, told Jack McKay that Walter Fielding heard Jim McGeachy mention at the Crieff Corner that Jim McCaig thought that Oswald McMillan told Dan McMillan, one day while farming, that he heard at a dance at the Lake, that Russell McCaig said confidentially to Jack Patterson that he knew without a doubt, and that they were all convinced that batching was not what it was cracked up to be, and that there was a remedy for it, and that the girls were not helping the situation much, although it was leap year. — Jeff.**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**November 24<sup>th</sup> 1920.**

**A successful box social and concert were held at Crieff School on Friday night. The proceeds were for the purchase of a piano for the school.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allan have moved to a farm near Guelph.**

**The hunters have returned from the north. Mr. Donald Stewart was the only one who got a deer.**

**Quite a number of the farmers are getting their threshing done.**

**Mr. Duncan McAllister is busy getting out timber to build a new house.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup> 1922.**

**Visitors in this vicinity over the holiday were Miss Winnie Tennant, of Galt, Miss Margaret McPherson, of Guelph, Mr. Thos. McDonald and Mr. D. Perry, of Toronto, and Mr. Robert Scott, of Hamilton.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister spent the weekend with friends in Flamborough Centre.**

**Miss Jennetta McDonald visited friends in Guelph.**

**Mr. and Mrs. W. Kinnaird and Miss Nellie McPherson spent Sunday with friends in Galt.**



A number of young people attended a Hallowe'en party at the home of Miss Gertie Heiler, all reporting a good time.

The weather for the past week has been ideal for the farmers, who are gathering in their root crops.

Wedding bells are ringing in the community this week.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **January 19<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

The U.F.O. spent a social evening at the school house on Friday night. The program for the evening was as follows: Speech – Alfred Reid, violin solo – Duncan McAllister, recitation – Kenneth McDonald, solo – William Bailey, speech – Mr. A. Purnell, solo – Mrs. Plumtree, speech – Reverend Mr. Woods, recitation – George Schultz, speech – Mr. J. Ord, song – Mr. Plumtree, speech – T. Mahoney. A most pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing “God Save the King”. The ladies all came with their baskets of good things to eat, and all report an enjoyable time.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **February 5<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

The friends of Mrs. Stewart are very glad to hear that she is recovering from her late illness.

Miss Grace McAllister is home for a few days on account of her mother's illness.

Miss Jennetta McDonald has returned home form Hamilton.

**Knox Church singing class is progressing wonderfully under Mrs. Gregor's careful teaching.**

**Mrs. Manson, of Toronto, is visiting with her mother, who is ill.**

**Mr. Lachlan McLean has returned home again. Mr. James Scott is home from Galt. Mr. and Mrs. Shortridge and daughter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPherson.**

**The sewing circle met at the home of Mrs. Angus McCormick on Tuesday afternoon, with a very large attendance.**

**The farmers are busy getting in their winter's wood, with very favourable weather.**

**Mr. Russell Kearns and Mr. Geo. McKay attended the Morriston dance and report having a good time.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. Duncan McAllister and Mr. Bert Tardiff are spending the weekend with friends at Niagara Falls. Mr. R. McRobbie, Mr. A. McLean, and the Misses McCormick visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maine, of Preston, last week.**

**Mr. Robert Scott spent the weekend under the parental roof. We are all pleased to hear that Miss Mary Stewart is recovering from her illness.**

**Mr. J. A. McPherson and family are recovering from the flu. Miss Grace McAllister is returning home from Galt, on Tuesday.**

**Mr. Angus McDonald, of Toronto, is spending the weekend with his brother, Mr. Dan McDonald. We are glad to hear that Miss Lizzie McPherson has recovered from her recent illness.**

**The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Archie Scott, last week. There was not such a large attendance at the singing class, last Thursday evening, on account of so much sickness.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**The marriage took place quietly at the manse on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, of Miss Jennetta McDonald, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald to Mr. Robert Hunter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, of Valens. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Stuart Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter left on a short honeymoon trip, and on their return, they will reside on the groom's farm at Valens. Both the bride and the groom are popularly known in this community, and their many friends join in wishing them many years of happy wedded life.**

**Miss Ellen McPherson spent a few days with friends in Galt last week.**

**Our new assessor, Mr. Wilson Robson, is on his yearly rounds.**

**Miss Winnie Tennant, of Galt, spent the weekend at her home.**

**Miss Margaret Scott has returned home from Galt, after spending the last three months with her grandmother, Mrs. McLaren.**

**Mr. James Scott has returned to Galt.**

**Mrs. John Hood is spending a few days with her mother.**

**All are sorry to hear that Mrs. James Blake is under the doctor's care. A speedy recovery is looked for.**

**The Farmers' Club met on Thursday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to discuss business matters.**

**Mr. Donald Stewart spent Sunday in Galt.**

**Mr. Bert Tardiff and Mr. R. Kerns journeyed to Hamilton, last Saturday.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. Bert Tardroff (or perhaps Tardiff) has returned to his home in New Ontario, after spending a few weeks with friends here.**

**Mr. McDonald conducted a very successful auction sale for Mr. George McKay on Friday of last week.**

**Miss Jean McCormick, of Milton, is spending her Easter vacation at her home here.**

**Miss Grace McAllister has returned to Galt after spending a month at home.**

**Miss Cassie Tufford, of Hamilton, is spending a few days with Miss Ellen McPherson.**

**Miss Catharine Munroe, of Hamilton, is spending the weekend with her sister, Mrs. James A. McPherson.**

**Miss Margaret McPherson, of Guelph, is home for her Easter holidays.**

**Mr. Alex Priest, of Burford, is visiting friends in this vicinity, over the holiday.**

**Miss Cassie McCormick left for Guelph, last week.**

**Miss Iduna McDonnell, who underwent a serious operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, is improving favourably.**

**Miss Esther Kubbie (or perhaps Kubbe) spent Sunday with her parents here.**

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## **Crieff News**

**April 14th 1923.**

**The death of Miss Agnes Gray came as a great shock to her many friends. Although she had been in poor health for some time, her death was quite unexpected. She was a member of Crieff Church and a faithful Sunday School teacher, as long as health permitted her. The funeral, which took place to Crieff Cemetery, was conducted by Reverend Stuart Woods. The**

**pallbearers were James Blake, Edward McGeachy, Kenneth McDonald, Robert McRobbie, William Sim, and Percy Harbottle.**

**Miss Winnie Tennant spent the weekend at her home here.**

**Mr. Angus McPherson met with an accident last Sunday evening, having two of his ribs broken.**

**On account of the weather being so bad, the farmers forgot to come to the meeting on Thursday evening, only one farmer being present.**

**The wood sawers were very busy in this vicinity last week. Mr. Jacob Crowder finished the wood piles on Saturday.**

**The Sunday School of Knox Church, Crieff, opened with a good attendance, after being closed for three months.**

**Quite a number from here attended Mr. Wilson's clearing sale. He is giving up storekeeping in Morriston.**

**Miss Jean McCormick has returned to her school at Milton.**

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## **The Crieff Village News**

**July 24th 1923.**

**Miss Winnie Tennant is home from Galt.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James McNaughton, of Edmonton, Alberta, are visiting relatives and friends at Crieff, this week.**

**Miss Flora McMillan, of Galt, is spending a month with relatives here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack and daughter, Clara, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jack motored from Durham and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.**

**Miss Bessie Gardiner, of Rockwood, spent a week with friends here.**

**Mr. Walter Scott, of Detroit, spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott.**

**Mr. George McKay left last week for Niagara Falls, where he has secured a good position.**

**The death occurred in Galt hospital on Thursday last of the late Mr. John McCormick, of Killean. The deceased had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected. The funeral took place from his late residence, on Sunday afternoon, to Killean Cemetery. The pallbearers were Percy Harbottle, Alex McLean, John MacLean, Angus McPherson, A. Scott, and Joseph Gilchrist. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved sisters and brothers.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**July 31<sup>st</sup> 1923.**

**A large crowd attended the baseball tournament in Mr. Scott's field and the garden party on Mr. Kubbe's lawn, on Wednesday last. The winners of the baseball were Kirkwall boys' team and the Mountsberg girls' team. A splendid program was put on in the evening by the Orpheus entertainers, of Galt.**

**Reverend and Mrs. John McKenzie, of Elkins, West Virginia, are holidaying at their summer home in Puslinch.**

**Master Herbert Pass, of Guelph, is spending his vacation at Mrs. J. Stewart's.**

**Mrs. P. Moynehan and family, of Toronto, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPherson.**

**Miss Mary H. Stewart is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Badenoch.**

**Miss Katie McIntosh, of Toronto, is paying a visit to Crieff friends.**

**Mrs. McGregor spent the weekend with friends at Elora. Mrs. A. Paddock and family, of Galt, spent the weekend with friends here.**

**While Reverend Mr. Woods is absent on his vacation, Reverend Mr. John McKenzie will conduct services in Knox Church for the first three Sundays in August, the last Sabbath service being conducted by Reverend Mr. McKerracher, of Waterloo.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **August 13<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James McNaughton left last week for their home in Edmonton, Alberta, after spending a month with friends and relatives here.**

**Mrs. McLaren, of Galt, is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. Arch. Scott, for a couple of weeks.**

**Miss Catharine Munroe, of Hamilton, is spending a week with friends here.**

**Mrs. Burto is much improved in health and is able to be home from the hospital again.**

**Miss Grace Priest spent a few days last week with friends in Burford and Paris.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maine and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Elliott and little son, of Preston, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. MacPherson, one day last week.**

**Miss Cassie McCormick, of Guelph, spent Sunday last with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick.**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Hancock and little daughter, Louise, of Galt, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister.**

**Miss Clarabelle Nelson spent the weekend with friends in Hamilton.**

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**Mr. Frank Livingston, of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Joseph Lauder, of Davenport, Colorado, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.**

**Mrs. Wheeler Senior, of Vancouver, British Columbia, called on friends in this vicinity, last week.**

**Miss Jean McCormick spent the weekend with friends at Zimmerman.**

**Mrs. Charles Gregor is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Michigan.**

**Mrs. Donald Stewart is spending a week at Brampton.**

**Mr. Lochie McLean left for the West on Friday last.**

**Miss Isabel Smith, of Guelph, spent the weekend with Miss Margaret McPherson.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Adam Douglas and little daughter, of Galt, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.**

**Mrs. Duncan McAllister is spending a few days in Galt.**

**Quite a number from Crieff attended the dance, held in the Valens Schoolhouse, on Tuesday evening last, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPherson spent Sunday with friends at Valens.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns and Mr. Charles Gregor and family motored to Grimsby, on Sunday.**

**Mr. Thomas McDonald spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.**

**Reverend Mr. McKerracher, of Waterdown, conducted the services in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon.**

**The funeral of the late James Cook took place on Sunday afternoon, from the residence of Mr. Alex Ramsay, to Killean Cemetery.**



**The Village News from Crieff  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. James Scott, Detroit, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Scott.**

**Miss Grace McAllister spent Thursday in Toronto.**

**Mrs. McCaskell has returned to her home in Hamilton, after spending a couple of months with friends here.**

**Mrs. John Hood, of Sheffield, is visiting with her brother, Mr. Angus D. Macpherson.**

**Mr. Jacob Crowder is spending a few days in Hamilton.**

**School re-opens on Tuesday with Mr. Alex Fleming, of Corwhin, as teacher.**

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**The News from Crieff  
September 11<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Mrs. Fred Roszell spent a week in Toronto.**

**Messrs. Andrew Scott and Donald Stewart attended Toronto Exhibition on Wednesday.**

**Mrs. McGregor and Miss Beatrice Bond spent a few in Toronto last week.**

**Mrs. James Nelson is spending a few days in Badenoch.**

**Mr. Charles Gregor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns, and Mrs. Angus McPherson motored to Toronto on Wednesday.**

**Miss Helen McCormick is spending a couple of weeks in London.**

**Mrs. Priest, of Paris, spent last week with friends in this vicinity.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maine, of Preston, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McLean.**

**The Sunday School picnic was held in Mr. McRobbie's bush, on Saturday afternoon. An afternoon of sports was indulged in, a splendid supper being provided by the ladies, and all were delighted with their outing.**

**Mr. Donald Hanning and family, of Badenoch, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff September 18<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Miss Grace McAllister is spending a few days in Galt.**

**Miss Cassie McCormick and Mrs. Kennedy and family, of Guelph, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick.**

**Miss Grace Priest is spending a week with friends in Burford.**

**The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Angus McCormick, on Tuesday afternoon. A good attendance was present.**

**Mrs. Martha Young, of Hespeler, is spending a few days with Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

**Thomas McDonald, of Toronto, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.**

**Miss Mary H. Stewart spent Thursday in Hamilton.**

**Miss Jean Roszell is spending a few weeks with her uncle, J. J. McAninch, of Guelph Township.**

**Alex Priest, of Burford, spent the weekend with friends here.**

**Miss Annie Tennant is spending a few days with friends at Weston.**

**Miss Catharine Munroe, of Hamilton, spent a few days last week with relatives in this vicinity.**

**Mrs. McAllister Senior has returned home after spending the summer months with her daughter at Niagara Falls.**

**The girls' baseball team of Valens entertained the Valens and Crieff young people to a corn and wiener roast at Kenneth McDonald's on Saturday evening. Games were played around the fire, everybody taking part, and all doing justice to the corn, wieners, rolls, cake, coffee, and marshmallows, which were excellent. The gathering broke up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "For he's a jolly good fellow".**

**Miss Clara Nelson is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Dave McNaughton.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Silo filling is the order of the day.**

**Miss Edith MacDonald and Miss Edna Stewart and Messrs. Alex Fleming, Donald Stewart, Gordon Gregor, and Fraser MacDonnell attended the school fair, which was held at Rockton, on Tuesday last.**

**Congratulations to the Valens team for carrying off the diploma in sock judging, with Donald Stewart as coacher.**

**Miss Abbie McIntosh returned home after spending a week in Galt where she attended the McIntosh-Irwin wedding.**

**Early on Tuesday morning, Ed Warren was awakened to see smoke oozing from his barn. The flames gained such rapid headway that it was impossible to save the building from destruction. Mr. Warren's loss will be considerable as his summer crop is lost. Part is covered by insurance.**

**Mr. and Mrs. C. Eaton and little daughters, Alice and Evelyn, spent Sunday with friends at Crieff.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Currie, of St. Catharines, called on friends in this vicinity, last week.**

**Miss Cassie McCormick, of Guelph, visited at the home of her parents over the weekend.**

**Miss Clarabelle Nelson has left for Galt.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reed (perhaps Reid) spent Sunday with friends at Carlisle.**

**Master Gordon Gregor had the misfortune to fall from a tree while playing and is injured rather seriously.**

**The service in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon was conducted by the Reverend Mr. Woods. In the evening, an eloquent address was delivered by Mrs. (Reverend) Hammitt, of Morriston, on missionary work in China, under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. Several trinkets and costumes from China were displayed.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wedge, of Kirkwall, called on friends in this vicinity last week.**

**Mrs. Duncan McAllister and Miss Ellen J. McPherson spent Tuesday with Badenoch friends.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rockwood.**

**Mr. McGregor Stewart is home from Badenoch, where he was helping his uncle to harvest his corn crop.**

**We are glad to know that Master Gordon Gregor is improving as favourably as can be expected. We hope that he will soon be able to be around again.**

A most happy and interesting event took place in Kirkwall Presbyterian Church on Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> , at 11 o' clock, when Miss Mary Gillespie McKnight, B.A., was united in marriage to the Reverend Gordon Melvin, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Walkerville, Ontario. The ceremony was performed by Reverend George Atkinson, pastor of the church, and Miss Carrie Riddle played the wedding march. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father and looked very charming in a French gown of grey canton crêpe, beaded with crystal, with grey hat and shoes to match. The church was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and asters. After a happy luncheon party at the bride's home, Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Melvin took the afternoon train for Algonquin Park, where they will spend a week, and afterwards, take up their residence in Walkerville. The bride travelled in a cape costume of navy poiret twill, with feathered hat. Mrs. Melvin's many Crieff friends join in wishing them a long, happy, and prosperous wedded life.

Miss Gracie and Mr. Gordon McAllister spent Sunday with Miss Lila McFarlane, of Corwhin.

Miss Carrie Andrews is the guest of Miss Christina McKay, this weekend.

Miss Mary Helen Stewart left on Monday for Hamilton, where she will attend the Normal School there.

Mrs. Keefer, of Toronto, is visiting for a few days with Mrs. Duncan McAllister.

Miss Tena McMillan is spending the weekend with her cousin, Mrs. W. Winer, of Morriston.

Prayer service will be held on Friday evening of this week at Mrs. Arch. McMillan's home, and the following Monday evening at Mr. William Sims'.

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## **The Crieff Village News**

**October 11th 1923.**

Quite a large crowd attended the fall fair, held at Aberfoyle, on Wednesday last, where a good showing of exhibits was displayed.

Mrs. Angus A. McPherson, her daughter, Mrs. William Leslie, and her little son, Angus, of Guelph Township, were visitors with Crieff friends recently.

Rally Day service was held in Knox Church, on Sunday September 30th. Reverend Mr. Woods addressed the congregation, taking for his subject, "Growth". A large attendance was present.

Miss Mary McMillan left for Galt on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Angus McCormick is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Starmar, of Burlington.

Miss Grace McAllister left on Monday last for Galt, to resume her duties for the winter.

Did our farmers forget the club meeting on Thursday evening last? Just three members were present.

The funeral of the late Miss Margaret McMillan took place from the home of Mr. Walter Elliott, on Wednesday afternoon, to Killean Cemetery. The deceased was in her 94th year. The pallbearers were Messrs. James Nelson, Archibald McGeachy, Edward McGeachy, Roderick Munroe, Andrew Scott, and Walter Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Scott spent Sunday in Galt.

