Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births 50c. Marriages 50c. Deaths 50c. Memorial Cards 50c. Notices extra for poems.

BORN

LIVINGSTONE — In Acton, on Saturday, December 1st, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Livingstone, a son.

MARRIED

WELLS-CLARK—At the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, on Saturday, 8th December, 1917, by Rev. J. Bennett Anderson, Pte. William Wells, Acton, to Nellie Luella, daughter of Mr. Walter Clark, of Oakville.

HILBORN-PEACOCK — In the Methodist Church, Milton, on Thursday, 27th November, 1917, by Rev. Chas. D. Draper, Melvin Hilborn of Galt, to Retha Lois, daughter of J. H. Peacock, Milton.

DIED

MOORE—At the home of her daughter, in Hamilton, on Friday, 7th December, 1917, Elizabeth Leslie, widow of the late William Moore, of Acton, in her 78th year.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917

EDITORIAL NOTES

A PROCLAMATION has been issued calling the selected men under the Military Service Act to the colors on January 3rd. It was originally hoped to call the first draft on active service by December 10th. It would probably be possible, it is pointed out here, to make the call about December 24th or December 25th, but it is felt that the members of the draft should be accorded the opportunity of spending the Christmas season with their families and friends.

MR. JUSTICE DUFF's first judgment rendered as Central Appeal Judge for Canada on December 7th, makes it quite clear that farm workers are entitled to exemption on the grounds that production must be maintained in order to sustain the military power of the Allies. This judgment of the appeal judge is binding as law upon appeal tribunals and local tribunals throughout the whole country. Another judgment by Justice Duff shows that exemption is favored for men with all brothers already at the front or in service.

THE MILTON REPORTER has been investigating the potato scarcity (!) in the vicinity of the county town and says: "We learn on good authority that farmers in this immediate section have tons of potatoes stored away and refuse to sell them at any price. Day after day the farmers appear before the Exemption Tribunal on behalf of their sons and point out the great necessity of producing, and argue that if their boys are taken production will be at a standstill. What advantage is there in producing if they refuse to sell their products?"

THESE are indeed momentous times. Jerusalem, the holy city, has been taken by the British forces. The capture of Jerusalem by the British troops brings the seat of Christian religion into the hands of a Christian nation, after nearly 1200 years of Mohammedan rule. For nine months the British troops have been engaged in surrounding the city and have had headquarters at Mount Hebron, the site of the tomb of Abraham and the home of David. Palestine may again be peopled by the Jews, who will be permitted to reside there without molestation under the beneficient protectorate of Great Britain.

THE terrible tragedy which occurred at Halifax last Thursday is the greatest that has ever taken place in Canada. With 11,200 casualties, of whom 3,200 have been fatal; with the destruction by explosion and fire of nearly one-half the area of this capital city of Nova Scotia; with 25,000 homeless, the event is heart-rending and calls forth universal sympathy. Sympathy at such a time as this must be practical. Practical sympathy is being shown in prompt and wide-spread measure. Relief trains have been hurrying to the devastated city from an hour or two after the disaster occurred from all parts of Canada and the United States. Nearly every city, town and hamlet has been stirred to action and union relief committees are busily engaged in preparing bedding, clothing, and other comforts for the stricken people. Acton is endeavoring to do her full share in assisting in this worthy effort and a shipment will be made to-day to the relief authorities at Halifax.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. SMITH

The Daughters of the Empire Spend a Social Afternoon with their Retiring Regent

On Monday afternoon the members of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I. O. D. E. held a tea at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Bell in honor of Mrs. (Rev.) C. H. E. Smith. Mrs. Smith has been Regent of the Chapter for the past two years and during that time has filled it capably and well. She is about to remove to Niagara-on-the-Lake and her fellow-workers showed their appreciation of her services by a large attendance.

Mrs. Bell made a charming hostess and the rooms were attractive with decorations of flags and cut flowers.

After an hour had been spent in knitting and social conversation, Mrs. Havill, Vice-Regent, read the following address:—

Dear Mrs. Smith:—

The members of the I. O. D. E., having heard that you are about to leave their midst, request me to convey to you our sincere regret at your removal. It has truly been a great pleasure to work with you as Regent of our Chapter. You were ever ready and willing to assist in the work, and did so in a very capable manner. It will be difficult, indeed, for us to secure an officer to fill the place so ably occupied by you for the past two years. We will miss your efficient leadership and your kind and cordial co-operation in all that is undertaken. We know in your new home you will be filling the same useful sphere, therefore our loss will be their gain. On behalf of the members of the I. O. D. E. I have very much pleasure in presenting to you this Book of Prayer as a slight token of our appreciation of your kind hospitality and friendship.

