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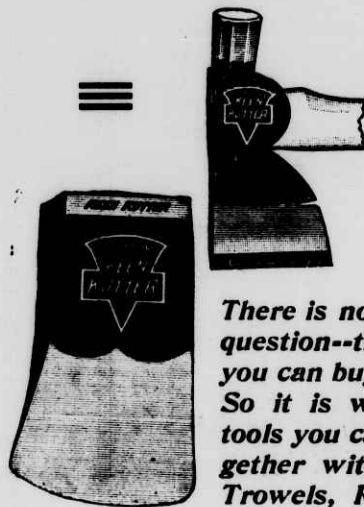
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## A NITCH WI' BURNS

Grand Celebration Held at Garneill Monday Night  
In Honor of Robert Burns--"Scotias Ploughman  
Bard"--150th Anniversary.

A grand celebration, consisting of a concert, banquet and dance, was given in Sheill & Erickson's hall and hotel at Garneill Monday night in honor of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns--"Scotias Ploughman Bard." This is the third annual celebration of this nature given by the Scotch residents of Garneill and vicinity, and each meeting has excelled its predecessor to such an extent that the last would have done honor to any community of that sterling nationality.

Over 400 people attended the affair, and when the concert commenced at 8:30 only standing room was available in the hall. Hon. David Hilger of Lewistown, who was selected as chairman and toastmaster, opened the evening's enjoyment by introducing D. K. Anderson, the piper of the evening, who rendered several bagpipe selections which were enthusiastically greeted by the audience. Mr. Anderson is a piper of considerable renown, having among his many medals one received from Queen Victoria, before whom he has played.

The chairman then gave a fitting address of welcome and made a few appropriate remarks, wherein he mentioned the great fame attained by Burns as a literary genius in the Scotch dialect, and the fact that many of the world's leaders have pointed to their Scotch ancestry with pride. Mr. Hilger is a genial, affable chairman and kept the throng in good humor throughout the evening. It is said that he has stated that he is not a Scotchman by birth, but is by marriage.

"Sound the Pibroch" was then sung by Neil L. McLardy, an artist in Scotch dialect and dances. Mr. McLardy rendered the song with such feeling that a hearty applause followed, and he sang beautifully "Ah! Sing to Me the Auld Scotch Songs" as an encore. He has a strong baritone voice, and is acknowledged as one of the best soloists in the northwest. The management was indeed fortunate in securing such a capable gentleman as Mr. McLardy, who comes from Butte.

Miss Gracie Sheill then sang "Blue Bells of Scotland" in such an effective manner with her childish, but clear voice, that the appreciation of the audience was strongly evinced by applause.

The Misses Sheill and Neill followed with a "Threesome Reel," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Sam Teagarden of the Lewistown Daily News, then delivered an oration on Burns. Mr. Teagarden, who had but short notice to prepare for the occasion, having been requested to act in the absence of Tom Stout, who was unable to attend, certainly did remarkably well. In his clear, forceful manner, he started with the humble birth of Burns, how the future author struggled with his father to keep the wolf from the door, and, after he commenced writing his musical poems, how they swept with popular favor the entire English speaking world. He further spoke of Burns as a songster of the home and fireside, and of the tender sentiments contained in all his works. Mr. Teagarden delivered a masterful oration, showing himself to be a speaker of merit, and was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his address.

The seventh number on the program was a "Highland Fling," danced by the Misses Maude and Nettie Sheill, in full Highland costumes with bagpipe accompaniment. The Misses Sheill are probably unequalled by any young ladies in the northwest in dancing this favorite Scotch dance, and were called back by a hearty applause.

John Ross then sang a comic song. Mr. Ross is no stranger in this neighborhood and neither is he a novice at singing comic songs.

A reading, "Bow! Aboot," was then given by Mr. McLardy. His rendition of this famous poem caused much merriment throughout the audience, and was greeted by loud applause.

Mrs. R. G. Sheill then sang "Bonnie Doon" in a very pleasing manner, and the persistent applause brought back this lady and Mr. McLardy, who sang "Hunting Tower," a very effective duet, and rendered by them in a most pathetic manner.

The "Highland Fling" was next danced by Mr. McLardy, who is the champion dancer of Ireland, Scotland and the northwest. His dancing sure-

ly borders on the marvelous.

Dan MacKay then effectually delivered a reading entitled "Burns' Address to a Daisie." A hearty applause followed his conclusion.

"Tam o' Shanter," a pianoforte selection, was next rendered by Miss Helen Tenney, who played this classic in a masterly manner. Her expression and technic were perfect, and the conclusion of the rendition was greeted by applause from all.

Mr. McLardy followed with a song, "The Star o' Robbie Burns." He answered with "Burns and Tannehill" as an encore.

D. K. Anderson then played a bagpipe selection, "March Strathapey and Reel."

Another comic song entitled "I Love a Lassie" was pleasingly sung by Mr. Ross. "Tickling Jock" was sung as an encore.

Miss Maude Sheill then sang in a pathetic manner "Ma Ain Folk." Of course she received a general applause and answered with "Coming Through the Rye" as an encore.

Mr. McLardy danced the "Sword Dance" and answered with a "Sailor's Hornpipe" in full sailor's garb.

The concert was concluded with votes of thanks by R. G. Sheill, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the company and the audience. Mr. Sheill concluded his talk with the statement that because of the greatly increasing crowds gathering each year to pay homage to the birthday of Burns, that the celebration would in the future be held at Lewistown.

The piano accompaniments for all the songs were played by Miss Helen Tenney, and the Scotch dances were accompanied by D. K. Anderson on the bagpipe.

The seats in the hall were quickly removed and dancing commenced at once, the music being furnished by the Garneill orchestra. During the evening several Scotch country dances were given, which were much enjoyed by those participating and watching.

At midnight the doors to the banquet hall were thrown open and over three hundred people partook of the sumptuous supper. Many Scotch dishes had been prepared by Mrs. R. G. Sheill, which were relished by all and added much to the occasion to make the banquet in accordance with the celebration. The three large heavily laden tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and Scotch Heather for the centerpieces. Among the Scotch dishes were three large haggises, oat meal cakes, several large currant buns, Scotch short bread, scone cakes and raisen buns.

Many thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Sheill for their efforts in making the celebration a success, and especially to Mrs. Sheill for her untiring work in making costumes and looking after the many details incident to a celebration of this extent.

Thanks are also due Austin W. Warr, cashier of the Bank of Fergus County at Lewistown, who presented the management with a large and excellent Scotch bun cake, which held the place of honor on the largest table, and was wreathed with Scotch Heather.

The management also wishes to thank the many newspapers and individuals who helped make the affair a success.

Among these present were:

Lewistown:  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hilger, Mr. and Mrs. Romanstad, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Teagarden, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jeffries, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Bigmead, Miss Orpha Noble, Messrs. D. S. Scott, John Murray, Horace Hill, Joe Briggs, Peter Campbell, O. Rounstad, Charley Myersick, John Muns, Harry Allen, Jack Patterson, Herbert Pitter, Ermen Tullock, Hugh Wagner and Frank Hegstrom.

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Mr. McCabe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber and family, Mrs. B. B. Blithen and daughter, Mrs. McPharland, Mrs. Hummel, Mrs. Robert Lee, Mrs. C. A. Christianson and Milne.

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