Reverend Mr. Cassmore conducted the service in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **October 16<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

The Women's Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Tennant on Tuesday afternoon last, with a large attendance.

Miss Catharine Munroe, of Hamilton, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. James A. McPherson.

Mrs. Wesley Maine, of Preston, spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McLean.

**Mrs. Manson, of Toronto, is spending a few days with Miss Ellen J. and Angus D. McPherson.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Hollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krotch and two children, of Niagara Falls, New York, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinger, recently.**

**Wedding bells are ringing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession this week.**

**Miss Margaret C. McPherson spent the weekend with Guelph friends.**

**Several from Crieff attended the fall fair at Rockton on Wednesday last and report a splendid showing. The day was perfect and a large crowd was in attendance.**

**Prayer service was held at William Sims' home on Monday evening last.**

**James A. McPherson had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week. It had thrown itself in the stall and was unable to get free.**

**Reverend Mr. Booth, of Belleville, conducted services in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon.**

**Walter Scott, of Detroit, spent the weekend under the parental roof.**

**Alex Priest, of Burford, called on Crieff friends this week.**

**Thomas McDonald, of Toronto, spent the weekend at home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. C. Eaton and little daughters, Alice and Evelyn, of Carlisle, and Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, of Hamilton, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reid.**

**Miss Helen Stewart, of Hamilton, spent the weekend at home.**

**George Ainslie is home from the West.**

**Dave Philips, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Atchison and family, of Hamilton, were visitors in this vicinity on Sunday.**

**Prayer service will be held on Friday evening of this week at the home of Mrs. Rich. Paddock.**

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**Mr. and Mrs. Dan McNaughton, of Arkell, spent a few days with friends in this vicinity.**

**Miss Ida Stewart spent a few days in Galt last week.**

**Mrs. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock, and Miss Clara Nelson, of Galt, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.**

**Mr. James A. McPherson has purchased a house from Mr. Fred Bartele, of Killean.**

**Large congregations were present at both services in Duff's Church on Sunday. Excellent sermons were delivered by Reverend Dr. McKay, Foreign Missionary Secretary.**

**Services will be held in Knox Church on Thursday evening. Reverend Mr. Little, of Eramosa, will take charge.**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**October 29<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. Walter Gray, of Chesley, is spending a few days with his cousin, Miss Jean Gray, this week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Louise McDonald, Mr. Thomas McDonald, and Miss Bessie McMillan, of Clyde, were visitors at the home of Mr. Angus D. McPherson, one day last week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinger have moved into their residence after improving it with a new verandah.**

**Mrs. Donald Stewart spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Trimble, of Huttonville.**

**Mrs. Donald McMillan is improved in health, after her serious illness.**



**Mr. and Mrs. Will Cunard moved to Galt on Saturday.**

**Miss Mary McMillan, of Galt, spent the weekend at her home.**

**Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Dennis, and Miss Clara Nelson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Thos. Ellis, of Kingston, Michigan, is visiting friends and relatives at Crieff, this week.**

**Miss Elizabeth McPherson, of Guelph, spent a few days with friends here.**

**Mrs. Dougald Stewart, of Toronto, spent a few days with Mrs. Allan Stewart.**

**Miss Mary Stewart, of Hamilton, spent the weekend at her home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession.**

**Mrs. Annie Paddock and daughters, Edna and Grace, of Galt, were visitors in this vicinity on Sunday.**

**Reverend John Little, of Eramosa, gave an excellent address in Knox Church, on Thursday evening last. The pulpit on Sunday afternoon was occupied by Reverend Mr. Lawrence, of Lornville, who preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wedge, of Kirkwall, called on friends in this vicinity, on Friday.**

**Mrs. Angus McCormick is spending a few weeks with friends at Paris.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **November 6<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**A number from Crieff attended the dance held in Westover Hall on Tuesday evening last, given by the girls' baseball team of Valens. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present.**

**Miss Winnie Tennant went to Hamilton on Thursday.**

**Miss Grace Kennedy is spending a few weeks with friends in Buffalo.**

**Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. Clouden, of Galt, were visitors with Mrs. Allan Stewart, one day last week.**

**Mrs. Louisa Schwegler, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Benkelman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Benkelman motored from Cass City, Michigan, and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor and family.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Allan, of Cronlin.**

**Reverend K. J. MacDonald, of Galt, preached an excellent sermon to Knox Church people on Sunday afternoon. Reverend Mr. MacDonald took the service also on Tuesday evening last, and Reverend Mr. Woods, on Thursday evening.**

**The beautiful weather of the past week has almost brought the root harvest to a close.**

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## **The Crieff Village News**

### **November 13th 1923.**

**Miss Abbie McIntosh has returned to Toronto.**

**Mr. Donald Perry, of Toronto, is spending a few days with Mr. Donald A. Stewart.**

**Mrs. Reuben Wedge, of Kirkwall, spent a couple of days with her sister, Miss Ellen J. McPherson, last week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Sim and Mrs. Tennant and son, John, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Buforth, of Waterdown, recently.**

**Miss Clara Nelson, of Galt, is spending Thanksgiving at home.**

**Miss Cassie McCormick, of Guelph, visited a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCormick.**

**Dr. Albert Yates and his daughter, Mrs. Hartley, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Echlin, of Galt, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPherson, one day last week.**

**Miss Catharine Munroe, of Hamilton, spent a few days with Crieff friends.**

**Miss Mary Helen Stewart is home from Hamilton for over the holiday.**

**Mr. Norman Manson, of Toronto, spent the weekend with his uncle, Mr. Angus D. McPherson.**

**Mr. William Bond and Mrs. McGregor were quietly married at Hopeville, on Wednesday of last week.**

**Miss Cassie Tufford, of Hamilton, is spending a few days with Crieff friends.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Eaton Rodman and daughter, of Hespeler, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor.**

**Mr. Thomas McDonald, of Toronto, spent the weekend under the parental roof.**

**The sacrament of "The Lord's Supper" was observed in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon. Reverend Mr. Little, of Eramosa, conducted the preparatory service on Friday afternoon.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **November 28<sup>th</sup> 1923.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Bond entertained about seventy-five of their friends on Wednesday evening last. A most enjoyable time was spent in dancing and card playing until the wee sma' hours o' the morning. Excellent music was provided by Messrs. Duncan and Gordon McAllister and Angus and William McCormick, while Robert McRobbie acted as floor manager.**

**Miss Margaret Scott went to Galt on Monday, where she intends spending the winter months.**

**Miss Margaret McPherson spent the weekend in Galt with her friend, Miss Clarabel Nelson.**

**Mrs. Reuban Wedge, of Kirkwall, paid a visit to her brother, Mr. Angus D. McPherson, last week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dave McNaughton and Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William England, at Littles' Corners.**

**Miss Winnie Tennant, of Hamilton, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Tennant.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPherson and little daughter, Florence, paid a visit to Badenoch friends recently.**

**Mr. Ed McGeachy has completed the season's threshing in this vicinity, this week.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**December 11th 1923.**

**Several from here attended the Winter Fair, held at Guelph, last week. All report a splendid showing this year.**

**Mr. Dave Kerns, of Hamilton, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reid.**

**Miss Jean Stewart, of Galt, is spending a few weeks at home.**

**Miss Mary Stewart, of Hamilton, spent Sunday at home.**

**Miss Tena McMillan is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Richard Bond, of Beverly.**

**Mr. Marshall Cochrane, of Ayr, spent Sunday with friends in this vicinity.**

**Mr. Charles McLean returned home from the West, last week.**

**A box social and concert are to be held in the Crieff Schoolhouse on Thursday evening, December 20th.**

**The funeral of the late Miss Eva Oddor took place from her late residence, the Gore, Puslinch, on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o' clock, to Crieff Cemetery. The service was conducted by Reverend Stuart Woods.**

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**May 20<sup>th</sup> 1924.**

**Donald Sinclair and Mrs. G. Sinclair, of Guelph, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Crowder, on Thursday last.**

**J. J. Craig, School Inspector, visited School Section No. 6, on Friday.**

**Miss May McMillan, of Galt, spent the weekend at home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Bond and Miss Beatrice spent the weekend with friends in Hamilton.**

**Miss Florence Crowder has returned home after spending a month with friends in Guelph.**

**Thomas MacDonald called on his parents here for a few days last week before leaving for Winnipeg, where he will be engaged for some time.**

**The Women's Missionary Society held a very successful meeting at the home of Mrs. Duncan McDonald, on Tuesday afternoon last.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1924.**

**Mr. and Mrs. John Hollinger, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacDonald.**

**Mrs. McAllister Senior has returned home from Niagara Falls after spending a few months with her daughter there.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reid spent Sunday with friends in Carlisle.**

Frank Patterson, of Stratford, paid a flying visit to friends in this vicinity, on Thursday last.

Miss Helen McCormick spent a few days in Guelph, last week.

Mrs. Annie Paddock and Miss May McMillan, of Galt, spent Tuesday with Mrs. A. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinger, Mr. and Mrs. John Hollinger, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Mrs. Duncan MacDonald motored to Acton on Monday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and family there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Crowder, on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, a son.

Jacob Crowder purchased a fine team of horses at Alex Stewart's sale on Thursday last.

The many friends of Miss Gracie McAllister are pleased to know that she is recovering nicely from her recent operation on her throat in Galt Hospital.

Anniversary services will be held in Knox Church, Crieff, on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>, services at 11 o'clock and 7:30. On the following Monday evening, a play will be put on in the church by the Aberfoyle young people, entitled "Home Ties".

There was a large attendance at the Ladies' Aid meeting, held at Mrs. McMillan's home on Tuesday afternoon last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maine and Mr. and Mrs. Maine Senior, of Preston, were visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacLean.

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 1924.**

Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher, of Dundas, accompanied by Mrs. Fletcher's aunt, Mrs. McDonald, of Lucknow, visited with friends in this vicinity on Saturday.

Miss Clarabelle Nelson and Miss Grace McAllister have returned home after spending several months in Galt.

**Miss Jane McCormick spent a few days with friends in Milton last week.**

**Mrs. McCaskell, of Hamilton, spent the weekend with her son, Wilfred Crowder and family.**

**Mrs. Manson, of Toronto, visited with Angus D. and Miss Ellen J. McPherson over last weekend.**

**Thomas McDonald, of Clyde, was a visitor in the vicinity on Sunday last.**

**Miss Ellen J. McPherson spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Wedge, of Kirkwall.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Livingstone and little daughter, Frances, of Hamilton, were visitors on Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson and family.**

**Miss Tena McPhatter, of Galt, is spending a couple of weeks with her mother here.**

**Several from this vicinity attended the memorial service held in Aberfoyle on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Mr. Geiger, of Rockwood, delivered an excellent address.**

**Anniversary services will be held in Knox Church on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Mr. Mullen, B.A., of Flamboro, will take charge of the service.**

**On Monday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup>, a play will be put on in the church by the young people of Aberfoyle, entitled "Home Ties".**

**Wedding bells are ringing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession this week.**

**Miss Helen Stewart, of Hamilton Normal School, spent the weekend at home.**

# **The Crieff News**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 1924.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Adam Thomson, of Galt, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dave McNaughton.**

**Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock and little daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, and Miss Bell Mitchell, of Galt, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson and family.**

**Miss Dorothy Maltby, of Aberfoyle, was a weekend visitor with Miss Gracie Stewart.**

**Several from this vicinity enjoyed a pleasant outing to the O.A.C. on Thursday last, when the farmers of South Western Ontario were invited to spend the day there. The weather was ideal and taken advantage of by the many present.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson, of Aberfoyle, spent Sunday with Mrs. Jennie Stewart and family.**

**The Women's Missionary Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Roszell on Tuesday afternoon last, with a good attendance.**

**Mr. Gladwyn and Miss Marion Crow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns.**

**Large congregations were present at the anniversary services in Knox Church on Sunday last when Reverend Mr. Mullen, B.A., of Flamboro, delivered very impressive sermons.**

**On Monday evening, the Aberfoyle young people put on a splendid play, entitled "Home Ties", to a large audience.**

**From the Tenth Line of Flamboro news column of June 18th:**

**On Saturday evening, Mrs. E. Jamieson entertained in honour of John S. Jamieson, a prominent lawyer of Vancouver, and Miss Margaret Jamieson, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and family of Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paddock and family of Puslinch, Miss Mae Jamieson of Elora, and Robert Jamieson, of Kitchener, were among those present.**



**The Crieff News**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1927.**

**The Dramatic Club met at the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on Friday evening.**

**Miss Bessie McCormick is spending a few weeks with friends at Paris.**

**Mr. John McDiarmid is on the road to recovery after his recent illness.**

**Mrs. Archie Scott has returned after spending a few days with friends in Galt.**

**The many friends of Mrs. J. McGeachy will be sorry to learn of her severe illness, and will hope for her speedy recovery.**

**Miss Florence McPherson is spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. McCormick.**

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**The Village News from Crieff**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> 1927.**

**The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid, which was held at the home of Mrs. Duncan McDonald on Tuesday afternoon, was well attended.**

**Mrs. Duncan McAllister spent Tuesday with friends in Galt.**

**Mrs. Robert Hunter and two children, of Galt, spent a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. Duncan McDonald.**

**The many friends of Miss Margaret Scott are glad to see her up and around again after her illness.**

**Those who attended the short course in Aberfoyle enjoyed a banquet on Thursday evening.**

**Mr. Alfred Reid is improving after a severe attack of la grippe.**

The many friends of Reverend Peter Mathieson will be glad to know that he has returned home from the hospital. His speedy recovery is hoped for.

Mr. McTague, of Guelph, conducted the service in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. James J. McPherson left on Monday for Toronto, where he is visiting his brother.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson in their sad bereavement.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

On Friday evening, Crieff was honoured with the presence of Mr. Cook, the celebrated Indian entertainer, who gave a concert in the church, which was greatly enjoyed. Reverend Mr. Mathieson acted as chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, of Galt, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs Archie Scott, recently.

Miss Bessie McCormick has returned home after spending some time with friends in Paris.

Miss Grace Fixture (Fixter) spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fixter.

Miss Jean McPherson is confined to her home through illness. All hope for her speedy recovery.

A number of young people of this vicinity gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roszell on Wednesday evening, and spent an enjoyable time in dancing. Messrs. McKay and McCormick provided excellent music for the occasion, while Mr. R. Kerns acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Miss Ida Stewart is recovering after her recent illness.

Mr. W. Bryden has returned home after spending some time with his uncle, Mr. James J. McPherson.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

**Anniversary services were held in Knox Church on Sunday. Reverend Taylor Munroe, of Kitchener, delivered an excellent sermon, morning and evening. Special music was provided.**

**Miss Mina Edwards, of Durham, was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and daughter, of Detroit, are visiting relatives here.**

**A softball game between Valens and Crieff was played at Valens on Saturday evening. Valens was the winner.**

**The regular monthly meeting of the U.F.W.O. met at the home of Mrs. Dan McDonald on Tuesday afternoon. The President being sick, the Vice-President occupied the chair. The meeting opened by singing "The Maple Leaf", followed by a short program. After dainty refreshments had been served, a social time was spent by all.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alex Priest and children, of Burford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLean, of Flamboro Station, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson, recently.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, of Port Credit, are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Scott and family.**

**Miss Edna Stewart is spending a couple of weeks with Badenoch friends.**

**Miss Abbie McIntosh has returned home from Toronto.**

**Miss Edith McDonald is holidaying with friends at Beaton.**

**Mrs. Duncan McDonald and daughter, Wilhelmina, spent a couple of days last week with friends at Lucknow.**

**Mrs. Jos. Krotch, of Niagara Falls, is with her mother, Mrs. Hollinger, who is ill.**

**Mrs. D. Wheeler, of Acton, spent a few days with her friends here.**

**The annual Sunday School picnic of Knox Church Sunday School, which was held at Puslinch Lake on Saturday afternoon last, was well attended.**

**Miss Elsie Currie, of Toronto, spent the weekend with relatives here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lennon (name somewhat illegible), of Verden, Manitoba, Mr. John McAllister, and Mrs. Martha Young were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

**The regular monthly meeting of the U.F.W.O. was held at the home of Mrs. A. McDonnell, on Tuesday afternoon. The President occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf", followed by a short program, after which, dainty refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.**

The many friends of Mr. J. Raddick are pleased to see that he is home and able to be around again.

Mrs. Angus McPherson and daughter, Margaret, called on friends at Puslinch Lake, on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott, on Monday.

Messrs. Grant and James Eaton, of Burlington, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald and daughter, Donelda, Miss Elizabeth McPherson, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns called on friends at the Falls, on Sunday.

A hardball game played between Valens and Crieff on Saturday night was won by Crieff.

Miss Edith McDonald has returned after spending some time with friends at Beaton.

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## **The Crieff News**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> 1927.**

The Misses Elma and Hazel McConnell, of Hamilton, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sims. Mrs. McMacken, of Vancouver, B.C., is renewing old acquaintances in this vicinity. Miss McNab, of Durham, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson and family.

Mr. Hollinger, who has been ill, is improving, as is Duncan McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, of Badenoch, called on friends here recently.

The U.F.W.O. held a very successful picnic at Dundas Park on Tuesday last.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Duff's Church and the Auxiliary of Knox Church held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Hugh Ross, on Thursday afternoon last. The devotional exercises were conducted by Duff's Auxiliary. Crieff Auxiliary put on the remainder of the program as follows: Scripture lesson – Miss Margaret McPherson, hymn 577, reading – Mrs. Ken McDonald, duet – Mrs. Duncan McDonald and Mrs. Plumtree, report – Miss Donelda Gregor, solo – Mrs. Plumtree, reading – Miss Katie McIntosh, instrumental – Miss Bessie McCormick, reading – Mrs. Roszell, duet – Mrs. Pinkney and Mrs. Cobourn, reading – Mrs. Mathieson, hymn 599.

After repeating "The Lord's Prayer" in unison, a social hour was enjoyed.