A. HAVILL, Vice-Regent.

Mrs. Smith replied in a few feeling and well chosen words. She referred to the pleasure and encouragement which she had derived from her co-workers in Acton.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. (Dr.) McNiven made brief references to Mrs. Smith's splendid personality; her graciousness of manner, and the depth of her womanly character. They also intimated that the regret at Mr. and Mrs. Smith's departure was universal.

Dainty refreshments were served after which the Chautauqua salute was given and God Save the King was sung.

Some people are always burying the hatchet and then digging it up to see if it is still there.

DR. ANDERSON'S MEETINGS HERE

Splendid Address by the Unionist Candidate—Interesting Meeting of the Ladies

LIBERAL UNIONISTS ON PLATFORM

Dr. Anderson, the Unionist candidate, had two meetings here on Tuesday. In the afternoon there was a gathering of the ladies of the town in the town hall who were addressed by Mrs. Ormsby and Miss Lang, of Toronto. The women's relation to the issues before the electorate were interestingly presented.

The lady voters were carefully instructed in the details of marking the ballot and polling same. An organization was effected with a view to getting out the women's vote.

The evening meeting was well attended. There was a long list of speakers which included two Liberal Unionists, Messrs. G. Tower Ferguson, Toronto, and Warden Readhead, of Halton.

Dr. Anderson, in a clear, dispassionate address gave a resume of the incidents which led up to his being in the position of Union candidate. He had been nominated by the Conservative Association of the county, but upon the formation of the Union Government had tendered his resignation with a view to facilitating the election of a supporter of the Union Government in Halton by acclamation. He had favored the nomination and election of Hon. N. W. Rowell, K. C. President of the Cabinet, without a contest. His opponent refused to retire and the Liberal executive of the county had decided upon a bare majority, not to enter into the negotiations proposed. Dr. Anderson declared he was in the contest, not as a politician, but for the single purpose of keeping faith with our soldiers in the field and of winning the war. He was receiving the support of leading Liberals throughout the county and had no doubt the Union Government would be sustained in Halton next Monday. The doctor then proceeded in a clear and succinct manner to define the policy of the Union Government and the great need for prompt action in the securing of reinforcements.

Warden Readhead made a brief speech. He said he had been a Liberal all his life but felt that at the present crisis there was no other course for any conscientious elector to take but to vote for the candidates supporting the Union Government.

Mr. George Tower Ferguson, of Toronto, gave a capital address. In the past, he said, he had always been a Liberal and was a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In this contest, however, he felt it to be absolutely necessary to drop party affiliations and give united support to the Union Government. Like many of those present members of his household are serving in the army. He has three sons there, and a daughter, a nursing sister, as well. As a member of the executive which had the supervision of the Victory Loan subscriptions in Ontario he felt that it was imperitive that the Union Government which had planned for the Victory Loan—in which Halton had done so splendidly—should be returned to power, to use it in carrying out the plans for which it had been raised for aggressive measures in winning the war.

Major R. J. Hewton, of Sherbrooke, Que., who was one of the defenders of the Unionist speakers in the recent attack in that city, created quite a stir when introduced by Reeve Hynds, the chairman. He came out of the melee with a broken nose and two black eyes, but said that the disturbers of the peace were finally subdued and that a quiet and orderly meeting was held by Unionist speakers the following evening. Major Hewton, who was born in the city of Quebec and has lived for many years in Sherbrooke, spoke strongly for the Union Government and said it would be a deplorable thing for Canada if Quebec should succeed in the present campaign in getting control of affairs at Ottawa.

Mr. J. R. Howitt, of Guelph, was the last speaker. He exhorted the audience in strong terms to stand by the soldiers at the front, and by voting for the Union Government ensure the prompt securing of the reinforcements so seriously needed.

A union orchestra provided excellent music during the evening.

Hon. David Henderson, Revs. R. S. E. Large and C. H. E. Smith, Councillor Bailey and Mr. John Irving, of Milton, occupied seats on the platform.

MR. GREGORY'S MEETING HERE

Strong Addresses by the Laurier Liberal Candidate and Mr. R. T. Harding K. C.

A. J. MACKINNON ALSO SPOKE VERY EFFECTIVELY

It was unfortunate for the political meeting in Mr. Gregory's interests in the town hall on Monday evening that the Hydro power was off. The streets and the town hall were left in darkness. A few coal oil lamps and lanterns were requisitioned, and these cast a dim light from the platform. Naturally the enthusiasm was damped by the dreary surroundings.

