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LOCAL and GENERAL

Hale and Hearty
At Ninety-Two

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Death of Mrs. F. Eagles

After a painful illness of over seven months, Mrs. Fred Eagles, Jr., of the suburbs, passed away on Saturday evening last, aged 50 years. Interment took place in the family plot, Markdale cemetery on Tuesday, Rev. J. R. Wilkinson officiating.

A husband and family of four

survive, Arthur, Owen Sound; Mrs.

Geo. Sykes, Holland; and Freddie

and Vandy at home, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

PERSONAL

Mr. Herb Gregory, of Toronto, was in town over Sunday.

Messrs. Chester and Mervyn Haskett arrived on Friday from the West.

Mrs. A. Plewes visited her friend, Mrs. G. C. Ross, in Owen Sound last week.

Miss Ladelle Watson left Monday morning for millinery openings at Toronto.

Mr. Harvey Morwood, of Meaford, visited with his parents over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Heath spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Erskine, in town.

Mrs. Morwood, of Meaford, visited with Mrs. Geo. Morwood over the week end.

Miss Muriel Heathers spent Sunday with Miss Mary Anderson, of the suburbs.

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