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## **Baseball at Crieff**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> 1928.**

The Valens baseball team journeyed to Crieff on Saturday evening and played a friendly game with the Crieff boys, the visiting team winning by a small score. On Monday evening, the Crieff team played a return game at Valens, with the visiting team winning.

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## **The Crieff News**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> 1929.**

Colonel J. B. Maclean, of Toronto, is spending a few days at his country residence here. Mr. James McGeachy spent the weekend in Durham. Mr. James Nelson is visiting friends in Dumfries.

The September meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Kennedy, with a good attendance. The afternoon was spent in quilting, after which, delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. James Porteous has returned after spending a few days with her daughter at Niagara Falls.

Miss Jean Broomfield and Miss Gertrude Rosse, of Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. A. Broomfield, and Mrs. Robert Broomfield, of Galt, spent Tuesday with friends here.

A number from this district attended a party given by Angus Buchanan, of Badenoch, on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bond visited friends in Hamilton this week. Miss Betty McLennahan, of Aberfoyle, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister.

Friends of Miss Charlotte Roszell will be glad to hear that she is recovering from her recent illness.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **February 12<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

**The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Duncan McDonald, with a good attendance. The afternoon was spent in sewing, after which, refreshments were served and a social half hour spent.**

**Mrs. Robert Scott, of Woodstock, was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott.**

**Miss Bessie McCormick visited friends in Galt over the weekend.**

**Mr. Angus McPherson's condition remains about the same. His brother, Archie, of Michigan, recently came to see him.**

**Mrs. Archie Scott spent a few days last week in Guelph.**

**Miss Betty McLenahan, of Aberfoyle, was a weekend visitor with the Misses McIntosh.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

### **April 30<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

**The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, on Tuesday.**

**Mrs. Wilbert Detenbeck, of Niagara Falls, spent a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Porteous.**

**Miss Mary Stewart and Master Cameron Stewart spent last weekend in Brantford.**

**Miss Olive Fixter, of Hagersville, and her sister, Mrs. Lindsay, of Port Dover, spent the holiday at their home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. George Hancock, of Galt, visited friends here recently.**

**A play entitled "Two Days to Marry" was given in the school by the choir of Strabane United Church, in aid of the organ fund.**

**Miss Helen Porteous spent a few days at Niagara Falls.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan McNaughton, of Guelph, are visiting Crieff friends.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

**The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church held a very successful meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Plumtree, on Tuesday afternoon, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mrs. Duncan McDonald visited friends in Acton, last week.**

**Miss Grace Mitchell, of Guelph, was a weekend visitor with her aunt, Mrs. Duncan McAllister.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and daughters, Jean, Marie, and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Addler and son, Albert, of Detroit, were visitors with friends here.**

**Miss Winnie Tennant, of Hamilton, and Miss Alice Plumtree, of Galt, spent the weekend at the home of their parents.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and daughter, Mary Bell, of Galt, spent the weekend with friends here.**

**Mr. James D. McPherson, of Rockwood, Mrs. Alex McPherson and Miss Elizabeth McPherson, of Guelph, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

**The sacrament of "The Lord's Supper" was observed in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon. Preparatory service was held on Thursday evening.**

**Mrs. Gordon McAllister and little daughter, May, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, of Kirkwall.**



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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Crieff, were held on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>, and were followed by a supper and concert on Monday night. Reverend Mr. McKay, of Preston, conducted the services both morning and evening, to very large congregations. Over 125 people sat down to a sumptuous tea, served on the church grounds, Monday night, by the ladies of the church, after which, all enjoyed a program consisting of numbers by a quartet from Guelph, led by Mr. Leeson, of Knox Church. Addresses were given by Reverend Mr. McKay, Colonel Maclean, and Reverend Dr. McRobbie.

Mrs. Abbott and daughter, Christina, of Guelph, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Nicol.

Mrs. Donald McCormick, of Galt, is visiting with friends in this vicinity.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. A. McMillan, and was largely attended.

Mrs. Larter, of Galt, is spending a few days with Mrs. A. Reid.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

Miss Nettie Porteous and Miss Mina McDonald are spending a week with friends at Niagara Falls.

Miss Christina Abbott, of Guelph, was a recent visitor with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicol.

The U.F.W.O. club members held their annual picnic in La Salle Park, Hamilton. They report a good time.

**Mr. and Mrs. Oswald McMillan, of Detroit, are visiting relatives here.**

**Mr. Scott Fixter and Miss Evelyn Awde were quietly married on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pass and daughter, Peggy, visited recently with Mrs. Allan Stewart.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Porteous, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roszell, spent a day in Fergus and Elora.**

**Mr. Don A. Stewart attended the Chicago trip winners picnic at Don Alda Farm, York County, on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Miss Betty McClanahan, of Aberfoyle, was a weekend visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.**

**Mrs. Arkell, who came from Edmonton with her two daughters to attend the funeral of her father, the late Alexander McPherson, of Guelph, is visiting relatives in Crieff.**

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## **The Crieff News**

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

**Quite a number from this vicinity saw the R-109 as it passed over Hamilton and Toronto, early Monday morning.**

**Master George Hancock, of Galt, and Florence McPherson are holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.**

**Mrs. W. Pagett and children, of St. Catharines, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald.**

**Miss Betty McClennahan, of Aberfoyle, was a weekend visitor with friends here.**

**Reverend John McKenzie occupied the pulpit in Knox Church, on Sunday afternoon last.**

**Miss McIntosh, of Toronto, is visiting with her cousin, Miss Jean McPherson.**

**Colonel Maclean, of Toronto, spent a few days last week at his farm.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> 1930.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broomfield and son, Cameron, of Galt, visited friends here, recently.**

**Miss A. Walters, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. W. Bond.**

**The Women's Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Tennant, on Tuesday afternoon.**

**Miss Anna Roszell, of Guelph, spent the weekend at her home here.**

**Mrs. Wilbert Detenbeck, of Niagara Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Porteous.**

**Mrs. Thomas Paddock, and daughter, Edna, of Galt, visited Mrs. A. Stewart, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Leachman, of Paris, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**Dr. and Mrs. Charlton, of Galt, called on Crieff friends, recently.**

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## **Angus McPherson Is Laid To Rest**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> 1931.**

### **Funeral of Well Known Puslinch Resident Very Largely Attended**

**The funeral of the late Angus McPherson, well known Puslinch resident, was held at his home in Puslinch on Wednesday afternoon, to Crieff Cemetery, when a large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects to one who was widely and favourably known in the community. Services were conducted by Reverend Peter Mathieson.**

The late Mr. McPherson was born in the year 1854 on the farm adjoining his late residence. He was the third son of the late James and Margaret McPherson. The deceased suffered a paralytic stroke some fourteen months ago and had been bed-fast since.

Surviving are his widow, two sons and two daughters, James of Puslinch, Peter, of Fairview, Alberta, Mrs. Russell Kerns, of Puslinch, and Margaret, at home, one brother, Archibald, of Marlette, Michigan, and five sisters, Misses Kate and Elizabeth, of Guelph, Mrs. Annie Clarke, of Indian Head, Saskatchewan, Mrs. Thos. Ellis, of Kingston, Michigan, and Mrs. Arch. Scott, of Puslinch.

The pallbearers were James D. McPherson, of Rockwood, John McAllister, of Hespeler, Angus McPherson, of Aberfoyle, Arch. Scott, Duncan McAllister, and James J. McPherson, of Puslinch.

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## **The Crieff News**

### **June 9th 1931.**

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was observed in Knox Church on Sunday, with Reverend Peter Mathieson in charge.

Mrs. Cummings, of Toronto, spent a week, recently, with Mrs. John Cameron.

A joint meeting of the Crieff and Valens U.F.W.O. clubs was held at the home of Mrs. Plumtree. The Valens ladies provided the program and those of Crieff, the refreshments. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

The death occurred on Tuesday of Mrs. Kerns, after a short illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Reid. The funeral service was held from the home of her son, Mr. Edgar Kerns, Burlington.

Over two hundred Ayrshire enthusiasts attended the Banner Counties Ayrshire Club field day at the farm of Colonel J. B. MacLean, on June 3rd. Excellent addresses were given by Dr. G. I. Christie, President of the O.A.C., Hon. F. C. Biggs, Geo. Raithby, Frank Napier, and Col. J. B. MacLean, which were much appreciated.

Mrs. Wilbert Detenbeck, of Niagara Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Porteous.

**Mrs. D. Stewart, of Toronto, and the Misses Catharine and Margaret Smith, of College Heights, Guelph, were recent visitors of Mrs. A. Stewart and family.**

**The May meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church was held at the home of Mrs. Donald McMillan, Morriston.**

**Miss Anna Wedge, of Sheffield, spent the weekend with Miss Mina McDonald.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **June 27<sup>th</sup> 1931.**

**Mrs. M. Barber and Mr. McAllister, of Hillsburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**Mrs. Angus McPherson and Miss Abbie McIntosh left on Wednesday for a trip through the western provinces. Miss McIntosh is going as far as Vancouver.**

**The ball game played on Tuesday evening, between Crieff and Badenoch teams, resulted in a victory for Crieff. The score was 8 to 6.**

**A joint meeting of Duff's Church and Knox Church Women's Missionary Societies was held at the home of Mrs. McMurray, on Friday afternoon. The Duff's ladies provided the program and those of Crieff, the refreshments. An interesting item on the program was an address, given by Mrs. C. Beumer, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, and also a short talk by Mrs. Hewer, of Galt.**

**The anniversary services of Knox Church were held on Sunday, both morning and evening service being conducted by Reverend Patterson Hall, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Galt. At the morning service, the choir was assisted by Miss Margaret Starkey and Mr. Raymond Tarzwell, of Arkell. On the Monday evening following, Reverend Patterson Hall and his choir, of Galt, favoured with a Scottish concert.**

**Miss Oldfield, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. William Bond.**

**Mrs. Angus Buchanan, of Badenoch, is spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. D. McAllister.**

## **The Village News from Crieff**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> 1931.**

**The Women's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.**

**Mrs. Cowan, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McAninch and son, Walter, of Vancouver, are visiting friends here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stewart and family, of Detroit, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. Fraser.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman McPhatter and daughter, of Los Angeles, California, visited relatives in this district last week.**

**Misses Anna and Charlotte Roszell are spending two weeks at their home here, before going into training in Guelph General Hospital.**

**Miss Pearl McMurray entertained at her home on Friday last in honour of the Misses Roszell.**

**The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church held their July meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Martin, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession. The afternoon was spent in quilting, and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.**

**Mr. J. Porteous spent several days at Niagara Falls, recently.**

**After a lengthy illness, the death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, of Mr. Robert Nicol. Funeral services were held from the home of his sister, Mrs. Abbott, of Guelph, on Monday. The sympathy of this district is extended to Mrs. Nicol and family.**

## **Friends Honour Miss McPherson**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 1932.**

On Friday afternoon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, a jolly time was spent at the home of Mrs. Angus McPherson, when the girls of the community gathered together and tendered a miscellaneous shower to Miss Margaret McPherson, a bride-elect of this week. A huge basket of gifts was presented to the bride to be, and after opening each one, she thanked the donors for their gifts. An interesting part of the program was a mock wedding, which everyone present enjoyed. A dainty luncheon was served and brought the afternoon's entertainment to a close.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart, of Shelbourne, and Miss Smith, of Guelph, were recent visitors in this community.

Miss Mary Stewart has returned to Galt, after spending a week at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and daughters, Jean and Margaret, were visitors over the weekend, under the parental roof.

Mrs. McPhatter, of Galt, spent a day last week with her sister, Mrs. Duncan McLean.

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## **Ladies' Club at Crieff Meets**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 1933.**

The Ladies' Club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, when everyone enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The program, which pertained to St. Patrick's Day, was in the charge of Mrs. Fred Roszell and Mrs. Blake. It opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever", followed by a short skit, entitled "The Morning Rush", presented by Wilhelmina MacDonald, Margaret Blake, and Donald and Stuart MacDonald. A reading entitled "No Time to Lose" was given by Mrs. Russell Kerns. Following this, there were some Irish jokes and a contest in which all the ladies took part.

The gentlemen were the judges of the pigs drawn in this contest, and one judge was heard to remark, "Some of these pigs must have been hard hit by the depression". Margaret Blake carried off the prize, while one local gentleman carried home the prize picture.

Other contests followed, as well as favourite Irish songs, and a harmonica solo. The program came to an end with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne", after which, a pleasant hour was spent in progressive euchre. Lunch was then served.

Miss Bessie McCormick has returned after spending a few weeks in Chatham.

Miss Margaret Scott spent a pleasant weekend in Woodstock.

Master Alan Dickson is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Gordon McAllister.

Miss Mildred Cowan, of Fergus, spent the weekend with friends in this vicinity.

The people of this community and of neighbouring districts are very sorry to hear of the death of a friend and neighbour, in the person of Mr. James Nelson, who had been in ill health for some time. The funeral was held from his former residence on Friday morning.

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**The School Report  
School Section 6, Puslinch.  
April 22nd 1933.**

The following is the report for April, of S.S. No. 6, Puslinch:

**V Class: Annie Sawyer, honours, Clover McDonald.**

**Senior III: Florence McPherson, honours, Cameron Stewart, honours, Golden MacDonnell, honours, Philip MacDonald, Ross Priest, Evelyn McConnell, Jim MacDonald.**

**Junior III: Mabel Roszell, Marjorie Priest, Ross Templeman.**

**Junior II: Anna Priest, honours, Alex McPherson, honours, George Lockett, Edward MacDonald, Mildred Kerns.**

**Primary: Joan Neave, honours, Harold Kerns, honours, David Priest, honours, James Mast, honours, Lorne Templeman, honours, Isabel Lockett.**

**Teacher: Wilma Stull.**



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## **The Crieff News**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 1934.**

**The monthly meeting of the Crieff Ladies' Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. McMurray, last week, and was well attended.**

**The main feature of the evening was a most interesting and helpful, illustrated lecture on "Rural Home Beautification", given by Professor Tomlinson, of the O.A.C. The many beautiful slides shown delighted all flower lovers, and scores of hints and ideas mentioned by Professor Tomlinson aroused fresh enthusiasm for the spring planting, which all hope will soon be here.**

**Ten tables of euchre were in play, the winners being Miss Mina McDonald for the ladies, and Mr. Donald McDonald for the men. The evening ended after the serving of refreshments, and a pleasant time was spent by all.**

**The condition of Mrs. Russell Kerns, who has been ill for the past week, is reported to be somewhat improved.**

**Miss Pearl McMurray, of Galt, paid a short visit at her home here this week.**

**Mr. Russell Kerns made a business trip to Toronto, on Monday.**

**Miss Helen Porteous, of Galt, paid a flying visit to this vicinity this week.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1935.**

**Miss Mildred Cowan, of Fergus, spent the past weekend with Crieff friends.**

**Miss Idena MacDonell's many friends are glad to hear of her recovery from her recent illness, and that she will soon be able to resume her regular duties.**

**Mr. Lincoln Gregor, of Oshawa, visited at his home here recently.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, of Rockton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McAllister, of Crieff.**

**The Ladies' Aid of Crieff Presbyterian Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. McNaughton, with a good attendance.**

**Masters Jim and Jack Mast spent part of the Easter vacation with their uncles, Mr. Wm. Mast and Mr. Wm Sim.**

**Colonel J. B. Maclean, of Toronto, spent Friday last at his country home, "Crieff Hill Farm".**

**Mr. Donald Stewart has recovered from his slight accident of last week.**

**Miss Wilma Stull attended the O.E.A. convention in Toronto, last week.**

**A very successful dance was held on Friday evening last at Greensville Hall, which was arranged by Messrs. John and Howitt MacDonald. Everyone reported a splendid time.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff May 30<sup>th</sup> 1935.**

**Miss K. McIntosh is spending a few days with friends in Toronto.**

**Mrs. Thos. Barber, Mr. Angus McAllister, and Mr. Neil McCormick, of Hillsburg, spent the weekend with Crieff friends.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast and family visited friends in Hamilton on Sunday last.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Reid, of Crieff, spent the holiday in Barrie.**

**Colonel J. B. (John Bayne) Maclean, of Toronto, stayed a few days at his country home here last week.**

**Mrs. A. McDonnell was called to Cornwall last week, owing to the illness of her son, Stuart. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.**

**Mrs. D. Stewart, of Toronto, visited Mrs. A. Stewart, last week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. D. McAllister called on Badenoch friends on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, Mrs. Duncan McDonald, and Mr. Howitt McDonald motored to Niagara Falls on Sunday last.**

**Miss Alice Plumtree, of Galt, spent the weekend at her home here.**

**Miss Anna Roszell, R.N., of Guelph, is visiting at her home here.**

**The Ladies' Aid held the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. McMillan. The attendance was large.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> 1935.**

**Miss Evelyn Pass, of Guelph, is spending a few days with Miss Grace Stewart.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCormick, and little daughter, Anna, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, of Galt.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott visited on Friday last with Mrs. Jessie Scott, of Woodstock.**

**Miss Jean McPherson, of Guelph, is holidaying with her aunt, Mrs. Cameron.**

**Miss Abbie McIntosh visited Killean friends for a few days last week.**

**The joint meeting of the Valens and Crieff Ladies' Clubs was held at the home of Mrs. Dan McDonald, last week. A good program was presented by the Valens ladies, after which, tea was served by the Crieff ladies.**

## **The Crieff News**

### **February 7<sup>th</sup> 1936.**

**The Y.P.S. (Young People's Society), of Knox Church, Puslinch, held the monthly literary meeting on Monday evening. The program was arranged by Miss Grace Stewart. A debate was the chief item of interest.**

**Sympathy is extended to relatives and friends of the late Miss Elizabeth McPherson, who passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. Archibald Scott, on Wednesday last. Deceased was in her 77<sup>th</sup> year and had been in ill health for several months.**

**Mrs. Margaret McPherson, of Guelph, is spending a month with Crieff relatives.**

**Miss Katherine Gregor, of Guelph, spent the weekend at her home.**

**Mr. James Scott, of Detroit, attended the funeral of his aunt, the late Miss Elizabeth McPherson.**

**A wedding of interest took place on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>, when Miss Donelda Helena Gregor was united in marriage to Mr. James MacDonald. The entire community joins in wishing them many years of happiness.**

**The Ladies' Aid of Crieff Church held the monthly meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald. The meeting was well attended.**

**The annual meeting of the Knox Church, Puslinch, was held on Tuesday evening, last week. A very successful year was reported by each church organization.**

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## **Two Churches in Puslinch Extend Call to Minister**

### **June 11<sup>th</sup> 1936.**

**The congregations of Duff's and Knox Churches held a joint meeting in Duff's Church, Morriston, for the purpose of choosing a minister. It was decided to extend a call to Reverend Mr. Burgess, of Lucknow.**

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**Promotion Exams of School Section 6, Puslinch  
July 2nd 1936.**

**To Senior IV: Honours – Edward MacDonald, 83 per cent, Anna Priest, 75 per cent, Mildred Kerns, 53 per cent.**

**To Senior III: Honours – Harold Kerns, 80 per cent, pass – James Mast, 67, David Priest, 64.**

**To Junior III: Honours – Angus McPherson, 81 per cent, pass – Lorne Templeman, 69, Irene McConnell, 60.**

**To Senior II: Honours – Kenneth Martin, 75 per cent, pass – Margaret Templeman, 68, Jack Mast, 35.**

**To Junior II: Honours – Beatrice McRobbie, 83 per cent, Leslie McPherson, 78, pass – Jim Priest, 67, Marion Witter, 61.**

**Junior I: Honours – Andrew McRobbie, 95 per cent, Jack McPherson, 94, Earl Paddock, 91, Stanley Mast, 83.**

**Primer: Mary McAllister, Marion Priest, Allan Wigood, Lorraine Witter, Howard Hood.**

**Perfect attendance for the year:**

**Stanley Mast, Earl Paddock, Beatrice McRobbie, Marjory Priest.**

**Teacher: Wilma Stull.**

## **Induction of New Puslinch Minister Held**

**Reverend J. L. Burgess Takes Over Pastorate of Knox and Duff's Churches  
August 13<sup>th</sup> 1936.**

A ceremony of unique interest was carried out at Duff's Church, Puslinch, yesterday, when the Presbytery of Guelph met at two o' clock in the afternoon for the induction of the new minister, Reverend J. L. Burgess, into the joint charges of Knox and Duff's Presbyterian Churches.

