Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births 25c., Marriages 50c., Deaths 50c. Memorial Cards 50c. 100. per line extra for poetry.

MARRIED

DUNN-ANDREW—At Burnbank, Man., on Wednesday, December 20th, 1916, by Rev. John Pate, Agnes Montgomery, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Andrew, of Burnbank, formerly of Acton, to John T. H. Dunn, also of Burnbank.

DIED

MATTHEWS—At Toronto General Hospital, on Sunday, December 31st, 1916, Ada Grant, wife of J. Chester Matthews, Deputy-Postmaster, Acton, aged 32 years.

IN MEMORIAM

SAVILL—In loving memory of our darling woe Noel, who died December 28th, 1914, aged 1 year.

God sent me a fragrant blossom,
From His paradise above;
And I thanked him night and morning
For the greatness of His love.
But when the summer ended,
And winter swept the skies,
God took our radiant blossom,
To bloom in Paradise.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD SAVILL.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1917

EDITORIAL NOTES

SIR THOMAS WHITE announces the resumption of the national thrift campaign which was interrupted by his trip to England. During the next three months the Finance Minister will tour the country with a series of speeches advocating thrift. Sir Herbert Ames and W. E. Nickle, M.P., will assist the Finance Minister in his legislative and other duties during session.

SINKING for the time being all differences of opinion or politics, it is the obvious duty of every individual, to do his best to make the National Mad-power Registration as complete as is humanly possible. The cards go to every man from 16 to 65 years of age. The Government requires each one to be filled up. The Government speaks in this for the whole Dominion, which needs full detailed information as it never needed it before and may never need again. Every loyal citizen will support the scheme.

THE OFFER of Germany to discuss peace has excited world-wide attention, and upon our statesmen who have had to give an answer, grave responsibility has rested. All the nations of the Entente have reached the same conclusion. We desire peace but it must be a well-grounded peace with proper guarantees. These guarantees do not appear to us to be forthcoming and so, as we entered the war for a great and worthy purpose, we cannot relinquish the war till our worthy purpose is attained. Our leaders tell us that it will not be until well on in the year that we shall attain our full strength. Therefore, although we are a peace-loving people, we must still pursue the task we have undertaken to defend the rights of the weak and suffering.

EVERY DAY brings new evidence of the vast improvement resulting from the operation of the Ontario Temperance Act. During the year 1915, the city of Toronto averaged 216 arrests for drunkenness per week. Since September 16th the average has been less that 31 per week. The reduction is not only in drunkenness but in general offences. In two months the total arrests by the police were more than 1700 less than during the corresponding two months of the former year. In the city of Hamilton drunkenness is one fifteen per cent. of what it was. In London the reduction has been 64 per cent. In some cases there has been a still better showing. Thousands of men have ceased coming home drunk; thousands of families are better supplied. Business men testify to the increased efficiency of their employees; provision stores, grocery stores, drygoods stores are doing a better business.

NEWS FROM WESTINGHOUSE BARRACKS

Items of Interest Respecting Our Boys in the 164th Battalion

The letter from Lieut. Kennedy, in France, in last Free Press, was read with interest by our boys.

Regret to report that Sergt. Swackhamer spent Christmas in hospital with the mumps.

The writer has been sent to the Base Hospital C. M. R. Barracks suffering from pleurisy.

On Thursday, Dec. 21st, the N. C. O. class presented Sergt. A. J. Smethurst with a fine set of carvers in case. The Sergt. had charge of the class during its course.

On Friday, Dec. 29th, a pleasing event took place in the recreation room when B. Co. presented Major G. O. Brown, their Company Commander, with a beautiful silver tea and coffee set on a silver mounted oak tray. Major Brown in feeling terms thanked the men for their kind remembrance.

D. Co. presented Lieut. Hare with a fine parlor chair on the occasion of his marriage.

Thanks are tendered the donor of Victorola records made through Pte. M. Soper.

The Battalion was given a holiday on New Year's day. Special fare was served to them in the evening.

Corpl. S. Perry, of Acton, passed his examination at the N. C. O. class and is now a fully qualified Sergt. Congratulations, Sergt. Perry.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to the Free Press.

J. P. S.

LIMEHOUSE

Several families in the village watched the passing of the old year on Sunday night.

School began Wednesday morning. The public school children may be seen running down the fifth line and the high school contingent hurrying to the 7.17 train.

A union meeting of the Guild will be held next Tuesday evening in the sixth line church when it is expected Georgetown Guild will be present. Everybody welcome.

Good sleighing accompanied both of the festivals this season.

Misses Winnie and Edie Ivens returned to the city on Tuesday.