Mr. Gregory, who made a splendid speech was given a very respectful hearing as he presented his view of the questions of the day and presented his plea for election as a member of the House of Commons. He scored the Union Government right and left, and made generous promises as to what he would aim to accomplish when elected. He himself has a son at the front and, he says, is most anxious to win the war.

Mr. R. T. Harding, K. C., Toronto, made a rousing speech. He championed the platform of Sir Wilfred Laurier and made a strong appeal for suppert for Mr. Gregory.

The speech of the evening was, however, made by our own A. J. Mackinnon, K. A., the chairman. In terse, effective phrases he supported Mr. Gregory, made complimentary references to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and declared he was quite satisfied that his attitude in the present contest is the surest course to maintain to win the war.

CREWSONS CORNERS

The Fat Stock Show at Guelph was the attraction to a large number of our farmers last week.

The snow storm of Saturday and Sunday was one of the severest in years. It left the roads in a bad condition. They are badly drifted at some places and bare at others.

Mrs. Henry Damper has returned home after spending a week with friends at Hamilton.

Mrs. W. Murray visited friends in Milton last week.

Miss Margaret Maud, Erameosa, visited her friend, Miss Dorothy Burnside, last week.

The low cost per cup

It is hard to believe that a cup of good, rich tea only costs about a fifth of a cent, but, you see, Red Rose consists chiefly of Assam teas—the richest, strongest teas in the world.

Red Rose easily yields 250 cups to the pound. And it's a tea of rare economy and flavor.

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OBITUARY

MRS. WILLIAM MOORE

Mrs. William Moore, widow of the late William Moore, who spent many years at the farm now occupied by Mr. Wesley Murray on the first line, Esquesing, near Acton, passed away last Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lymburner, Hamilton. While on a visit there Mrs. Moore was taken ill with pneumonia and succumbed in a few days. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Leslie and she was united in wedlock with Mr. Moore about forty-five years ago. Since the tragic death of her husband, who was killed by being struck by a G. T. R. engine on a level crossing in Toronto some years ago, Mrs. Moore has resided with her children enjoying the hospitality of the home of each several months during each year. Her surviving children are Leslie Moore, Inspector of Public Schools, Parry Sound; Mrs. Emma Morrison, Matron Y. M. C. A., Peterborough; Mrs. Geo. Simpson, Nobleton; and Mrs. Lymburner. Mrs. Moore was a godly woman, a member of the Methodist Church. The funeral was held in Toronto on Monday.

No one can achieve good work who does not take a pride in it.

A Few of the Bargains For Christmas

SWEATERS

For children of 2 to 6 years, in red and blue. Special .85 to $1.75

SETS OF SCARF AND CAP

For girls, up to 14 years of age, in blue, white and white and red. Special .98 set.

TEA APRONS

Of white lawn, only .25 each.

SETS OF FANCY WORK

A table cover, a sideboard scarf and a pillow case beautifully worked.

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Of different kinds, and other suitable presents for Xmas.

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Has opened a Meat Business on his own account in the brick store opposite the Bank of Nova Scotia. He will keep a full supply of

Fresh and Cured Meats
Sausages, Head Cheese,
Cooked Ham

all of the best qualities. Prompt delivery made.

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Highest cash prices paid for any quantity of good quality turnips delivered at Acton station.

The Junior Girls'

Red Cross Euchre & Dance

To be held in the Town Hall
Friday Eve'g, December 28
at eight o'clock
Tickets - 50c.

FISH FISH

Special Friday and Saturday
Fresh Caught Sea Herring 3 for 10c.

Fresh Halibut Steaks	.30
Fresh Red Sea Salmon Steak	.30
Fresh B. C. Pink Salmon Steak	.25
Fresh Cod, whole fish	.15
Cod Steaks	.17
Finnan Haddie	.20
Golden Cisco	.23
Kippers (a pair)	.15
Fresh Caught White Fish	.22
Fillet of Haddie	.25
Boneless Herring	.30

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FISH DEALER - ACTON
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Store on Main St. next to Cooper's
Open every morning 7.30 to 9, and every evening at 7.30

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Wherever there's a Victor or a Victrola, some new Victor Records will be a most appropriate gift.

They will add to the enjoyment of the instrument and make it practically new again.

Come in and hear some of the latest records. We'll gladly give you a list of them and play any you wish to hear.