Reverend D. H. Marshall, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, acted as moderator and presided at the ceremony. A choir of thirty took part in the service and the church was filled to the doors by members of the two congregations.

Public worship was conducted by Reverend Frank Lawson, of Campbellville, who preached on the subject "The Task of the Church". Reverend D. H. Marshall conducted the service of induction, and the clerk of the Presbytery, Reverend E. A. Thompson, narrated the steps leading up to the induction, and made fitting reference to the late Reverend Peter Mathieson, formerly minister of the two churches.

The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Presbytery to Mr. Burgess, and the newly inducted minister, after signing the formula, was suitably addressed by Reverend Mr. Marshall. The charge to the people was given by Reverend Dr. M. B. Davidson, of Galt.

Reverend Mr. Burgess was then introduced to his congregations by Messrs. Scott and Roszell, for Knox Church, and by Donald Hanning and Robert Clark, for Duff's Church. A delicious supper was provided by the ladies of the two congregations, and Mr. Marshall again presided. Addresses of felicitation to the new minister and his wife were delivered by Reverend Dr. A. J. McGillivray, minister of Knox Church, Guelph, and Colonel McLean, of Puslinch.

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## **The News from Crieff March 9<sup>th</sup> 1937.**

Mrs. Duncan McLean visited Galt friends recently. Miss Pearl McMurray, of Guelph, spent the weekend at her home here.

**Mrs. Urquhart, of Chatham, who was visiting with her sister, Mrs. Angus McCormick, has gone to Galt, to visit there, before returning home.**

**Mr. Norman Roszell, of Corwhin, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roszell.**

**Mr. J. Gilchrist spent a few days with relatives here.**

**Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Walter Warren and family, in the death of Mrs. Warren, who passed away in Hamilton.**

**Mr. Isaac Hobson met with a very painful accident last week, when a log crushed his leg. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.**

**The Crieff young people held their weekly meeting in the Sunday School room on Sunday evening, with a good attendance. The soloist for the evening was Miss Margaret Haines, of Aberfoyle, and Mr. Crosby, also of Aberfoyle, gave a pictorial address, which was very much appreciated.**

**The Crieff Ladies' Club met at the home of Miss Grace Stewart on Tuesday evening of last week. Prizes were won by Miss Edith McDonald and Mr. Dan McDonald, and consolation prizes by Miss Margaret Blake and Mr. Angus McDonald. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 1937.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Whittam, daughters, Marjorie, Dorothy, and Shirley, and son, Charlie, of Rockton, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McAllister.**

**The social meeting of the Y.P.S. (Young People's Society), under the convenorship of Mr. Earl Bond, was held on Monday evening in the Sunday School room. The singing of hymns and responsive reading opened the meeting. A well arranged contest was enjoyed, and was followed by an open discussion of international affairs, after which, all enjoyed a peanut competition. Lunch was then served and Reverend Mr. Burgess pronounced the benediction.**

**Mr. James Starkey has completed the wiring of Mr. Scott's buildings.**

**Mrs. W. Roszell and little son, Keith, have returned after spending a week with friends at Elora.**

**Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. W. Mast and sons, of Morriston, spent Thursday with Mrs. C. Mast.**

**The W.M.S. (Women's Missionary Society) met at the home of Mrs. F. Roszell on Wednesday afternoon, with Miss K. McIntosh presiding. Mrs. Burgess led in prayer. Readings were given by Miss K. McIntosh, Mrs. Plumtree, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. D. McDonald, Mrs. McMurray, and Mrs. J. McDonald. Hymns were sung and passages from The Scripture read, after which, the meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer".**

**The many friends of Miss Pearl McMurray are sorry to hear that she is in the Guelph General Hospital with scarlet fever. All hope for her speedy recovery.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald, and Mr. Howitt McDonald spent Sunday with friends in Toronto.**

**Miss Catherine Gregor and Miss Beatrice Bond visited friends here on Sunday.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> 1937.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Black, of Rockwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor, recently.**

**Miss Florence McPherson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. D. McNaughton.**

**Mr. Cecil Wicks spent Thursday in Toronto.**

**Mrs. James McPherson visited relatives in Galt, on Thursday.**

**The Y.P.S. (Young People's Society) met on Monday evening in the Sunday School room. The convenor, Miss Wilma Stull, was in charge. Mrs. Wm. McCormick read the story of the origin of the hymn entitled "He Leadeth Me, O' Blessed Thought", after which, that very hymn was sung. The Scripture passage from St. Luke, 14, was read by Andrew Scott and Donald Stewart. Reverend Mr. Burgess gave a brief talk on "The Last Supper", the picture by Da Vinci. The hymn "Take Up the Cross" was sung.**



The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Braucht, of Guelph. His topic was "Trees". He related many interesting facts about trees and his work among them. In conclusion, he drew many comparisons between trees and people. Much benefit was derived from Mr. Braucht's talk.

Reverend Mr. Burgess closed with the benediction.

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## **The Crieff News**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 1937.**

Mrs. Jessie Scott and son, Robert, of Woodstock, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott.

Miss Wilma Stull is spending her Easter vacation at her home in Georgetown.

Miss Donelda McDonald visited at her home here over the weekend.

The Y.P.S. met in the Sunday School room on Sunday evening. The missionary convenor, Miss Grace Stewart, was in charge. It being the last meeting of the year, all members took part. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Miss Margaret and Mr. Andrew Scott spent Sunday with friends in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaconback and family, of Niagara Falls, spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Porteous.

Miss Chrissie and Mr. George McKay, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerns, on Sunday.

Miss Catherine Gregor and Miss Beatrice Bond, of Guelph, spent the weekend at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin, of Elora, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Eaton, of Burlington, visited relatives here on Tuesday.

Mrs. James Porteous is visiting her daughter at Niagara Falls.

Miss Mildred Kerns entertained a number of her girl friends at a birthday party on Easter Monday. The afternoon was spent in games and music, after which, all enjoyed a bountiful supper. The table was decorated with Easter bunnies and eggs. The young hostess was the recipient of nice birthday gifts.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **April 15<sup>th</sup> 1937.**

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. James McDonald. The afternoon was spent in quilting for the hostess, and at the close, lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McConnell, Miss Mary McConnell, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Huddlestone, of Hamilton, visited in this district on Sunday.

Mrs. Cameron has returned to Crieff after spending several weeks with Mrs. McPherson, of Guelph.

Mr. Howitt McDonald, of the Ontario Hydro Commission, spent the weekend at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake opened their home for the monthly meeting of the local club. Mr. Francis, of the O.A.C., was introduced by the host, after which, he delivered a very instructive address on "Poultry". Miss Grace Stewart rendered an enjoyable piano selection. The roll call was answered with a gardening hint. Some community singing was enjoyed, and then the remainder of the evening was spent in euchre. A delicious lunch brought the evening to a close.

Everyone is pleased to see Miss Pearl McMurray home again and improving in health.

The Y.P.S. concluded the winter meetings last Thursday night with a banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns. Toasts were proposed and speeches were made by Reverend Mr. Burgess, Mr. Erie Bond, Mr. Crosby, Mr. William McCormick, Mr. Russell Kerns, and Mr. Jim MacDonald. The chairman was Mr. Donald Stewart.

The following address was read to Mr. and Mrs. Pralet (perhaps Priest) by Miss Wilma Stull, after which, a beautifully bound Bible was presented to them by Mr. Erie Bond:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pralet (Priest):

It is with many regrets that we have learned that you are leaving Crieff, for during your time here you have been invaluable members of our society and of our community. We have appreciated fully the interest that you have shown in our meetings, and we all derived much enjoyment from your addresses. Although you will be absent from our future meetings, we will not feel as ones separated, for we all belong to the same great brotherhood of Young People's workers in Ontario, and we will all be carrying forward the same great ideals of service, fellowship, and faith.

Crieff will at all times welcome you back, for you have won a place among us here. Our wishes for your success and happiness go with you to Richmond Hill, where we hope that you will have an opportunity to serve as we have seen you serve in Crieff.

As a token of our appreciation, we wish you to accept this Bible from the Society of which you were such faithful members.

Signed,  
Knox Church Young People's Society, Puslinch.

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## The Crieff News

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1937.

Miss Janet Martin, of Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin. Mrs. D. Stewart and Mr. Evan Stewart, of Toronto, and Miss C. M. Smith, of Guelph, were visitors at the home of Mrs. J. Stewart, on Sunday last.

Mr. Gordon Gregor spent Wednesday in Toronto.

Miss Bessie McCormick, of Galt, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyde, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. F. Roszell on Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance. Mr. Russell Kerns and Mr. Donald Stewart went on a business trip to St. Williams on Wednesday of last week.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1938.**

**The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church held a very successful sewing meeting at the home of Mrs. Angus McPherson, on Tuesday afternoon.**

**Mrs. E. P. Plumtree is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ketchie, of Paris.**

**Mr. John Currie, of London, spent a weekend recently with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Herb Reid and family, of Barrie, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reid.**

**Miss Annie Sawyer, of Hamilton Normal School, spent the weekend at her home here.**

**All are pleased to know that Mr. McMillan, Mrs. William McCormick, and Miss Florence McPherson, who have all been under the doctor's care, are improving.**

**Andrew and Margaret Scott visited Galt friends on Tuesday evening.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McDonald and Mr. C. Ingram, of Toronto, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald. Mr. McDonald is leaving shortly on a business trip to England, Scotland, and Europe.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Edward Le Viness, of Buffalo, N.Y., and Mrs. Gardiner and Leonard, of Rockwood, visited friends in this vicinity on Sunday.**

**Reverend J. L. Burgess conducted a well attended prayer meeting on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**The Women's Missionary Society observed the World day of Prayer in the vestry, on Friday afternoon.**

**Miss Clara Nelson spent a few days last week in Galt and Dumfries.**

**Mr. George Atkinson and Mr. David Kerns, of Hamilton, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gregor, on Sunday.**

**Inspector Geo. McKay, C.J.B., and Miss Christene McKay, of Port Credit, called on Crieff friends, Sunday.**

**Misses Beatrice Bond, Ida Mitchell, and Catherine Gregor, of Guelph, visited at their respective homes.**

**Mr. Blair McPhatter, of Galt, spent Sunday with friends here.**

**The Ladies' Club held a social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerns, on Tuesday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Mr. Gordon Gregor, of Hespeler, is spending a few days at his home here.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alan Connel (perhaps McConnell) and son, Keith, visited friends at Valens, recently.**

**Mrs. Duncan McAllister spent the weekend with friends in Guelph.**

**Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robertson, of Toronto, Mrs. Frank Plumtree and little daughter, of Aberfoyle, and Mrs. Wm. Mast and son, of Morriston.**

**Archie Scott fell on the ice and is confined to his bed.**

**Mr. Bruce Stewart spent a day at Walkerton recently.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Black and daughters, from Rockwood, visited Crieff friends on Thursday.**

**A number from here attended the concert at Valens on Thursday night, put on by the Aberfoyle young people.**

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## **The Crieff News**

### **March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1938.**

**Mrs. Gordon McAllister and little daughters, Betty and Dolores, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Elliot, of Valens, on Monday last.**

**Mr. John Gilchrist, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> concession, called on Crieff friends, on Friday.**

**Miss Catherine Gregor, of Guelph, and Miss Jean Shuett, of Kilbride, called on friends here on Sunday.**

**Mrs. F. Roszell entertained a number of her friends at a quilting on Wednesday afternoon.**

**Mrs. Charles Mast visited her sister, Mrs. Earle Martin, of Elora.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyde, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs A. Reid.**

**Mr. Donald Stewart spent a few days in Toronto last week.**

**School Section No. 6 had a visit from the inspector, Dr. G. G. McNabb, of Guelph, on Thursday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Sim visited friends in Hamilton, on Saturday.**

# **The News from Crieff**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. Stuart McDonnell, of Cornwall, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonnell.**

**Misses Frances and Audrey McConnell visited recently with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chisholm, of Morriston.**

**Miss Marion Mahon, of Valens, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald.**

**The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held at the home Mrs. Russell Kerns on Tuesday, and was well attended.**

**The young people of Strabane community staged a very delightful play in the school on Friday evening, entitled "For Pete's Sake", and won warm approbation from the large audience. It was well presented and the many situations were handled skilfully. Complications arose from an Easter collage. Members of the cast were Gladys Marden, Bernadine Denholm, Clifford Moore, Donald Clarke, Kenneth Gartley, Lloyd Maltby, Mrs. K. Dwyer, Elva Hamilton, Myrtle Maltby, Audrey Nicol, Glen Hamilton, and Bill Saunders. The play was ably directed by Mrs. Wm. Kent. Music between the acts was supplied by Miss Bessie McCormick, on the piano.**

**Miss Florence McPherson is visiting for a few days with Miss Clara Nelson.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mast and little sons, and Miss Lou Mast, of Morriston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast on Sunday.**

**Mr. John Heritage, of Vancouver, Mrs. S. Catterline, Miss Tena Heritage, of Bloomington Illinois, and Miss Sadie McLennan, of Galt, visited Mrs. A. McPherson, on Thursday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Padge, Mr. and Mrs. B. Padge and little daughter, Ruth, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid, on Saturday.**

**A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Porteous, on Wednesday evening, in honour of their daughter, Helen. The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mrs. Matheson (perhaps Mathieson) and daughter, Isabelle, of Hamilton, called on Crieff friends on Sunday.**

**Colonel McLean has returned from his winter vacation in Florida, and called on Crieff friends.**

**Mr. L. Tufford, Miss Cassie Tufford, and Miss Donelda McDonald, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Charles Mast and little son, Douglas, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Earl Martin, of Elora.**

**Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerns and family visited at Hamilton, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Brinley and daughter, Marjorie, of Goderich, are visiting Mrs. Caldwell.**

**Mrs. Duncan McAllister is able to be around again after an attack of influenza.**

**The regular meeting of the Crieff Ladies' Club was held at the home of Mrs. C. Wagwood (perhaps Wigood) on Tuesday and was well attended.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**May 20<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. Andy McConnell, Miss Mary McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pool, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Huddleston, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald, on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. B. Gilmour and little sons, of Valens, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Connell (perhaps McConnell).**

**A song service was held in the church on Sunday evening, with Mr. Finley (perhaps Findlay) McDonald presiding. A large audience was present.**



**Mr. and Mrs. E. Robertson, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast.**

**The Y.P.S. (Young People's Society) of Aberfoyle Church staged a very delightful play on Friday evening, in Crieff schoolhouse, entitled "Look Out Lizzie".**

**The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Gordon Fielding, in his sad bereavement.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. Thomas Walters, of Toronto, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Bond.**

**Mrs. Wilfred Roszell is under the doctor's care. All hope for her speedy recovery.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Atchison, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Bond attended the funeral of the late Mr. Watson Hales, in Toronto, last Wednesday.**

**Inspector George McKay, C.L.B., and Miss Christena McKay, of Port Credit, called on Crieff friends, on Sunday.**

**Miss Donelda McDonald, of Hamilton, spent the weekend at her home here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson, of Rockwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson on Wednesday last.**

**Mr. James Dibly, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Younge and Miss Younge, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Duncan McAllister visited on Wednesday with Mrs. A. Buchanan, of Badenoch.**

**Miss Devina Gilchrist, of Paris, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. A. McCormick.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1938.**

