

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS**  
are now gathered for us in the following  
newspapers: The *Hamilton Spectator*, 50c;  
Deathus, 50c; Memorial Cards, 10c.  
per line extra for poems.

**BORN**  
SMITH In Acton on Tuesday, April  
28, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. James K.  
Smith, Lake Avenue, a daughter.  
**MARRIED**

ALLAN-SHEAR At the Methodist  
Church, Acton, on Wednesday, April 17,  
1918, Mr. C. Allan, to Miss Winifred  
Shear, Spear of the forest.

**DIED**

PEDDIE In Guelph on Sunday, April  
21, 1918, James Peddie, in his  
60th year.

HIMMELT In Acton on Thursday, April  
25, 1918, the infant daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. James K. Smith, Lake  
Avenue.

MATTHEWS In Erin Township, on  
Wednesday, April 24, 1918, John B.  
Matthews, in his 74th year, brother-in-law  
of Mr. N. F. Moore, Acton.

**The Acton Free Press**

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1918

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Public interest in the Dominion Budget brought down on Tuesday will be centred on the method of increasing the revenue, which is estimated at \$270,000,000 for the current fiscal year, an advance of \$12,000,000 over the actual receipts for the year ending March 31. The Government has wisely decided that the bulk of the increase must come from direct taxation.

Canada burns 30,000,000 tons of coal every year, of which 60 per cent comes from the United States. The consumption may be accounted for approximately as follows: Manufacturing industries, 2,000,000 tons; railway locomotives, 3,000,000 tons; collieries, 1,000,000 tons; banking ships, 1,000,000 tons; domestic heating, 5,000,000 tons; industrial heating, 5,000,000 tons; and industrial power, 6,000,000 tons. The fuel controller advises people generally to get in their supply for domestic heating as early as possible this season.

The Canada Food Board is taking drastic measures against the hoarding of sugar by private parties and by dealers. An order has been issued limiting the holdings of sugar by persons other than cane sugar manufacturers. No person is allowed to have in his possession or under his control at any time more than is sufficient for his ordinary requirements for fifteen days. The order provides for seizure and forfeiture of sugar held in excess of the quantities prescribed under the order, making the violation of the order offen-sive subject to a fine which shall not be less than \$100 and may reach as high as \$1,000, or to imprisonment for a period up to three months, or both fine and imprisonment. A similar order refers to the hoarding of flour.

The story of what the Canadian Y. M. C. A. has done for the men of our overseas forces is a marvelous record of much accomplished with a comparatively small sum of money. Due entirely to the unqualified success of the Association's work, its fields of operation have been very greatly enlarged, and increased in number. This year the budget calls for an income of \$2,500,000, the largest sum ever asked from Canadians for Y. M. C. A. work. It is the purpose of the Association that every man serving with the colors, whether at home or overseas, shall be reached and benefited by the ministry of the Red Triangle. Some have declared that until the boys come home, the Y. M. C. A. takes home to the boys. This is true. From the time the men went "over there" it is at their elbow to help and cheer. He provides them with cheer and entertainment at the training camp. His dugout appears in their midst in the trenches. But our marines provide nerve-soothing relaxation at the rest billets. In the hospital the "Y" continues its ministry, and on the way home across the water it has its bright corner in the hospital ship. Wherever they may land the Y. M. C. A. offers and his staff are "on the job."

**BRAMPTON MINSTRELS CONCERT**

Substantially Augments Funds of the Junior Red Cross Society

The efforts put forth by the Junior Red Cross to make a concert given under the auspices of the Brampton Minstrels a success were well repaid by an audience that packed the town hall last Thursday night. In fact, the Brampton Minstrels, it was a rare combination of artistry and a masterly touch of comedy, a unique and the minstrel dancing were all true to the infinite variety of performance. The funny and men kept the audience in good humor throughout.

The second part of the programme was brimming full of merit. Jack Farren in stories, recitations, and in unique sketches and typical of what he intimated. James Caplin, in his character sketches was an artist in his line and pleased the audience with each number. A solo by Mr. Harry Barron was a real feature. This gentleman fairly captivated the audience with his rich full voice.

Large numbers of the audience were attracted by the music, and who could be unmoved by the singing of the Brampton Minstrels. It was a rare combination of artistry and a masterly touch of comedy, a unique and the minstrel dancing were all true to the infinite variety of performance. The funny and men kept the audience in good humor throughout.

The comic will be remembered as one of the most treats of the evening, and the Junior Red Cross will no doubt have their exchequer well replenished to carry on their worthy work as the result of this function.

—Mr. Arthur Lynde, teacher of singing, from the Hamburg Russian Conservatory, Toronto, teaches in Acton every Thursday. Address: 100 Church Street. Mr. A. Anderson, Church Street. 44-3

**GEORGETOWN HERALD DESTROYED LAST THURSDAY**

**NEWS OF THE DAY**  
Art interesting Epitome of the Events  
of the West in Canada

**DISASTROUS FIRE RUINS THE PRESSES,**  
Machinery, Type and Printing  
Material

**NEW OFFICE IS SOON TO OPEN**

The fire spread with relentless destruction, which cut out the plant of the Georgetown Herald last Thursday morning and gutted the building. Much printing stock and material were either destroyed or dumped into a heterogeneous mass through the flooring to the lower level beneath.

It was estimated that the paper had sold its way up the front and rear stairways to the destruction of the building. The editor, Mr. W. C. Allan, was present. The paper, which was ready for the press, was also consumed.

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