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HUNTER RIVER AND VICINITY

Mrs. Watts has gone on a short visit to her daughters in Montreal.

Mrs. Flora Large has gone to New Hampshire where she will spend the winter with her daughters in Durham and Concord.

Mr. Arthur Dixon of the O. G. S. Stanley spent the week-end at his home.

On Friday evening about forty of the younger folk of the community gathered at the home of Mrs. G. E. Andrews for a social gathering. The guest of honor was Mrs. Andrews whose marriage to Mr. Orville Sellar is being joyfully discussed. During the evening Mr. William Carew called the gathering to order and in a few happy remarks tendered to Miss Andrews the sincerest good wishes of all the choir members, expressing their appreciation of her services and the goodwill and fellowship enjoyed by them during her eight years as organist and leader. Mrs. Dingwell, on behalf of the choir presented her with a handsome two tone chime Mahogany Mantel clock Tambour style, which she very fittingly acknowledged. Many other beautiful gifts from friends not members of the choir were "show-creed" on her. The parcels were opened and verses read by the Misses Dorothy Cutcliffe, Mildred Carew, Dorothy Dingwell and Velda Reeves. Dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant evening whilled away in music and games.

On Thursday evening, the W. M. S. of the United Church held the annual Mile Box opening in connection with the regular December meeting. Twenty members and two visitors were present. The President Mrs. Eldon Seaman presided over a splendidly arranged devotional and inspirational Christmas program. It included readings by Mrs. J. Rackham, Mrs. Jas. E. Andrew, recitation by Mrs. McDougall, solo by Miss Florrie MacLeod and stories of what others are doing by Mrs. D. M. MacLeod.

A note of grateful surprise was sounded when at the close of the program, the Sec. presented a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. J. Rackham on behalf of a friend deeply interested in the missionary cause who is a representative of the many qualities of heart and mind as found in Mrs. Rackham who has been an untiring worker and helper for many many years. It was the sincere wish of all present that she might enjoy many more years in the Masters' service.

As this also meant that the allocation of \$220.00 for the present year would be greatly exceeded all stood and joined fervently in "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. A. Stewart at whose home the meeting was held after which the Mile Box offering was reported to be \$41.00. The total offering for the evening amounted to \$48.00.

ABNEY AND VICINITY

Winter is with us, and everyone is commenting on it, wondering whether it is here to stay.

We are glad to report that Lorrie Gormley is able to be out again after being confined to his home for some time with scarlet fever.

Messrs. Richards and White have recently loaded two cars of red potatoes at Wilmot Station.

Mr. Preston Buell has his dwelling house nicely fitted up on its new location.

Mr. Earl Nichole and Miss Lucy White were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony on December 4th, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Gouch, of Murray Harbor. We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Nichole many happy years of wedded life.

Mr. Milton Hooper is confined to

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Police Hunt

For Phantom

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(British United Press)—A black bear with red eyes and a dog's bark is alleged to have been roaming the woods of Suffolk near the village of Buckenham Totts. Two men who were chased across a ploughed field at midnight are positive it was a bear that followed them, because, although it growled like a dog, it was larger than any known breed of dog.

Students of East Anglican folk-lore believe that the bear is a reappearance of Black Shuck, an enormous ghostly hound which is said to haunt many districts in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire. Black Shuck is said to be "as big as a calf, with eyes like saucers," and is a legendary figure derived from the Scandinavian Hound of Thor.

Whoever sees him dies or suffers disaster. Some years ago he was said to have chased a young woman along Spinney Bank, near the famous Wick-en Fen, in Cambridgeshire.

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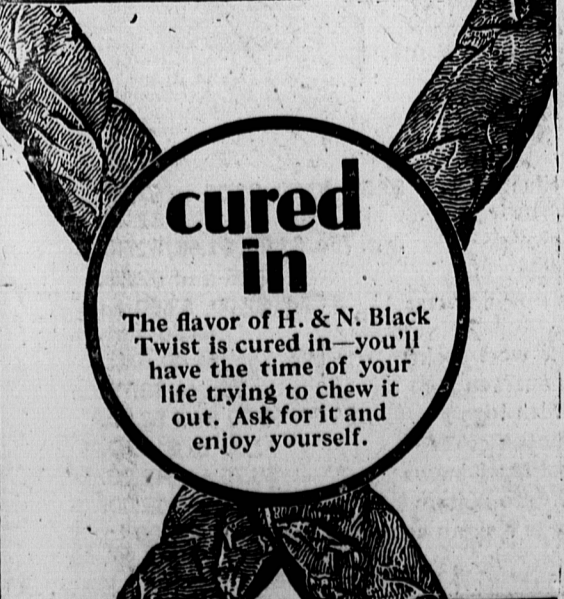
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I HAVE QUIT THINKING THAT HE DID.

E-E-K!

HE CHARGED TWO DOLLARS WORTH OF DOG MEAT ON OUR BUTCHER BILL YESTERDAY.

—By George McManus