**Miss McDonald, of Goderich, visited her brother, Mr. F. M. McDonald, on May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mrs. D. Stewart, Mr. Evan Stewart, of Toronto, and Misses Cassie and M. Smith, of Guelph, were recent visitors with Mrs. J. Stewart.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick and daughter, Anna, and Mrs. A. McCormick spent Sunday in Paris.**

**Mrs. Paddock and family moved to their new home at Kelso on Wednesday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. A. Warder and daughter Muriel, of Niagara Falls, spent the weekend with Crieff relatives.**

**The sympathy of this community goes out to Mrs. Jessie Scott, in the death of her mother, Mrs. William McGee, of Woodstock.**

**Mr. Blair McPhatter, of Galt, visited on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fraser.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, of Detroit, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. D. McAllister.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald and Philip, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns and Harold visited friends at Port Credit on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Crosley and son, Frank, spent Sunday with friends in Guelph.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson and Messrs. Cecil and Ralph Nelson called on Paris friends on Sunday.**

**The death occurred at her residence, near Kingston, Michigan, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, of Mrs. Thomas Ellis, in her 77<sup>th</sup> year. Her maiden name was Isabel McPherson, and she was the daughter of the late James McPherson and Margaret McDonald, of this community. Deceased spent her early life here, going to Kingston when she married Mr. Ellis some 45 years ago. The funeral service took place in Lamotte Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon, to Mariette Cemetery. Five grand nephews and one nephew acted as pallbearers. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Misses Margaret and Mary Ellis, both at home, a brother, Mr. Arch. McPherson, of Mariette, Michigan, and one sister, Mrs. A. Scott, of Crieff.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Scott attended the funeral of the late Mrs. William McGee, of Woodstock, on Monday.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1938.**

**Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay, of Dundalk, visited Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormick on Thursday.**

**A point meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Andrew McEdward, of Morrision, on Thursday, with a good attendance. The ladies of the Crieff Auxiliary provided the program. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, after which, Mrs. Kenneth McDonald led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. James McDonald. Miss Bessie McCormick rendered a piano solo. Mrs. Sim gave the topic. Sentence prayers were given by Miss Pearl McMurray, Mrs. Dan McDonald, and Miss Edith McDonald. A duet was contributed by Mrs. Plumtree and Mrs. Porteous. Mrs. Wm. McCormick gave an article, which she received from Mrs. Reverend Howard Thomas, telling of the work that she and her husband are doing among the Eskimos. They are stationed at Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island, North West Territories, in the Anglican Mission.**

**Mr. John Gilchrist visited relatives here over the weekend.**

**Mrs. Donald McCaig spent the weekend with Mrs. A. McPherson.**

**Congratulations are extended to Miss Anne Sawyer on the high standing that she took at Normal School, Hamilton, having completed her studies on her year's work without trying her final examinations.**

**Mr. Mac Elliot and Miss Jessie Elliot visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCormick, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Fred Roszell is improving after her recent illness.**

**Mrs. Mathieson and Miss Isabel Mathieson, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, on Sunday.**

**Miss Donelda McDonald, of Hamilton, spent the weekend at her home here.**

**The anniversary service was held in Knox Church on Sunday and was largely attended. Reverend Mr. Bennie, of Acton, had charge of the service.**

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**The Village News from Crieff  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1938.**

**Miss Tena Gordon, of Ottawa, is visiting relatives here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast attended the Schwartz reunion at Marlette, Michigan, last Saturday.**

**Mrs. Alex Conkey, of Galt, spent a few days last week with Miss Clara Nelson.**

**Miss Marion Mahon, of Valens, visited Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald over the weekend.**

**Mrs. McCormick and Miss Jane McCormick, of Galt, Mr. Colin Campbell, and Mr. D. McVicar, of Dorchester, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Fraser, on Friday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyde, of Toronto, and Mrs Hockridge, of Burlington Beach, visited Crieff friends on Monday.**

**Mrs. Larter, of Galt, spent a few days visiting Mrs. A. Reid.**

**Mr. Duncan McLean had the misfortune to have his finger badly crushed.**

**Mr. A. Reid is still confined to the Guelph General Hospital, through illness.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hancock, of Galt, visited the Misses McIntosh, on Sunday.**

**The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Dan McDonald, on Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McDonald, of Winnipeg, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.**

**The 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Knox Church was observed on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Inspiring sermons were delivered by Reverend Mr. Bennie, of Acton, morning and evening. Mr. Lloyd McAninch, of Mt. Pleasant, was soloist at the morning service. The choir of the Freelton United Church led in the service of praise in the evening.**

**On Monday evening, the young people of Central Church, Galt, presented their Bible drama, entitled "Simon the Sorcerer", before a large audience.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. Stuart McConnell has returned to Cornwall after spending three months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McConnell.**

**Mr. Angus McAllister and Mrs. Mary Barber, of Hillsburg, were weekend visitors with relatives here.**

**Miss Donelda McDonald, of Hamilton, spent the weekend at her home here.**

**A number from here attended the McMillan reunion, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McNaughton, and the McDonald reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McDonald, of Clyde, on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Mr. and Mrs. W. McKendrick, of Erin, visited their nephew, Mr. Fred Roszell, and family, recently.**

**Miss Loretta McCartney, of Freelon, spent a few days with Miss Clover McDonnell.**

**Mr. Gordon Gregor, of Hespeler, visited at his home here, on Sunday.**

**Miss Frances Livingstone, of Toronto, is spending her holidays with Miss Clara Nelson.**

**Miss Aileen Walters and Miss Beatrice Bond were joint hostesses at a party to about a dozen of their girl friends on Thursday afternoon and evening last, all having a very delightful time.**

**Miss Aileen Walters has returned to her home in Georgetown after spending several months with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Bond.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. Lincoln Gregor, of Oshawa, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor.**

**Mrs. T. Dickison and her son, Billie, of Mountsberg, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Gordon McAllister.**

**A number from here attended the barn dance at Percy Harbottle's.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Page, Mrs. Allan and Mr. Little, of Hamilton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns, on Sunday.**

**The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held in the vestry of the church, with a good attendance.**

**Miss Catherine Gregor, of Cedar Springs, visited relatives here on Friday.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1938.**

**Mr. John Gilchrist, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession, is spending a few weeks with relatives here.**

**Miss Clara Nelson spent a few days last week with friends at Durham and Berkley.**

**Mrs. Duncan McLean is spending time with her daughter, Mrs. Maine, of Ayr.**

**The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Gordon McAllister, in the death of her mother, Mrs. George Elliott, of Kirkwall.**

**Mr. Neil McCormick, of Hillsburg, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**Miss Abbie McIntosh has returned after spending a few days in Galt.**

**Miss Florence Moffat, of Cedar Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor, Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Pritchard, of Lucknow, spent a few days with Miss Katie McIntosh.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald and little son, Douglas, visited Miss Marion Mahon, of Campbellville, on Sunday.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **August 11<sup>th</sup> 1938.**

**The Missionary Society held the regular monthly meeting, in the vestry, on Tuesday afternoon. Reverend Frank Lawson, of Campbellville, addressed the gathering, giving a very interesting missionary talk.**

**Mrs. Allan Stewart had the misfortune to have a bone broken in her ankle.**

**Mrs. Gardiner and son, Leonard, of Rockwood, visited recently with Mrs. Angus McPherson. Mr. and Mrs. Case Eaton, of Burlington, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reid.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McAninch and son, Walter, of Vancouver, B.B., are visiting relatives and friends here.**

**Mrs. J. B. McLean, of Toronto, is at her summer home, here.**

**Miss Grace Stewart and Miss Beatrice Bond spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Sheik, of Drayton.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPherson, of Aberfoyle, and Mrs. Wm. Fraser, of Galt, were visitors on Wednesday with Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

**Mrs. Alfred Warder and daughter, Muriel, spent a week with her aunt, Mrs. Duncan McDonald.**

**Dr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart and family, of Hamilton, were recent visitors with Mrs. Allan Stewart and family.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1938.**

**Mrs. Fred Roszell is visiting her son, Ernest Roszell and Mrs. Roszell, of Elora, this week.**

**The many friends of Miss Bessie McCormick will be sorry to learn that she sustained a fracture of her right ankle.**

**Colonel J. B. McLean, of Toronto, is spending a week at his summer home, here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Fraser visited Hamilton friends on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Alex Priest and Betty, Charlie, Alvin, and Donald, of Burford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James A. McPherson.**

**Mrs. Russell Kerns, Mrs. Angus McPherson, Mrs. J. McPherson and Margaret, Mrs. William McCormick and daughter, Anna, spent Wednesday with Rockwood friends.**

**Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stewart on their recent marriage.**

**An enjoyable evening was spent in the schoolhouse on Friday, when the U.F.W.A. staged a wiener roast. A good program was enjoyed. The program consisted of solos by Mr. Jack Porteous, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Plumtree, readings by Mrs. Donald E. Stewart, community singing by all, and instrumental music by Miss Grace Stewart. Mr. William McCormick gave a short talk, and Mr. Donald A. Stewart was chairman for the evening.**

**Mr. John Gilchrist, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**Miss D. Gilchrist, of Ayr, visited friends here for a few days, last week.**



## **West Puslinch Church Celebrates Centenary**

**June 26<sup>th</sup> 1940.**

The one hundredth anniversary of religious life in Knox Church, West Puslinch, was marked recently, when upwards of a thousand persons gathered to celebrate the establishing of religious worship this community. A perfect June day made it much more enjoyable for the large crowd gathered in the church and also for those who received the message by means of a loudspeaker system.

The church was decorated with flowers and evergreens, amongst them being a beautiful bouquet of red roses, sent by Mrs. Catherine Hurton, of Carman, Manitoba, in memory of her father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. Munroe, who had been members of the church.

At the morning service, Reverend C. A. Mullin, B.A., of West Flamboro, was the special speaker, assisted by Reverend J. L. Burgess, pastor of Knox Church. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jas. Porteous, sang "Thine, Oh Lord, is the Greatness", by Kent, and "What Are These?", by Stainer. Mrs. Reid, of Guelph, was soloist.

At the evening service, Reverend J. D. Smart, P.H.D., of Knox Church, Galt, was guest speaker, assisted by Reverend Frank Lawson, of Nassagaweya, and Reverend J. L. Burgess. The "New Hope Quartette", of Hespeler, assisted the choir at the evening service. The choir sang "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me".

Greetings were read by the minister, Reverend J. L. Burgess, from Reverend Dr. Wm. Kannawin, of Toronto, Reverend Samuel Lawrence, of Whitby, Mr. H. B. Kerracher, of Verona, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Fingland, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Mrs. Ida McAllister, of Vancouver, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cowen, of B.C., Mr. and Mrs. James Cowen, of Seattle, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cowen, of Vancouver, B.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Hug McAninch, of Seattle, Washington.

Reverend Mr. Lawson brought greetings from Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church and from Guelph Presbytery, and Dr. Smart, from Knox's Church, Galt.

The history of west Puslinch congregation begins with Mr. Neil McPhatter, who has many descendants in this district and who was largely responsible for the erection of the first church on Lot 15, Concession 1, of Puslinch.

Reverend Wm. Meldrum, father of Mr. George Meldrum, of Guelph, was the first minister of West Puslinch, 1840-1856. Reverend John Bayne, D.D., of Knox Church, Galt, took an active interest in the congregation and was able to secure the services of Reverend Andrew Maclean, graduate of Edinburgh University, Scotland, who was pioneer minister of West Puslinch from 1857-1873. Colonel John Bayne Maclean, who has restored the old manse and surroundings at Crieff, is a son.

After the death of Reverend Andrew Maclean, the following ministers have had charge in this congregation: Reverend Neil McDiarmid 1875-1879, Reverend Evan MacCauley 1880-1888, Reverend William Robertson 1890-1906, Reverend Samuel Lawrence 1907-1919, Reverend Stuart Woods 1919-1925, Reverend Peter Mathieson 1925-1935, and the present minister, Reverend J. L. Burgess, who took over the charge on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1936.

In connection with the centennial service, the Women's Missionary Society held a special meeting. About 125 ladies registered. The President, Miss Bessie McCormick, was in the chair. The meeting opened by singing a hymn, then Reverend Mr. Burgess led in prayer. Mrs. Sim read the Scripture lesson.

Mrs. Gamble, of Guelph, brought greetings from the Guelph Presbyterial. Mrs. Hodges brought greetings from Duff's Church Auxiliary, and Reverend Mr. Burgess from the Guelph Presbytery and from the Kirk Session of Crieff Church.

Mrs. Duncan McDonald gave a history of the Auxiliary since its organization in the year 1904. A beautiful bouquet of roses was presented to Miss Katie McIntosh by Mrs. Angus McPherson as a token of recognition of her service as a member of the society.

Mrs. Howard Rokeby-Thomas gave an interesting talk on the work that she and her husband were doing among the Eskimos at Cambridge Bay, North West Territories.

Mrs. James McDonald and Mrs. James Porteous sang "God Will Take Care of You". Miss Florence McPherson presided at the organ. Mrs. Kenneth McDonald conducted a memorial service for members who have been called to their reward. Two minutes silent prayer was held, then, Mrs. Mathieson, of Hamilton, led in prayer. Mrs. Wm. McCormick read the names of members who have passed on. Miss Fawcett, of Hamilton, sang a beautiful solo, "God's Tomorrow". Mrs. Kenneth McDonald gave a talk, recalling many memories in connection with Crieff Church. Mrs. Zeldman, of the Provincial Presbyterial, Of Toronto, gave an inspiring address on the work that she and her husband are engaged in doing among the Jews.

Miss Margaret Scott thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting such an interesting one. The hymn "O God of Bethel" was followed by the National Anthem. Then, Mrs. Thomas McMurray closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a dainty lunch was enjoyed. Tea was poured by Mrs. Dan McDonald and Mrs. L. Reid.

On Monday afternoon and evening, a garden party was held at Mr. Duncan McAllister's home, adjoining the church, when a large crowd gathered. It was a happy reunion for many. A softball game was played between Tansley girls and Morriston girls. The score was in favour of Morriston. A much appreciated item of entertainment was the highland music played by two pipers, Messrs. John McFarlane and C. Blyth, of Guelph. Colonel McLean's historical collection was also a source of interest and delight.

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**The Village News from Crieff  
July 24th 1941.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dundas Heron and family were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Crosby, on Monday.**

**Mr. Ross Irish and Allen O'Hanley, Toronto decorators, are engaged on Colonel Maclean's farm.**

**Mrs. J. Scott and family have the sympathy of the neighbourhood in their sad bereavement.**

**Miss Isabel Rooney, of Toronto, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell. Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Priest, of Paris.**

**Mr. Thomas, Mr. G. Pritchard, and Mr. G. H. Hamilton, botanist, Niagara Falls Park Commission, were visitors at the Crieff Nursery on Monday.**

**Puslinch Township has the edge on most sections of Ontario for rural beauty at the present time.**

**Mrs. Larter, of Gananoque, is visiting with Mrs. Reid.**

**Mrs. John McGeachy has been removed to Galt Hospital. She is suffering from a stroke.**

**The many friends of Mrs. J. Stewart will be glad to hear that she is improving.**

**Colonel J. B. (John Bayne) Maclean is spending a short vacation on his estate here.**

**Miss Devina Gilchrist, of Guelph, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. McCormick.**

**Mrs. F. Emslie has returned from the Guelph hospital and is much improved.**

**Several from here attended the anniversary services at Duff's Church on Sunday last.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Herb Reid and daughter, Ethel, of Barrie, called on Crieff friends, on Monday.**

**Mrs. A. Crosby has been under the doctor's care, with a sore arm.**

**Mrs. Caterline and Miss Tena Heritage, of Bloomington, Illinois, are visiting with Mrs. A. McPherson.**

**Miss Lorna Maltby has returned to Guelph after spending some time at her home here.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **July 31<sup>st</sup> 1941.**

**Miss Merva (perhaps Minerva) Atchison, of Guelph, visited her aunt, Mrs. Hopkinson, at Crieff Hill Farm.**

**Miss Catherine Gregor, of Guelph, spent a week at her home here.**

**Miss Beatrice Bond, of Guelph, called on Crieff friends.**

**Master Wesley Smith, of Hamilton, is holidaying with Alfie Kerns.**

**Mrs. Duncan McDonald has returned after spending some time with friends at Niagara Falls.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Warder and daughter, Marilyn, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Allan McConnell.**

**Mrs. J. Tennant, of Morriston, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. Mast.**

**Mr. and Mrs. S. Turcott, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerns, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. James McDonald visited her sister, Mrs. Jack Porteous, of Niagara Falls, on Tuesday.**

**Mr. Jack Miller, of Galt, called on Crieff friends on Tuesday.**

**Sergeant Geo. McKay, of Toronto, spent a few days with friends here last week.**

**The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. C. Mast on Tuesday last. The meeting was well attended.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**August 7<sup>th</sup> 1941.**

**Colonel Drew and family visited Colonel Maclean and the museum, last week, also, Mrs. House, of Fergus.**

**Miss Annie Till, of Grand Valley, is a guest of Miss Irene Robson.**

**Reeve Donald Stewart delivered, to Colonel Maclean, two coveys of thirty young pheasants. These will be liberated later on, in Colonel Maclean's reforested areas, considered by experts, a most desirable location for these interesting birds. Mr. Stewart was also instrumental in having a number of trout fingerlings placed in Mill Creek.**

**Misses Edith and Gladys McIntosh, of Toronto, visited their aunts, the Misses McIntosh, at the manse.**

**Allan Robson, R.C.A.F., Trenton, is on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robson, of Crieff Hill Farm.**

**Relatives in Puslinch and Dumfries of Wing Commander P. Alex Gilchrist, R.A.F., are much concerned over his being officially reported missing, after an enemy engagement, on July 24<sup>th</sup> last.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald visited at the summer cottage of Mr. Duncan Hollinger, of Port Rowan.**