Miss Shaw has returned after the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Thomas Cowdy, recently returned from the west, is visiting his brother William.

Mr. Stanley Garvin spent the vacation at his grandfather's.

Miss Beatrice Newton is visiting friends in Strome.

WELCOME TO OUR WAR HEROES

Cordial Reception of Citizens to Sergt. Gould and Pte. Ward Last Thursday

GOLD WATCHES WERE PRESENTED

There is no lessening of interest by our citizens in their welcome to our invalided soldiers returning from the battle front.

Every soldier who has returned to town has been accorded a whole-hearted reception and the civic welcome tendered Sergt. W. J. Gould and Pte. W. H. Ward at the town hall last Thursday evening was full of vim and patriotic enthusiasm.

Members of the Reception Committee and the Acton Troop of Boy Scouts escorted the guests of the evening from Sergt. Gould's residence and Acton Citizens' Band played a welcoming number as they approached the town hall.

Reeve Hynds occupied the chair and after one of his characteristically interesting speeches called the returned soldiers to the front of the platform. Mr. A. J. Mackinnon, B. A., and H. P. Moore, J.P., then presented Sergt. Gould and Pte. Ward each with a gold watch on behalf of the Council and the citizens of Acton in recognition of their splendid services at the front.

Both the soldiers made capital speeches, rehearsing in very interesting detail the varied experiences they had gone through, especially in their engagements in France and Belgium. Both had spent long terms in hospitals and were still under the care of the military doctors.

Revs. C. H. E. Smith and J. C. Wilson followed with appropriate words of welcome to the returned soldiers and admiration for their courageous and intrepid services.

The meeting concluded with the National Anthem.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. CHESTER MATTHEWS

The death of Mrs. J. Chester Matthews at Toronto General Hospital on Sunday morning brought keen sorrow to her devoted husband and to the hearts of many friends. Mrs. Matthews had been in poor health for some time. An ailment of the heart followed repeated attacks of inflammatory rheumatism. She was in the hospital at Guelph for several weeks and felt much better after returning home. Later dropsy set in and she was taken to the hospital at Toronto. After much suffering death came peacefully and with great resignation and Christian fortitude she met the call. Her husband and other friends were with her constantly and her sister, Mrs. Robt. Cox, of Rockvale, Colorado, arrived on Saturday afternoon and spent several precious hours with her prior to her demise. Mrs. Matthews was Ada Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant, and was born at Gilfoch Goach, Glenmorganshire, South Wales, thirty-two years ago. Nearly thirty years ago with her parents she removed to Colorado, where her father, being an expert miner, is a mine superintendent. She was the eldest of eight daughters and two sons, and here is the first death in the family. She was married to Mr. Matthews in September, 1904, when he was a mine clerk with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. Prior to removing to Acton in April, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews resided at Canon City and at Denver, Col. One child is left, James, who is ten years old. Mrs. Matthews was a woman of very fine character. By her unselfish nature she endeared herself to all. She was a fine Christian and used her talents in good works. She was a member of the Methodist Church and for several years was a member of the choir. The remains were brought from Toronto on Monday morning, and on Tuesday the funeral service was held at the home of Postmaster Matthews. Rev. H. W. Avison, M.A., B.D., officiated and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Matthews and James and Mrs. Cox left by the 2.21 train for the former home in Colorado and interment will be made at Canon City. Master James will remain in Denver, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Matthews. Much sympathy is felt here for the bereaved husband and friends of the family.

MRS. JAMES MOORE, SR.

After three short days of illness, on the 19th December, 1916, death removed one of our most respected and highly esteemed residents, in the person of Margaret Reed, widow of the late James Moore, of Mount Pleasant Farm, Eramosa. She had just returned home after visiting her daughters in Acton and was looking forward to spending her Christmas with the family at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Cooper. She was a daughter of the late John Reed and was born at Port Colborne, in 1836. In 1857 she was joined in holy wedlock to her late husband, who predeceased her one year and ten months. Theirs was a happy home indeed. Eight children blessed the home, two sons and six daughters, all of whom are living and reside within a radius of five miles of the old home. All of them were at their mother's bedside before she passed away. They are: Mrs. George Wilds, Acton; Joseph, of Rockwood; Mrs. John Brown, Crewsons Corners; Mrs. J. H. Denny, and Mrs. A. T. Mann, Acton; Mrs. Fred Cooper, Ballinafad; Mrs. David McCutcheon, Everton, and James on the homestead. Mrs. Moore was one of a family of six brothers and two sisters: Robert, William and John and Mrs. Charles Ready, of South Saginaw, Mich., and Mrs. David Ready, of Oil City, Pa., survive. Deceased was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and always loved its services. She was a member of the Ladies Aid. Almost her last words were repeating passages from the scriptures she revered. She was one of the kindest of neighbors. She passed away in full fruition of a life of usefulness and will always be remembered with kindliest feelings and love by those who knew her. Truly her children rise and call her blessed.