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Do your Xmas shopping now

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That man is a slanderer who says that

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New Advertisements

The Methodist Church, Acton

B. S. UP LARGE, D.A., B.D., Pastor

CHURCH SERVICES
SUNDAY

10.15—Class Meeting.

At the morning service Mr. Large will address the Boy Scouts, and in the evening his theme will be National Unity. You are welcome to these services.

2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.

WEEK NIGHT

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Epworth League.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

A WELCOME FOR ALL.

SHERRIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Supreme Court of Ontario and directed to the Sheriff of the County of Halton, against the goods and chattels of L. E. Atkinson at the suit of John Stalker, I have seized and taken in execution the following goods and chattels, namely:

HORSES—1 brown horse, 9 years; 1 brown horse, 3 years; 1 brown mare, 11 years, 1 bay mare, 9 years; 1 sorrel mare, 6 years; 1 bay horse, 9 years; 1 team broncho, 10 and 11 years; 1 carry-all, three seated; 1 carriage, two seated; 1 1 democrat, three seated; 6 Saskatchewan robes, 1 float robe, 6 horse blankets, new; 8 stable blankets.

BUGGIES—1 buggy, new; 1 buggy, nearly new; 5 buggies in good condition.

CUTTERS—3 cutters, good as new; 5 cutters in good repair; 2 sleighs, three seated; 1 sleigh, two seated; 1 Ford automobile, good repair; 3 set single harness, good; 3 set carriage harness; 4 horse collars, neckyokes, and other articles.

All of such property will be sold by Public Auction at

Atkinson's Livery Stable, Acton
ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1917
AT TWO P. M.

TERMS—CASH

SAMUEL WEBSTER,
Sheriff, County of Halton.

Dated at Sheriff's Office, Milton, this 1st day of Dec., 1917.

R. NOBLE
LIMITED

BREAKFAST FOODS

Rolled Oats, Oatmeal, Rolled Wheat, Graham Flour, Cracked Wheat, Wheatlets and Corn Meal. Pot Barley and White Beans.

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Rolled and Chopped Oats, Oilcake, Glutton Meal, Bran and Shorts.

We pay highest market price for all kinds of grain.

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MANAGER
TELEPHONE - - NO 46

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BAKERS, ACTON

Having purchased the Statham Bakery business, which has been conducted since May last by Mr. W. Woodcock, we will conduct it on the old satisfactory lines which made the Statham business so popular for the thirty years they were in business in Acton.

The many customers will be served regularly with wholesome White and Brown Bread and Buns, and very shortly an attractive line of Cakes will be added.

The Statham record of past years will be maintained. Your orders will be appreciated.

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NEW WONDERLAND!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
"The Island of Desire" — A South Sea Picture
And a two reel Sennett comedy "Roping Her Romeo."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
"Faith" with Mary Miles Minter, and Charlie Chaplin in "The Vagabond."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
"An Enemy to the King," with Edith Storey and E. J. Sothern, and episode 4 of "The Voice on the Wire."

R. L. Gregory

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS

The undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction for

JOHN WEDDERBURN

on lot 21, con. 5, Nassagaweya, on

THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 1917

the following:

HORSES—1 Chestnut horse 8 years, a lady can drive him, an ideal third horse; 1 grey horse, aged, good in all harness, lady can drive him; 1 colt rising 1 year, got by Percheron horse.

CATTLE—1 red cow 5 years due in April; 1 black and white cow, 4 years, due in May; 1 red cow due in May; 1 brindle heifer due time of sale; 1 red heifer due in February; 1 cow, 5 years, fat; 1 black cow, 5 years, farrow; 4 steers, rising 2 years; 3 heifers rising 2 years; 3 calves rising 1 year.

FOWL—S. C. W. Leghorns; 12 Rocks and Javas, 2 roosters, Leghorn; 4 Turkey hens and 2 gobblers; 4 geese.

IMPLEMENTS—Deering Seed Drill 11 hoe, good as new; Deering Disk Harrow, nearly new; Deering Lever Harrow, nearly new; Deering 2 furrow plow, nearly new; Deering Scuffler, good as new; 1 single plow, Verity, No. 21; 1 land roller, 1 wagon, 1 wagon box, hay and stock rack.

PIGS—1 reg. Berkshire sow, due in Jan. 3 young Yorkshire sows, 1 young hog.

TERMS—$10 and under cash. Over that amount 10 months' credit on furnishing approved joint notes. 6 per cent. per annum off for cash. Fat cow and fowl, cash.

BENJ. PETCH, Auctioneer.