**Miss Evelyn Pass, of Guelph, spent the weekend with Miss Annie Sawyer.**

**Miss Mable Roszell and Miss Mildred Kerns, of Guelph, are holidaying for a couple weeks at their homes here.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Black and little son, Jackie, visited Mrs. Duncan McDonald, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. James Scott and daughters, Jean and Peggy, are holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister.**

**Mrs. Jessie Scott and son Bobby, of Woodstock, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and daughters, Marybell and Ruth, of Galt, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott, on Monday last.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> 1941.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Melville Lewis, Mr. Vernon Zimmerman, and Miss Stella Page visited Mr. and Mrs. William McEwen, on Sunday.**

**Private Cameron Stewart, of Camp Borden, spent his leave among relatives here.**

**Visitors to the museum included Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shellard and Mrs. John Morton, of Galt, and Mr. I. J. Shaw and Miss Jessie Wilkinson, of Guelph.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crosley and sons, William and Frankie, and Mr. Frank McConnell visited friends at Woodstock, on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore visited the Misses McIntosh, on Sunday.**

**Miss Louise Klingman and Mr. Wilfred Klingman, of Michigan, visited Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, on Tuesday.**

**Mrs. Angus McPherson, Mrs. William McCormick and daughter, Anna, Miss Christina Heritage, and Mrs. Caterline visited Galt friends on Thursday.**

**Miss Jean Ramsey, Private McNicoll, Miss Jennie Wilkinson, Mr. James Bruce, of Harriston, and Mr. John McAllister, of Hespeler, called on Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick, on Sunday.**

**Miss Muriel Reid, of Appleby, is holidaying with Miss Mildred Kerns.**

**Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay and daughter, Janette, of Dundalk, visited Mrs. Angus McCormick, on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Deaconbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porteous, of Niagara Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. James Porteous, over the weekend.**

## **The Village News from Crieff**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1941.**

**The many friends of Mrs. George Caldwell will regret to learn of her illness in Guelph General Hospital. All wish her a speedy recovery.**

**Miss Joan and Barbara Block, of Rockwood, are holidaying with Master Douglas McDonald. Mr. Alex Fleming and little son, Jackie, of Kitchener, visited Mr. F. McDonald, recently.**

**Mrs. Jennie Stewart spent a few days last week with friends in Hamilton. Miss Margaret Hall, of Guelph, is holidaying with Mrs. Charles Gregor.**

**A nice time was enjoyed by all who attended the Sunday School picnic at Puslinch Lake, on Wednesday. Over one hundred sat down to supper.**

**Lieutenant George McKay and Miss Christena McKay, of Toronto, called on Crieff friends, on Tuesday.**

**Messrs. Donald Stewart, Fred Roszell, and Andrew Scott spent Sunday at Shelbourne.**

**Among the visitors to the museum were Mr. and Mrs. McCorkindale, of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Sauder, of Kitchener, Mrs. Sophie Wakefield Wells, of St. Paul, Minnesota, Judge and Mrs. Arthur Moore, of Royal Oak, Michigan, Miss Mary Dell, of Tilton, circulation manager of "The Citizen" of Auburn, N.Y., Deputy-Chief George Laur, Galt fire brigade, and Mrs. Laur and Mrs. John Younge, Mrs. A. R. Morgan, of Toronto, Mrs. J. Albert McLean and her daughter, Miss Norma, a celebrated violinist. Miss McLean was much interested in some violins made by the curator, entirely from Puslinch wood.**

**Flamboro Horticultural Society members, in about twenty cars, about one hundred persons, visited Colonel Maclean's museum and grounds, on Wednesday. Everyone was much interested in the church, the museum, and the grounds, and expressed their appreciation and thanks for the kind reception given the party. The party was in the charge of the Reverend C. R. Albright, of Freelon, assisted by Mrs. J. Brock, of Millgrove, President, and Mrs. Earl Wise, Secretary-Treasurer.**

**Mrs. (Colonel) Maclean is holidaying at her summer home here.**

**Miss Florence Reid, of Appleby, is spending a week with relatives at Crieff.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mast and family and Miss Lou Mast, of Puslinch, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast.**

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**The Crieff News**  
**August 30<sup>th</sup> 1941.**

**Mrs. E. Greenwood, of Woodstock, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Crosley.**

**Colonel and Mrs. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hendershot, of Toronto, and Mr. Thomas McDonald, of Minneapolis, visited Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, on Saturday.**

**Visitors to the museum included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kruger and daughter, Marjorie, of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones, of Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. McCorkindale, of Waterloo, Misses A. Gingerich, M. Dunham, C. Schurbats, E. Schurbats, Mr. and Mrs. Rowan, of Orton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart, of Morryston, Mrs. Alex Harbottle, of Arthur, and Mrs. Adam Densmore, of Grand Valley.**

**Mrs. Howitt Stewart, of Corwhin, visited her sister, Mrs. George McConnell.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and little daughter, Joan, of Toronto, called on Crieff relatives here, on Sunday.**

**Master Alfie Kerns is visiting Master Charles Reid, of Appleby.**

**Mrs. Crosby and son, William, and Mrs. Frank Emsley and family spent Sunday in Toronto.**

**Mrs. Matheson and daughter, Isabel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald.**

**The Misses Mary, Betty, and Dolores McAllister have returned after spending their holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Dickson, of Morrisburg.**

**The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Archie Scott, on Tuesday afternoon. A large number of ladies attended.**



## **The News from Crieff**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> 1941.**

**Mr. and Mrs. S. Laking and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast, recently.**

**Mr. Frank Emslie's many friends will be pleased to learn of his return to Crieff.**

**Mrs. Wilson Gardiner and Mr. Leonard Gardiner, of Rockwood, spent Sunday with Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

**Miss Florence McPherson has returned after spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. David Bradley, of Holland Centre.**

**Mrs. J. A. McIntosh and children, Mary and Donald, Mrs. Rutherford, and Miss Catherine McGill, of Galt, visited the Misses McIntosh.**

**Visitors to the museum were Mr. and Mrs. John McLean and family, Grant and Kenneth McLean, Misses Marjory and Catherine McLean, Mrs. A. M. Scott and daughters, Peggy and Helen, of Badenoch, Mr. and Mrs. John McCaig and family, of Aberfoyle, Reverend Mr. Burgess and Junior, members of the Morrision boy scouts, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fisher and family, of Galt, and others.**

**Pte. Cameron Stewart, of Camp Borden, was home on leave on Sunday.**

**Pte. Angus McDonald, Pte. Jack Huffman, of North Bay, and Pte. James McDonald, of Kitchener, spent the weekend at their homes here.**

**The Crieff Ladies met at the vestry on Thursday afternoon and packed boxes for the soldiers overseas.**

**Mrs. William McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns, and Mr. Fred Roszell spent a few days last week at Holland Centre and Meaford.**

## **The Village News from Crieff**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> 1941.**

**Mr. and Mrs. William Pagett, of St. Catharines, visited Crieff friends on Tuesday.**

**Mrs. Jessie Scott and son, Robert, and Mrs. Arnold Roper, of Woodstock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott, recently.**

**Visitors to the museum included Mr. George Paddock and daughter, Janette, of Hespeler, Reverend A. and Mrs. Legget, of Norval, Mr. Dan McFarlane, Mrs. T. J. Gilchrist and John, Penelope, and Margaret, of Guelph.**

**A most successful sale was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Roszell. A good amount was collected by the children of the school for "The Mercury Distress Fund".**

**Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller, of Georgetown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson, of Crieff.**

**A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald, on Wednesday evening, in honour of their daughter, Donelda. The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts. The groom-to-be thanked the donors for their lovely gifts. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, after which, a delicious lunch was served.**

**Mrs. Duncan McDonald is visiting friends in Niagara Falls.**

**Mrs. George Caldwell spent a few days last week in Toronto.**

**The many friends of Frank Emslie are pleased to know that he is able to go around without a ... (The remainder of the text is missing.)**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> 1941.**

**Wedding bells rang again in Crieff when Miss Donelda McDonald became the bride of Mr. James McMillan, of Morrison, on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mrs. Larter, of Galt, is visiting friends at Crieff for a few days.**

The people of Crieff have a special interest in the two famous Cunninghams, now doing such great work in the Mediterranean, General Alan Gordon Cunningham and Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham. Their grandfather was a Presbyterian minister at Crieff, Scotland, and their father, the famous Professor Cunningham at Edinburgh, was born there. This was brought out a few days ago by Reverend Sir Robert Falconer, late President of Toronto University, in a conversation with Colonel J. B. Maclean. Sir Robert knew their father very well.

Crieff, first named Fraserville, was changed about 1861. Allan Stewart, first postmaster, his family coming from Crieff, Scotland, would probably suggest the name. This Mr. Stewart was a grand-uncle of Mr. Donald Stewart, our present Reeve.

Mrs. David Bradley, Holland Centre, visited with her brother, Mr. Ralph Nelson, for a few days this week.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Johnnie McGeachy and family, in their recent bereavement.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Duncan McAllister on Thursday afternoon, and the ladies quilted a quilt for the Red Cross and packed boxes for the Crieff boys overseas.

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## **The Crieff News**

### **December 13<sup>th</sup> 1941.**

Miss Abbie McIntosh is spending a few days with relatives in Toronto.

Visitors to the museum included Mr. and Mrs. George McQueen and Mr. John R. Houdie, of Elora, Mr. William L. MacKenzie, of Lucknow, Mr. Howard Winer, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Gladwin McDonald, of Mount Forest, Mrs. Arnold McDonald, of Puslinch, and Reverend Walter McCleary, of Elora.

The Young People's Society held a meeting in the church, last Sunday evening. Mr. Harold Kerns opened the program with a hymn. Reverend Mr. McCleary led in prayer. Mrs. James McDonald read the Scripture lesson. A quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Porteous, Miss Grace Stewart, and Reverend Mr. McCleary, sang. Mr. McCleary showed pictures on Bible work and the battle of Dunkirk, which were much enjoyed.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Miss Bessie McCormick, on Tuesday afternoon. The guest speaker was Miss Anderson, of Acton, and all enjoyed her talk on her work in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones, of Toronto, visited their aunts, the Misses McIntosh, on Sunday.

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1942.**

A large number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Duncan McDonald, of Morriston, on January 12<sup>th</sup>, to spend a social hour with her. She has taken up residence in Morriston recently.

During the afternoon, a splendid program was given, with Miss Margaret Scott presiding. A special event was a presentation to Mrs. McDonald. The address, read by Mrs. Wm. McCormick was as follows:

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

We, your Crieff friends, have gathered here this afternoon to spend a social hour with you in your new home.

It was with feelings of deepest regret that we learned of your decision to leave our community. The McDonald family has always been associated with the social life and activities of Crieff. We recall with pleasure the memories of many happy hours spent with you in your home.

The interest shown by you in all of our local activities is but one example of your undisputed worth in all works of welfare; particularly is this shown by your assistance kindly rendered in connection with our church.

Having spent the greater part of your life amongst us, your bright intellect, honest ways, and kindly deeds could not but be a real inspiration.

**As a slight token of our esteem and regard, we ask you to accept these gifts, and know that each time that you use them you will remember your Crieff friends.**

**Signed on behalf of the community,  
Mrs. A. McPherson, Mrs. W. Sim, Mrs. M. McGeachy, & Mrs. A. Scott.**

**Mrs. Porteous presented Mrs. McDonald with a lovely blanket and Mrs. Rudd presented her with a travelling bag. Mrs. McDonald thanked the donors for their lovely gifts. All joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow". The program was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne". A splendid lunch and social hour were then enjoyed.**

**Miss Bessie McCormick attended the Presbyterial meeting held in Knox Church, Galt, on Tuesday.**

**All are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Isaac Hobson, in Galt hospital.**

**All are glad that the Kerns family members, who have been ill with the flu, are improving.**

**Miss Barber has not been able to resume her duties as teacher since New Year's. All hope that she will soon be enjoying better health. Mrs. Awde has been supplying in Miss Barber's absence.**

**All are looking forward to a good attendance at the program, pie social, and fish pond to be held in the school on Friday night. The proceeds are for boxes to the boys overseas.**

**The regular meeting of the W.M.S. was held in the Sunday School room, on Wednesday afternoon. After the meeting, boxes were packed for the boys overseas.**

**Mrs. Jessie Scott and son, Robert, of Woodstock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott, on Sunday.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

A splendid program was given in Crieff School on Friday evening. An interesting address was given by Mrs. Carney, of Murrison, on "China as an Ally". Mrs. Carney spent a number of years in China. Miss Alma Hall gave a very humorous reading. A duet was contributed by Mary McPherson and Anna McCormick. Violin music was given by Mr. J. Gilchrist, accompanied by Miss Ida Stewart on the piano. A duet was sung by Coral Paddock and Mary McAllister, and "The Highland Fling" danced by John Fixter. Mr. Donald Stewart was chairman.

Much interest was taken in the fish pond and the articles were soon disposed of. A pie social was then enjoyed. Sandwiches and coffee were served. Much credit is due the committee in charge and Mrs. Wm. McCormick and Mrs. Clarence Awde, who arranged the evening's entertainment. A nice sum was realized for boxes to be sent to the boys overseas.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. James McPherson on Tuesday afternoon and quilted a quilt for the Red Cross.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Maltby, Mr. Stuart McDonald, and Mr. Ross Tempelman are sorry to hear that they are under the doctor's care. All hope for their speedy recovery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Gordon McAllister, in the loss of her brother, Mr. Martin Elliot, of Galt.

Miss Catherine Gregor and Miss Beatrice Bond, of Guelph, called on Crieff friends on Sunday.

## **The News from Crieff**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

Due to the untiring energy and perseverance of Colonel Maclean, a valuable collection of pioneer history has been added to the collection at Crieff. This consists of pioneer historical matter collected by the late Matthew McPhatter, in 1897, when many of the pioneers were still living on the farms that they had cleared from the original forest. Besides, many names of persons and events are added that are nearly as interesting as the original sketch itself. The collection has been preserved by Mrs. Katherine McIntyre, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, through all these years, and graciously presented to the museum. These sketches, and what has already been collected, should add much interest to the local archives.

Mr. Gordon Gregor, of Hespeler, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor.

The Y.P.S. (Young People's Society) met at the home of Miss Margaret Scott on Saturday evening, when a nice time was enjoyed.

The many friends of Mr. Stuart McDonald are sorry to hear that he was taken to Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday. All hope for his speedy recovery.

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

The many friends of Mr. Duncan McLean were sorry to hear that he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph. All hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Jane Urquhart, of Chatham, and Mr. Andrew Leishman, of Paris, visited Mr. Angus McCormick, on Sunday.

Quite a number of ladies attended the old-fashioned tea in Aberfoyle Hall, in aid of the Puslinch branch of the Red Cross. Miss Margaret Scott won the apron for the neatest patch put on in Crieff and Killean district.

Miss Beatrice Bond, of Guelph, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Grace Stewart.

Duff's Church choir is presenting a play entitled "The Path Across the Hill", in Crieff Schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Block and daughters, of Rockwood, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor.

Private James McDonald, of Camp Borden, is spending a leave at his home here.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Roszell, on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies quilted a quilt for the missionary bale.

Miss Lorna Maltby, of Guelph, is spending a few weeks at her home here.

Mrs. William Sim spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McRobbie, of Hespeler.

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## **The Crieff News**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

A community Good Friday service was held in the church on Friday evening. The president of the Knox Church Y.P.S., Harold Kerns, occupied the chair. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Boucher, Evangelical L.C.E., and prayer was offered by Reverend Mr. Neil, Aberfoyle Young People's Society. All recited "The Apostles' Creed". A pageant entitled "Life Triumphant" was put on by Duff's Church Young People's Society. Reverend Burgess led in prayer.

Mr. Leo Laframboise is spending his holidays at his home at River Canard.

Mrs. Angus McPherson and granddaughter, Miss Mary McPherson, are holidaying with the former's sister, Mrs. Wilson Gardiner, of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Simpson and little daughter spent a few days with Mrs. Simpson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin.



**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Priest and family, of Hamilton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Porteous, on Sunday.**

**Reeve Donald Stewart is spending a few days in Toronto on business.**

**Mr. and Mrs Harry Hyde, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mrs. A. Reid.**

**Mr. Wilfred Fitton, of Guelph, spent Monday with Mr. Harold Kerns.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

**Visitors to the museum included Mr. and Mrs. James Bell and family, of Hespeler, Mr. Robert Welsh, of Toronto, Miss A. Yates, of Toronto, Mr. Vince S. Cutmore and Mr. James C. Hopkinson, of Norval, Mr. A. M. Menzie, of Carberry, Manitoba, and Mr. A. Hindley, of Guelph.**

**Colonel Maclean is visiting his Crieff estate.**

**The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church met at the home of Mrs. James McMillan, on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was well attended.**

**Mr. Archie Menzie, of Carberry, Manitoba, visited with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Angus McPherson.**

**Ten thousand trees have arrived for Colonel Maclean's reforestation project.**

## **The Village News from Crieff**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 1942.**

Visitors to the museum included Mrs. Adam Desmore, Mr. and Mrs. James Turton and daughter, Audrey, of Guelph, Mrs. Edith Nicol and daughter, Mabel, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McDonald and Ross and Kenneth, of Mount Forest, and Mr. William Detensick and Miss Jane Forsyth, of Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolt and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bolt, of Guelph, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast.

Mrs. James Scott, of Detroit, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McAllister.

Mrs. Yemen and little son, Garrie, of Guelph, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stewart, of Galt, visited Mrs. Allan Stewart, on Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Bond, of Guelph, visited relatives here recently.

Mrs. John Smith has returned to Toronto after a week's vacation with Mrs. Hopkinson.