ADELINE STAFFORD

The remains of Miss Adeline Stafford, third daughter of Alva Stafford, of St. Thomas, who spent his boyhood days in Acton, were brought here for interment on New Year's day. Miss Stafford had resided for a time with her aunt in Guelph, but this fall went to her father's home at St. Thomas. She was a bright young woman in her twenty-fourth year. An affection of the lungs was her ailment. Her father and her uncle, Mr. Cyrus Stafford, accompanied the remains to Acton. Interment took place in Fairview Cemetery.

The small courtesies sweeten life; the greater amenities ennoble it.

REMEMBERS THE RED CROSS FUND

Miss Cassie McPhail, New York, Sends a New Year's Contribution

The following interesting note was received on New Year's Day from Miss Cassie McPhail, New York, who was for a number of years an esteemed member of the teaching staff of Acton schools:

Dear Mr. Moore:

"I am taking the liberty of sending you $10 for the funds of your Red Cross Society. My sister and I have been contributing here, but we will feel more clear as to the channel through which it goes when placed with your Red Cross Society.

I have felt proud of Acton for its liberality and especially proud of our brave Canadian boys who have proved themselves so nobly at the front. Much as I long for peace I should hate to have Germany dictate terms to the Allies.

Kind regards and wishes for a Happy New Year to you all.

Very sincerely,
CASSIE MCPHAIL.

408 West 150th St.,
New York, Dec. 30th, 1916.

TWO BRAVE CHILDREN.

Boy and Girl Had Terrible Experience With a Cougar.

The remarkable exploit of an 11-year-old girl and an eight-year-old boy in fighting off a full-grown cougar at Cowichan, B.C., and their wonderful gallantry in each protecting the other when the cougar seemed to have one or the other at its mercy, has given rise to a movement on Vancouver Island for recognition from some national society that honors valor and self-sacrifice. The provincial game warden received a copy of the girl's own story.

The story of the girl, Doreen Ashburn, follows:

"At about 1.30 p.m. I left our house to go down to a pasture to catch our saddle pony. Anthony Farrer, aged eight, accompanied me. When about half a mile from the house we saw a large panther crouching on the path about 20 feet distant; we both turned to run, but the panther sprang on me, and I fell face downward. The animal remained on my back and began purring. I called to Anthony to run home and save himself, but he called to me to lie perfectly quiet, that he had a plan.

"He then jumped from a small tree directly on the panther, knocking it off my back, and I got up. The panther turned and struck Anthony with its paw in the face, tearing his nose and cheek. Anthony fell to the ground and the panther jumped on his back and scratched his back with its claws and tore the back of his scalp with its teeth. Anthony called to me to run, but I did not. I then attacked the panther with the bridle, and beat it, and got my right arm into its mouth. I scratched its right eye with my finger nails, and it bit me through the right arm above the elbow and scratched my hands and body and tore my clothes.

"I succeeded in driving it off the boy and it stood up on its hind quarters and fought me, but finally turned and slunk under a log. Anthony was covered with blood and badly hurt, and I assisted him to run home."

The document is accompanied by a statement from Charles March, who shot the cougar, and Dr. Stokes, who attended the children.

The cougar measured seven feet from nose to tip of tail and weighed 76 pounds.

Ontario Flags in the Abbey.

A battalion of Canadian infantry a few days ago marched from Waterloo Station to Westminster Abbey, where the colors of the Ontario regiment were deposited in the care of the dean and chapter. The ceremony took place immediately after the morning service.

A procession, formed of the choir, the dean (Bishop Ryle), the Rev. L. H. Nixon (precentor), the Rev. J. H. T. Perkins (minor canon), and Lieuts. Hutchison and Jacobi bearing the colors, advanced to the chancel steps, accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel Sam Sharpe, Major Smith, Major Cooke, Major Every, and Capt. Wellesley McConnell. The hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung and the flags were then received by the dean and laid on the altar, to be afterwards grouped with other flags round the Wolfe monument.

The dean, addressing the men, of whom there were many hundreds present, said: "You have deposited in our keeping the flag of your own and the country's honor, and in your breasts, sons of the great Dominion, is deposited a noble share in the honorable task of preserving and vindicating the liberty of the great Empire of Britain and its dominions. I am speaking to-day in the Abbey on the very spot where five years ago your Sovereign was crowned amid the plaudits of his loyal people. Here he was seated in the Coronation chair; here he received into his hands the Orb of Empire surmounted by the Cross, fit token of a vast Christian Empire.