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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

Visitors to the museum included Mr. R. Bruce, of Carswell, Mr. Alfred R. Forkes, of Glen Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Ainslie, Miss Maude McCormick, Mr. Angus McPherson, and Mrs. Donald McCaig, of Aberfoyle, Mr. G. Hutching and Mr. F. Appleton, of London, Mr. John Sayer and Miss Sayer, of Verschoyle, Pilot E. Gray, R.C.A.F., of Grayburn, Saskatchewan, and Messrs Sachs and Wm. Cooper, of Hespeler. Mr. Cooper donated an interesting relic, an emergency ration, carried by a soldier in the Boer War.

All are sorry to hear that Mr. Jack McCaig had the misfortune to break his hand while at work in Galt, on Tuesday.

**A severe electrical storm passed over this district last Friday night, a bolt of lightning striking Mr. Wm. McCormick's house, damaging it badly.**

**Mrs. Dickson and three sons, of Mountsberg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McAllister, on Sunday.**

**Mr. James Scott, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and daughters, Ruth and Marybell, of Galt, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott, on Sunday.**

**The Brownies from Guelph held a picnic at "Juniper Hill Farm", last Saturday.**

**A number from here attended the shower on Friday evening, given in honour of Miss Mae Small, of Valens, a bride of Saturday next.**

**Mr. George McKay, of Toronto, called on Crieff friends, on Thursday.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **June 13th 1942.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald and daughters, Barbara and Pat, of Chicago, called on Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. F. Harding, of London, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCaig. Mr. and Mrs. Hector McCaig, of Guelph, visited at the same home.**

**A ball game was played on Wednesday evening, in Mr. Roszell's field, between Crieff and Puslinch teams, Crieff winning by a small margin.**

**The Young People of Knox Church met at the home of Reverend and Mrs. Burgess on Monday evening and enjoyed a social time together.**

**The Crieff Ladies' Club met with the Valens Club on Monday afternoon at Valens School. Crieff gave the program and Valens provided the lunch. A Red Cross tea was given at the home of Mrs. William McCormick. All enjoyed a social time and a nice tea. A good sum was collected for the boys' boxes.**

**Visitors to the museum included Misses Catherine and Margaret Smith, of Guelph, Mrs. D. Stewart, of Toronto, Miss Ada Purvis, of Toronto, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. C. Galbraith Senior, and Mr. and Mrs. William Galbraith Junior and children, of Downey's.**

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## **The News from Crieff**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

**Visitors to the museum included Mr. and Mrs. William A. Reynolds, Mrs. Wes Reynolds, Alan Reynolds, and Marvyn Reynolds, of Harriston, Captain John Smith, of Ingersol, Miss Eleanor Huras, of Preston, Messrs. Harold and Howard Lambke, of Preston, and Miss Lois Moore, of Blair.**

**Twelve thousand young trees have been added to Colonel Maclean's reforested area.**

**Mrs. George Smith, of Toronto, has arrived in Crieff, and is residing with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell.**

**Mrs. M. McNaughton is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Angus McCormick.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald and son, Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald visited friends in Toronto, on Sunday.**

**A ball game was played at the Aberfoyle fair grounds on Friday evening between Aberfoyle and Crieff, Aberfoyle winning by 15-13.**

**Anniversary services will be held next Sunday in Knox Church, Crieff, at 11 and 7:30 o' clock.**

# **The News from Crieff**

**June 26<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

Recent visitors to the museum included Messrs. Ernest Midgley, Ernest Eltherington, J. Horace Shaw, Herbert E. Eltherington, "The new Hope Quartet", of Hespeler, Mrs. E. Eltherington, Mrs. Herb Eltherington, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wigwood, Mr. and Mrs. Trenton Jackson, Miss Laurene Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Day, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans and Ruth and Margaret, Allan Evans, Miss Margaret Stewart, of Hespeler, Miss Jessie I. Lowe, Mr. William Smith, Reverend and Mrs. J. C. MacNeil, Mr. Nelson Paddock, of Galt, and Mrs. C. Kreager, of Guelph.

Many friends are pleased to hear that Mr. Jack McCaig has returned from Galt hospital and is much improved.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hopkinson were Mr. James C. Hopkinson, Vince S. Cutmore, of Norval, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McDonald, and Ross and Kenneth McDonald, of Mount Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Block and daughters, of Rockwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor on Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robertson, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lakings and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mast and family and Miss Lou Mast, of Puslinch.

A ball game was played on Saturday evening between Crieff and Clyde, at Clyde. The score was a tie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porteous, of Niagara Falls, spent the weekend with their parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ord and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maltby, of Aberfoyle, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maltby, on Sunday.

The annual joint meeting of Duff's and Crieff auxiliaries of the W.M.S. (Women's Missionary Society) was held at the home of Mrs. Burgess, of Morriston, on Thursday afternoon. About sixty ladies were present. The meeting was conducted by the Crieff ladies, after which, refreshments were served by the Duff's ladies and a social hour spent.

Mr. James Mast has secured a position at Ayr and left on Monday to start work there.

Mr. James Starkey, of Arkell, visited his aunt, Mrs. Stewart, on Sunday.

Anniversary services were held in Knox Church on Sunday. Both morning and evening services were conducted by Reverend Mr. MacNeil, of Nassagaweya, and were well attended.

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1942.**

Recent visitors to the museum included Miss Irene Carter, Miss Nancy Peal, Mr. and Mrs. Allan F. Stewart, of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Flatt and Miss Mary Flatt, of East Flamboro, Dr. H. O. Howitt, of Guelph, Mr. Blair McPhatter, Miss Jean and Miss Cassie McCormick, of Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emslie and family, of Hagersville, called on Crieff friends on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and son, Wesley, and Mrs. Smith Senior, of Hamilton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns, on Monday.

Mrs. Kregor and daughter, Ruth, Mr. Gordon Gregor, Mr. Edward Ton and Mr. Doyle, of Hespeler, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregor, on Sunday.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson were Mrs. A. H. Philliys, Mrs. A. E. Scott, Mr. Wm. Burke, Miss Merva Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Cartwright, and Mrs. Chris Eskildson.

Mrs. W. Gardiner and son, Leonard, of Rockwood, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Angus McPherson.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Angus McCormick, on Tuesday, and made Red Cross quilts. Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Priest, of Burford, on Sunday.

A ball game was played in Mr. Wilfred Roszell's field on Tuesday evening, between Aberfoyle and Crieff. The score was in favour of Crieff.

A number of ladies from here attended a trousseau tea given in honour of Miss Idena McDonnell on Friday evening.

The Crieff Young People met with Duff's Young People on Monday evening at Puslinch Lake and enjoyed a picnic.

Mrs. George Caldwell spent a week with friends at Goderich.

Miss Florence McPherson left, to spend the summer at Sussex.

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## **The Crieff News**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

**Visitors to the historic collection included Mrs. M. McIntosh, Miss M. H. Hipple, of Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reynolds and family, of Eden Mills, Miss Mary and Miss Ellen Thompson, of Guelph, Miss Minnie Feagon, Miss Gladys Dustow, of Goderich, Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. L. Huether, Mr. and Mrs. George Sockett, of Morriston, Mr. Allan Galbraith, Master Lloyd Clark, Mr. E. P. Bowman, and Mr. Fred D. Hill, of Guelph.**

**Miss Margaret Hall and Miss Clover McDonnell, of Guelph, visited Crieff friends, on Sunday.**

**Mrs. Jessie Scott and son, Robert, of Woodstock, and Miss Marybell Scott, of Galt, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hopkinson and son, Jimmie, visited relatives in Norval, on Sunday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald and family spent the weekend with friends at Mount Forest.**

**Mrs. Dan McDonald entertained the Crieff ladies at a Red Cross tea, on Thursday afternoon. A pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent.**

**The many friends of Mr. Robert Kennedy are sorry to hear that he is ill and hope for his speedy recovery.**

**A ball game was played between Badenoch and Crieff, at Morriston, on Thursday evening, the score being in favour of Crieff.**

## **The News from Crieff**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

**Mrs. Wm. Bond and nephew, Earl Walters, of Georgetown, are spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. James McPherson and other friends.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCaig and Billie and Kenneth spent a week holidaying at Wasaga Beach.**

**Mrs. S. Thompson, of Toronto, is with Mrs. Dave McNaughton, at present.**

**A very successful silver tea was given at the home of Mrs. James Blake, on Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>, the funds generated being for a very good cause, our soldier boys' boxes.**

**We are all sorry to hear that Mr. John Sawyer had the misfortune of getting a couple of ribs fractured while harvesting on Saturday.**

**Miss M. Reid, of Appleby, is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Turcotte and son, Kell (perhaps Cal), of Toronto, called on Crieff friends, on Sunday.**

**Miss Lorna Maltby spent a few days with friends in Galt.**

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## **The Village News from Crieff**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

**Visitors to the historic collection included Mrs. A. E. Shier and Miss Margaret Shier, of Weston, Miss Bertha Clark, of Glenock, Scotland, Miss Agnes Martin, of Belfast, Ireland, Mrs. C. P. Roney, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson, Gerald and Murray Jackson, Mrs. A. McGreen, Mrs. G. G. Shirley, of Toronto, Mr. Murray Flynn, of Portsmouth, England, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Edwards, of Freulton, Mr. and Mrs. Ross McKay, Mr. Angus McAllister, Mrs. Mary Barber, Miss June McKay, of Hillsburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. Long, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gingrich, Mrs. Wm. Hortop, and Mrs. Samuel Fenton, of Hespeler.**



**Mr. and Mrs. Harding, of London, visited recently with their daughter, Mrs. Jack McCaig.**

**Mr. and Mrs. David Kerns, of Hamilton, spent a few days with Mrs. A. Reid.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porteous, of Chippewa, spent the weekend with friends here.**

**Miss Ruth Huffman, of Freelon, visited Miss Mildred Kerns, on Sunday.**

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## **The Crieff News**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 1942.**

**Visitors to the historic collection included Mr. George Weatherston, of Dundas, Mr. Miriam A. Fletcher, Reeve of Binbrook, Mr. J. Manit, Miss Winetta Decker, Mrs. A. Conkey, of Galt, Mr. W. S. Manit, Mr. Joseph D. Armes, of Hamilton, Mr. Echroni Dayman, of Lynden, Mr. C. W. Moffat, of Ancaster, Mr. Robert Nicholson, of Milgrove, Mr. B. E. Corman, of Stoney Creek, Mr. Frank and Arthur McPhatter, Mrs. Roy Smith, of St. George, Mrs. Mary McLaren, of Kitchener, and Mrs. John Lockie, of Branchton.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hopkinson and son, Jimmie, spent the weekend with Mrs. Hopkinson's parents, at Huttonville.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyde spent the weekend with Mrs. A. Reid.**

**Tpr. H. E. Huffman, of Camp Borden, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Huffman.**

## **Plane Crash at Crieff**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> 1943.**

Three airmen died at about 2:30 yesterday afternoon when a twin-motored Avro-Anson from No. 16 Service Flying Training School, at Hagersville, ploughed into a field on a farm occupied by C. W. Maltby, two miles west of Puslinch Station.

One of the airmen has been identified as PO. John Caskie, 23, of Hamilton, a pilot instructor at the Hagersville station. He was a bridegroom for six months. A second airman was LAC. S. R. Burton, of Hammond, Indiana. The name of the third man was not available this morning, as the Hagersville school had not yet received notification that his next of kin had learned of his death.

With wreckage strewn over an area of at least 150 yards, the scene appeared as if a tremendous explosion had taken place. A piece of the fuselage was visible at the top of a tree 400 yards away from where the plane hit the ground.

Most of the debris littered the snow for a distance of about 25 yards from where the craft gouged out a path 10 feet wide in the frozen ground. Chunks of earth were blasted loose as if by dynamite.

Part of one of the engines was mingled with the wreckage on the other side of a fence from where the plane first hit, and not far away lay the bodies of the three airmen.

The snow-burdened fields prevented vehicles from reaching the scene. A sleigh belonging to a local farmer was called into service to transport the bodies of the airmen to a waiting R.C.A.F. ambulance. Coroner Dr. T. R. Pickard and Provincial Constables E. A. Webb and P. P. Seibert had been summoned shortly after the tragedy occurred.

William Huether said that he was a mile and a half away when he first saw the Avro-Anson. It was up quite a height, he told the R.C.A.F. officers, then came straight down at terrific speed.

Standing outside his home, within 300 yards of where the plane crashed, Charles Maltby was the first on the scene after the plane had nose-dived to the ground. Finding that all three occupants of the machine were dead, Mr. Maltby returned to his home to summon aid, and was later joined by Harold Kearns, Dan McDonald, James McPherson, and James McDonald, all neighbours.

“When I first noticed the plane flying from the southwest, the motors appeared to be running perfectly,” Mr. Maltby told the Guelph Mercury newspaper. “When I saw it descending, I thought that it was about to make a loop, but it only seemed a matter of seconds when it hit the ground and seemed to fly all to pieces. There was a terrific impact as it struck the surface,” he said.

As he raced to the spot where the plane had crashed, Mr. Maltby noticed a small fire in a portion of the scattered debris, but this quickly snuffed itself out in the deep snow. He did not hear any explosion as the craft made its fatal plunge.

The farm on which the crash occurred is owned by Louis J. Jochimeck, of Guelph, and occupied by Mr. Maltby. It is situated about two miles west of Puslinch Station and only a short distance from Crieff.

The bodies of the three airmen were conveyed to No. 4 Wireless School, at the O.A.C., and later taken to No. 16 Service Flying Training School, at Hagersville. Officers from the local air school, who were on the scene after the crash, made a preliminary investigation and communicated with officials at Hagersville when it had been determined that the plane belonged to that training centre.

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## **Nova Scotia Minister Gets Puslinch Charge**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 1943.**

A call, in favour of the Reverend T. G. M. Bryan, B.A., B.D., formerly of North River, Nova Scotia, was put through at the meeting of Guelph Presbytery, held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bryan's charge will be Knox and Duff's Churches, in Puslinch.

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## **Reverend T. G. M. Bryan Inducted in Duties of Puslinch Charges**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 1943.**

The congregations of Knox and Duff's Churches, Puslinch, met in Duff's Church, for the induction of T. G. M. Bryan, B.A., B.D., as their minister. There was an excellent attendance of both the Presbytery of Guelph and the congregations.

Reverend M. Davidson, D.D., moderator of the Presbytery, was in charge. Reverend H. L. Bennie, of Elmira, preached the sermon from the words of St. Luke, "And it came to pass".

Reverend J. C. Grier, interim moderator, narrated the events leading up to the call. Reverend H. G. Cleghorn, of Preston, addressed the newly inducted minister and the Reverend L. L. Young, D.D., of Fergus, addressed the congregation, each giving wise counsel and exhortation to their hearers.

At the close of the service, Mr. Bryan was introduced to the individual members and all repaired to the basement where a war-time supper had been provided by the ladies.

Words of greeting and welcome were extended to Mr. Bryan by Reverend J. C. Grier and Reverend H. L. Bennie, from Presbytery, by Mr. F. Roszell and Miss M. Scott, from Knox, and Mrs. H. E. Cockburn and Mr. J. W. Kerr, from Duff's. There were also appropriate words from Mr. Arthur Bryan, of London, father of the minister.

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## **The News from Crieff**

### **October 6<sup>th</sup> 1943.**

The sudden passing of Mr. Fred Roszell, on Monday, was a great shock to the community. The sympathy of everyone goes out to the sorrowing wife and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leishman and Mrs. Leishman Senior, of Paris, visited Mrs. McCormick and family, on Sunday.

Mr. Duncan McLean has returned from Toronto hospital. He is still under the doctor's care.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Charles Maltby, on Tuesday, with good attendance.

Angus and Leslie McPherson have resumed their studies at Guelph Collegiate.

Mrs. Jessie Scott and son, Robert, of Woodstock, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott, recently.

The many friends of Colonel Maclean join in wishing him many returns of his birthday on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Robinson, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mast, on Tuesday.

Inspector George McKay, C.L.B., of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kerns.

Mrs. Campbell McKinnon, of Moffat, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Charles Gregor.

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## **The Village News from Crieff October 30<sup>th</sup> 1943.**

A splendid collection of salvage was received from School Section No. 6.

Misses Cassie and Nellie McCormick and Mr. Blair McPhatter, of Galt, called on Crieff friends, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maine and daughter, Irene, of Ayr, visited on Sunday at Duncan McLean's.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.

Mrs. David Bradley, of Holland Centre, spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. Ralph Nelson.

Little Miss Elizabeth Whitter, who had the misfortune to have her leg broken, is now in Galt hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson and son, Jimmie, left on Tuesday for their new home at Oakville.

A number from here attended the dance in Killean School on Friday evening, the proceeds to go to send the boys their Christmas boxes.

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**Crieff, Puslinch Exam Results  
July 7th 1945.**

**Grade 7 to 8: Alfred Kerns, Lindsay Love, Betty McAllister, Mary McPherson, Mary Templeman.**

**Grade 6 to 7: Donald Love, Douglas Mast, Raymond Maltby, Keith Roszell.**

**Grade 5 to 6: Neil Burrows, Anna McCormick, Delores McAllister, Margaret McPherson, Jean Templeman, R.**

**Grade 4 to 5: Donna Burrows, Shirley Love, June Witter.**

**Grade 2 to 3: Keith Connell, Edith McConnell**

**Grade 1 to 2: Douglas McDonald, Elizabeth Witter, R.**

**Teacher: G. Greer.**

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**The News from Crieff  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 1946.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Corm Ingram, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald.**

**Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser and son, Neil, of Detroit, Michigan, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. A. Fraser.**

**All are pleased to know that Miss Anna McCormick has returned home from the hospital.**

**William Dixon, of Galt, spent the weekend with his aunt, Mrs. Gordon McAllister.**

**All welcome to the community, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and family, who have moved into the village.**

**All are glad to have back again Mr. Philip McDonald, who has returned recently from overseas.**

**Mr. and Mrs. John McCrae, of Ingersol, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Sawyer.**

**Mr. Donald Stewart spent a few days in Toronto this week.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maltby spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maltby, of Aberfoyle. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyde, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mrs. A. Reid.**

**Farm Forum held the last meeting in the school on Monday evening.**

**The community of Crieff extended a welcome home to its young soldiers on Friday evening, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the schoolhouse. A banquet and program were enjoyed. Mr. Russell Kerns was chairman and proposed the toast to the King. Reverend Mr. Bryan gave the toast to the young men. A two minute silence was observed in memory of the four boys who paid the supreme sacrifice. A fountain pen was presented to each soldier and a bouquet of carnations to the mothers of the boys who did not return. Mrs. Edgar Boucher gave two very interesting readings. Raymond Maltby and Douglas Mast sang a duet, "Irish Lullaby". Mr. Liscomb favoured with piano and piano-accordion selections; the Hunter family presented a musical trio; speeches were given by Mr. James Porteous, Mr. Bert Gibson, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. Angus Smith. Mr. Philip McDonald, on behalf of the boys, thanked the Crieff friends for the welcome home and also for the boxes that they had received while overseas.**

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## **Annual Meeting of Crieff Presbyterians January 24<sup>th</sup> 1947.**

**The annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, at Crieff, was held this week, when Kenneth McDonald and Wilfred Roszell were elected to the Board of Managers for three years and Charles Maltby for one year, replacing Duncan McAllister, James A. McPherson, and J. D. Porteous. Wilfred Roszell and James McDonald were re-elected Treasurers, and Donald A. Stewart and Angus Smith were appointed auditors.**

Reports were presented showing a balance of \$120 in the general fund and a total of \$3900 raised for all purposes, of which, \$1262 was for congregational purposes and \$2838 for missionary purposes. The latter was for all purposes, of which, \$2650 was for congregational purposes, divided as follows, Presbyterian Advance – \$1628, Mission budget – \$561, and W.M.S. – \$449.

The membership is now 72. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Colonel J. B. Maclean, of Toronto, thanking him for his interest in the church, especially by providing gardeners to care for the church and cemetery grounds. Reference was also made to the gifts received during the year of a communion table and chair, pulpit lamp and hymn board, as well as donations to the mission funds, all given by Miss Catharine McIntosh, in loving memory of her sister, the late Miss Abbie McIntosh. Reverend T. G. M. Bryan presided at the meeting.

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## **Meeting of Knox Church, Crieff Reveals Encouraging Reports January 28<sup>th</sup> 1948.**

At the annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Crieff, on Monday, excellent reports were received from all departments of the church work. The Treasurer of the general fund, Mr. Wilfred Roszell, reported receipts of \$1,282 and a balance of \$218. The Missions Treasurer, James McDonald, reported \$239 received, which with \$20 from the Sunday School, made a total of \$259 contributed for Presbyterian Missions. The congregation therefore exceeded its \$250 allocation. The Women's Missionary Society also contributed \$101, the Ladies' Aid \$97, and the Sunday School \$38. Donald A. Stewart was secretary of the meeting.

The membership is now 71, five members being received on profession of faith during 1947, and six being removed by death and by certificate. The congregation lost three of its oldest members, Mrs. Henry Fixter, Mrs. Donald McMillan, and Mr. Archibald Scott. Mr. Scott was senior elder and Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.

The following appointments were made: James McDonald and Charles Maltby to the Board of Managers for three years, Angus Smith and Donald A. Stewart, as Auditors, Wilfred Roszell as General Fund Treasurer, James McDonald as Mission Treasurer, Mrs. Russell Kerns as Presbyterian Record Secretary, and Miss Margaret Scott as Every Day Secretary.



## Letter of Appreciation

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Colonel J. B. Maclean, L.L.D., of Toronto, for providing gardeners to care for the church and cemetery grounds, and for his interest in the welfare of the church. Resolutions were also approved thanking Miss Catherine McIntosh and Frank Gartland for putting flowers in the church every Sunday.

The congregation voted to increase its cost of living bonus to the minister, Reverend T. G. M. Bryan, from \$75 to \$140 for the year 1948. Mr. Bryan thanked the congregation for their kindness and co-operation, as shown in so many ways, and spoke of the faithful service being given by its members and adherents. He also commended them for the fact that there was an average attendance of 55 last year at the ordinary services, with only 71 members and 50 families connected with the church, the average attendance being 69 in October.

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## Tablet Unveiled in Crieff Church

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1948.

Sunday, in the Church at Crieff, a tablet was unveiled in memory of four young men, brothers John and Donald MacDonald, Clarence Huffman, and David Priest, who lost their lives while serving with the Highland Light Infantry in Great War Two. Veterans attended the ceremony, with the address delivered by Padre J. Y. Fraser.

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## Puslinch Church Enjoys Good Year

January 29<sup>th</sup> 1949.

The annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Puslinch, was held in the church at Crieff, with good attendance. Wilfred Roszell was re-appointed treasurer of the general fund, and James McDonald, Treasurer of the Mission Fund. The retiring managers were Clarence Awde and Gilbert Hobson, and Gilbert Hobson and Andrew Scott were elected to the Board of Managers for three years. The auditors, Angus Smith and Donald A. Stewart, were re-elected.

A membership of 71 was reported, the same as in 1947. Two new members were received, Miss Mary McPherson and Miss Beatrice McRobbie. The congregation mourns the loss of two members and one adherent, Mrs. Flora McPherson, Miss Margaret McRobbie, and Mrs. Alexander McCormick. There were five children baptized during the year.

The financial reports showed receipts totalling \$2,343, of which, \$1,879 was for congregational purposes and \$464 for missionary purposes. The balance in the general fund at the end of 1948 was \$546. There was an increase of \$676 in the receipts for all purposes as compared to the previous year. The budget and W.M.S. allocations were both exceeded.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Colonel J. B. Maclean, of Toronto, thanking him for his continued interest in the work of the congregation. The congregation voted to increase the honorarium to Mrs. M. Horning in appreciation of her services as organist and choir leader.

The minister, Reverend T. G. M. Bryan, was chairman of the meeting, and Donald A. Stewart was secretary. At the close, the ladies served refreshments.

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## **Report 72 Members in Crieff Presbyterian Church February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1950.**

The annual meeting of the Knox Presbyterian congregation, Puslinch, was held in the church at Crieff. Reverend T. G. M. Bryan was chairman and Stuart McDonald, secretary. Philip McDonald and James McDonald were re-appointed treasurers of the congregation. Harold Kerns and Donald A. Stewart were appointed to the Board of Managers for three years, in place of Kenneth McDonald and Wilfred Roszell. Philip McDonald was appointed for two years, in place of Charles Maltby. Duncan McAllister, Stuart McDonald, and James A. McPherson were elected trustees of the church. Angus Smith was appointed a trustee of Crown Cemetery, Puslinch, succeeding the late D. A. McNaughton.

A membership of 72 was reported, of which, 59 are resident members, and there were 35 on the roll of the Sabbath School. It was reported that there were 46 households connected with the congregation, and the average attendance in 1949 was 50, not including anniversary Sunday. Four new members were received, and the congregation lost three by death. The congregation mourns the loss of the following members and adherents: David A. McNaughton, George McConnell, Mrs. James Tennant, Archibald Fraser, Mrs. J. B. Maclean, and Robert Kennedy.

Resolutions of appreciation were approved by the congregation to be sent to Colonel J. B. Maclean, of Toronto, Miss C. McIntosh, of Puslinch, George McKay, of Toronto, and F. Gartland, of Puslinch.

The reports of the various treasurers showed a total of \$1933 contributed for all purposes, of which, \$1509 was for congregational purposes, \$291 for the missionary budget, and \$130 for the work of the Women's Missionary Society. There was a balance of \$523 in the general fund at the end of the year.

It was decided to set up a reserve fund to be used for repairs to the church building in future years, and it was agreed that \$100 from the balance in the general fund be placed in this new fund, with the hope that other contributions and bequests would be added to it through the years. Angus Smith, in supporting this resolution, stated that this plan had worked out very well in his home church in Scotland. Lunch was served by the ladies at the close of the meeting.

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## **Cyclonic Storm Hits Puslinch Homes, Barns Badly Damaged**

from the Guelph Mercury newspaper for Saturday July 19th 1952.

### **Scores of Trees Uprooted in Surprise Crieff Twister**

Not since 1933 has a storm hit this area as severely as last night's miniature tornado in the Crieff area, 12 miles south of Guelph. Scores of trees were torn from the ground, roots and all, and strewn over roads and fields, and in one case over a shed.

Roads were blocked leading in and out of the district, and damage was estimated in the thousands of dollars. Hydro and telephone poles were also smashed to the ground as were field after field of crops, some ready to be harvested.

Knifing a fearsome, roaring path across the rich farmland near Crieff, a black, cone-shaped cyclone last night blasted trees, lifted roofs, overturned sheds, and damaged homes and barns on half a dozen farms. In a few minutes, the 700 foot high twister had blocked three roads, frightened a number of families and done thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Developing west of Crieff in the Puslinch area at about 6:15 p.m., the howling and inky-black spiral descended on the farms, wreaking havoc. It cut a path of destruction that ranged from 50 to 100 yards in width. Huge four-foot trees were torn up and flung about, cars were thrown 50 feet, roofs and verandas picked up bodily and crops ruined. It was no respecter of property but luckily no one was hurt.

It first seemed to appear in the swampland west of Crieff. Following a meandering path, it struck the farm of Martin Paddock on the Guelph Highway creating heavy losses. This farmer recently lost cattle in the last storm that struck the area. Then, it completely destroyed Fred Paddock's barn, 300 yards east. Continuing for another six miles, the twister barely touched the Archie Fraser farm, missed C. J. Awde's property, damaged that of William McCormick, severely wrecked the barns of Donald Stewart, ex-reeve of Puslinch, dispersed a wheat field of Alan Connell, and hit the farm of Russell Wyse.

Before 7:00 p.m., near Crieff, the twister suddenly lost its tail and broke up into a whirling wind. In its less than a half-hour course, it caused wide destruction. Most severely damaged were the farms of Martin Paddock, who also lost 11 cows recently when a tree was struck by lightning, William McCormick, and Donald Stewart. A number of people saw the cyclone, most of them wisely running for cover. It was vastly more destructive than a lesser one that hit the district in 1933. At that time, only trees, shingles, and some crops were damaged. This one was a monster that sucked up everything in its path.

"I happened to see it when it was about two fields away, to the west," said Mrs. M. Paddock, who was still shaken this morning. "It was like a huge, black cylinder, coming fast. I was at the back of the house and screamed at my husband to shut the doors and hide. He was at the cow stalls, some distance away. Then it hit us, with the whole house shaking in a loud humming roar."

The twister ripped much of the roof from the main Paddock barn, from above the owner's head. It wrenched the garage loose and sucked it up, to spread it over three fields. It pushed a large truck 20 yards and swung an auto over behind a tree. In the midst of the whirlpool of air and debris, part of the house roof was taken, while giant trees along the Guelph Highway, 100 feet away, were flattened across the road.

It was a strange scene, with the cyclone tracing an eccentric course. From an upstairs bedroom, it took one pair of curtains, leaving another. It lifted a car owned by Bob Wyse, Mrs. Paddock's brother, but set it down right side up. It destroyed a woodshed but left most of the boards flung across the field.

Curving in a south-easterly direction, it struck at the Fred Paddock barn and demolished it. Stooked wheat was dispersed, lying in clumps in several fields. Boards and torn trees were everywhere. After 6:30 p.m., the twister moved along the first Puslinch concession road and brought down trees on both sides of the Fraser farm and the road. It upended an outhouse and removed some shingles but did little damage. It acted like an undecided kittenish demon.

Still going southeast, it descended hard on the McCormick and Stewart farms. At the former, parts of both house and barn were removed, along with crop and tree damage. Red-painted steel roofing from the McCormick's farm was whirled through the air for a quarter of a mile and flung on the Stewart property.

A scene of nature's wrath was evident at the Stewart farm, some three miles from the Paddock's farm. Cutting over the field, the cyclone took another barn roof. It also lifted heavy boards from the floor of the barn, throwing some of them out through the wall like a javelin. A small shed was turned upside down and a cart chassis overturned.

Metal roof sheets were all about the farm. One shed was completely hanging up in trees. A mass of trees was down, blocking entry to the farm. One shed was completely covered by the fallen boughs. Here, the width of the twister was close to 150 yards. At the McCormick's, the roof was taken off of one house with another remaining intact. Grace Stewart, sister of the owner of the Stewart farm was alone in the when it struck. She was terrified.

Some nearby residents knew nothing about the cyclone. "I saw something black and moving, with what appeared to be crows flying around," said one. It was only after discussion that we decided that the "crows" weren't birds at all but the pieces of trees, debris, wheat, and roofs, which were twirling about in the deadly funnel. A second man remarked that it seemed like a "cloud airplane" and I didn't think anymore about it.

Donald Stewart luckily has wind insurance but some of the others aren't so lucky. It seems likely that the nearby residents and neighbours of those that were hardest hit will be pitching in to give a hand in clearing the trees and debris. It is impossible to estimate the damage loss with any accurate figure, but it is heavy. Puslinch Township will have sizeable expenses clearing roads of big trees and telephone and hydro wires.

The people of Crieff district won't forget for many a day the twister of July 18th 1952 which caused such wanton destruction.

# **Tornado Rips Through Farming District East of Galt Smashes Buildings, Tears up Grain Fields**

from the Toronto Star newspaper for Saturday July 19th 1952.

## **Twister Hurls Buildings in Air, Rips up Crops**

Crieff, July 19th---- A cyclone that lifted buildings high into the air and then spewed them out of its funnel like matchwood, ripped grain from the fields and carried house roofs away, swept through a narrow path in this farming district 12 miles east of Galt last night. Performing the usual freaks of such twisters, it picked clothing from bedrooms and sucked them into the air, tossed an automobile 50 feet, but injured no person in its 12 mile course.

Half a dozen farms along the way were battered but only three suffered serious damage. This morning it was impossible to estimate the total damage but it was expected to amount to tens of thousands of dollars.

At the farm of Donald Stewart, a former reeve of Puslinch Township, a metal barn roof was smashed and scattered into trees 150 yards from its original location. A smaller barn was destroyed. The Stewart farm is about four miles from the Martin Paddock farm, the first farm struck.

Damage was also done on the farm of William McCormick. Three concession roads were blocked by trees, including the road to Guelph. Alex Connell, looking out over his farmlands, saw the black funnel coming from a mile away.

The worst damage was on the farm of Martin Paddock but the family of Mr. and Mrs. Paddock and their six young sons escaped injury. Some of the lads, who had been indoors, were found after the blow had passed, hiding under their beds.

Coming at about 6:20 p.m., the twister was seen by Mrs. Paddock as she stood at the back door of the farm home. "It came like a huge black cylinder," she said, "and I first saw it when it was two fields away. I yelled to my husband who was in the cow stalls, telling him to shut the door, but I don't think he heard me."

"I grabbed one of the boys and jumped back into the house and crouched against a wall. The twister shook the whole house and I thought that it would blow away. The roof was torn from two upstairs bedrooms," Mrs. Paddock said. "Clothing was sucked up into the skies. Curtains in one room were whipped from the windows but in the other they were unharmed."

Inside the cow shed, Mr. Paddock huddled with the frightened animals and said later that he thought that the shed would come crashing down around him.

In front of the Paddock farm a dozen huge trees at the roadside were uprooted and flung across the highway. Some were four feet thick. The roof of one barn went sailing into the air and a garage was completely destroyed. Planks were scattered about the fields. A passenger car was lifted and carried 50 feet but was put down right side up and undamaged.

Two hundred yards along the road, the barn owned by Fred Paddock was smashed to bits.

From the Connell place, the funnel went off in the direction of Russell Wyse's farm where its tail seemed to twist loose.

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## **Hundreds of Motorists at Puslinch to See Wind Damage**

### **July 21st 1952.**

Hundreds of motorists visited the cyclone damaged section in south Puslinch Township on Sunday to view the damage done by Friday night's twister. There was a steady flow of vehicles into the area from early morning until dark. The majority visited the Martin Paddock farm on Highway 52, which suffered the most damage. The road was lined with cars for long distances.

Saturday morning, after township officials had surveyed the damage done, they organized groups of farmers from the neighbourhood to clear three roads blocked by fallen trees. The men, equipped with power saws and tractors, soon had the roads open to traffic. However, the job at the Martin Paddock farm was a big task, on account of the size of four huge elm trees that had been uprooted and blocked the entire road. Only a lane was cleared through this debris, just wide enough for one car to pass.

It was rather a pathetic scene at this farm, with a homemade sign, "No admittance, please" erected inside the fence, but the curious paid no attention to it and tramped over the farm to get a better view of the damage at the rear of the building. Men were at work on the roof of the house, making temporary repairs and providing protection where the dwelling was unroofed.

Hundreds of cars also travelled up the 1st Concession and then turned into the sideroad to view the damage done at Donald Stewart's farm. People marvelled as they viewed a huge sheet of roofing metal twisted around branches of a forty-foot tree near the roadside, at least 100 yards away from the barn.

**The cyclone performed some odd tricks. As an example, the Stewart home was undamaged, as also was a nearby garage, but in front of the house, a huge willow and other trees were uprooted.**

**The twister took shape west of the Martin Paddock farm, and its erratic course could be followed by the trees that were broken and uprooted as it followed a south easterly path, missing a number of farm buildings, only to vent its force further on.**

**The Morriston service station probably did the biggest day's business in its history.**

**Neighbouring farmers expressed sympathy for the Martin Paddock family, the heaviest sufferers from the cyclone. There was some talk on Sunday of starting a benefit fund to help them repair the extensive damage done to the house and barn. The Paddocks did not have wind insurance, but Donald Stewart did, after he had suffered damage in a similar storm back in 1933.**

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