"This, then, is the very heart of that great Empire for which you are called and privileged to bear arms. God preserve you in the coming hours of danger; God give you victory in the day of battle, and send you back, whole and sound, crowned with success, to claim from us in this sacred place the colors you have entrusted to our keeping. As they bear witness of you here, so may you bear witness for them, in field and trench, in life and death, with honor undimmed, with the illustrious courage of true British soldiers having duty as your watchword and in your hearts true fear of God."

After prayers the National Anthem was sung.—London Times.

Canada's Musical Output.

An attempt to catalogue Canada's contribution to the musical world was made recently in the Canadian Courier, which unearthed the following list:

British Columbia gave the world Mme. Edwina; Calgary sent out Kathleen Parlow; Portage La Prairie gave origin to Edith Miller, mezzo-soprano, who is now with the Chicago Opera Company, and Winnipeg was the first musical arena for Redfern Hollinshead, the lyric tenor, who has spent the main part of his musical career in Toronto; Guelph, Ont., gave us Edward Johnson, the noted operatic tenor.

Toronto produced Ernest Seitz, gifted pupil of Lhevinne and formerly of Vogt; Elizabeth Campbell, contralto, born in some little town like Whitby and afterward with the Century Opera Company in New York; Bertha Crawford, now in England, and half a dozen others. Ottawa turned out Diane Lavoie-Herr, pianist and pupil of Scriabine; Eva Gauthier, popular soprano and protegee of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Montreal gave Edmond Burke, operatic baritone and colleague of Melba; Donalda, light soprano and musical ward of Lord Strathcona—with many more. Chambly, P. Q., furnished the immortal Albani. Some small town in Nova Scotia produced Evelyn Starr, violinist.

Africa has nearly 700 languages or dialects.

A MEMORABLE SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE

Installation of Officiary and Presentation to the Retiring Superintendent

The service in the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday afternoon was of an unusual character and had several very interesting features. It was the last day of the retiring superintendent in office, after thirty years of service, and this naturally attracted a large attendance.

The Christmas offering for missions, "The White Gifts to King Jesus," reached $20.76, bringing the school's missionary givings for the year up to $163.44.

The presentation of framed diplomas to the ten graduates from the primary department was an interesting feature. The graduates were: Margaret Moore, Emma Little, Ivy Precious, Sarah Cross, Roy Johnston, Leslie Gregory, Norman DeForest, Charlie Joyce, Wesley Kelly and Herbert Fryer. In addition to the diplomas each was presented with a neatly bound and inscribed copy of the bible.

The installation of the officers and teachers for the year 1917 was an impressive service. Mr. Frank Kennedy, the new Superintendent, briefly but very effectively addressed the school.

An item which was not on the programme, and which was absolutely unexpected by the superintendent, Mr. H. P. Moore, was the presentation to him of a most expressive and interesting address in testimony of his thirty years' service as Superintendent of the school. Accompanying the address, which was prepared and read by Mr. John S. Coleman, historical secretary, was a handsome gold-headed cane, which was presented by Mr. A. E. Nickle, J. P., Associate Superintendent, on behalf of the present and past committees of management. The cane bears the inscription: "Presented to H. P. Moore, Superintendent Acton Methodist Sunday School, 1887-1916."

Mr. Moore feelingly replied expressing cordial thanks for the kind words and valuable gift. He then gave a brief resume of the thirty years spent at the superintendent's desk, spoke of the blessings and benefits he had received, thanked the school for their long-continued confidence, co-operation, forbearance and love, and bespoke for the new Superintendent similar support and consideration.

Miss Bertie Smith, chorister, sang a solo and Rev. Mr. Avison, the pastor, gave a succinct preview of the lessons for 1917.

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HOGS—1 Yorkshire sow due Jan. 28; 1 Yorkshire sow due January 31; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Jan. 29; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Jan. 31; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Feb. 4; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Feb. 7; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Feb. 8; 1 2-yr-old Yorkshire sow due Mar. 10; 1 2-yr-old Tamworth sow due Mar. 14; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Mar. 11; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Mar. 12; 2 young Yorkshire sows due Mar. 20; 1 young Yorkshire sow due Mar. 21; two young Tamworth sows due Mar. 14; 10 pigs four and a half months old; 4 pigs, 4 months old; 7 pigs, 3 months old; twelve pigs, two months old; 4 thorough bred Oxford down breeding ewes; 4 registered Leicester breeding ewes; 1 two-furrow riding plow, Perrin; twelve tons first class timothy hay; 50 bushels good seed oats.

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