

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIED

FORREST-McCLURE.—At the residence of the bride, Dover Avenue, Action, on July 21, 1918, by Rev. J. C. Wilson, Rev. Nicholas Forrester, May, daughter of the late Joseph McClure, all of Action.

DEATHS

DODGE.—At the Presbyterian Manse, Rockwood, on Friday, July 19, 1918, Rev. William Cranston Dodge, aged 61.

HAGGERTY.—At Arden, Man., on Wednesday, July 17, 1918, James Haggerty, son-in-law of James McMillan, Action, in his 50th year.

MCMILLAN.—Suddenly, at the home of his wife, 100, Main Street, on Thursday, July 18, 1918, Charlotte McMillan, aged 16 years and 6 months.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1918

Editorial Notes

The hopes of those who aimed to escape drafting as soldiers through liaison company applications are doomed.

THE PROTESTANT.—Last Friday the Supreme Court of Canada, in the case of Edwin Grey, an Ontario draftee, by a majority of its members, decided that the order-in-Council of April 20, 1918, cancelling exemptions granted under the Military Services Act, was within the power of the Cabinet, and is effective. The result will be a great relief to the military authorities, much of whose present work was threatened by the proceedings in the courts of Alberta, Ontario and Quebec.

The Collingwood Bulletin commented its forty-ninth year last week. This enterprising journal was established by the late David Robson in 1876. A man named Peter Smith, who purchased it from Mr. Robson, for nearly forty years, Mr. Williams and his son, David Williams, have successfully conducted this very worthy journalistic representative of Collingwood and vicinity. Mr. David Williams, the present proprietor, is a born newspaper man and has occupied the high positions of President of the Canadian Press Association and of the Ontario Library Association. He not only is able to produce one of the best newspapers of its class in Ontario, but devotes much time to local matters of interest, especially in the public library and in the museum, which contains many articles associated with the early history of that section of Canada.

With the purpose of bettering housing conditions in the rural and civic municipalities of the province the Ontario Government has arranged to lend \$2,000,000 at the rate of 5 per cent. interest. Corporations taking advantage of the Government "fund" may construct the houses themselves or do so through a private building concern. The offer held good up till January 1, 1920, and the end of the Government aid to municipalities provide that the municipality receiving a loan from the Government must add at least 25 per cent. to the amount received, so that for every \$1,000 received by way of Government loan at least \$1.25 shall be expended in house construction. Reasonable rentals are to be charged. This would be a very desirable enterprise for Action Council to negotiate. We are badly in need of houses here and this need will be aggravated when the new shoe factory is in operation. Ten or twenty houses built at a cost of \$1,200 to \$1,500 would materially help to relieve existing conditions.

ROCKWOOD

There is genuine sorrow in many homes here because of the death on Friday of Mrs. J. H. Dods, B. A. the mother of the late Mr. and Mrs. of Rockwood and East Mills. Death followed a long period of illness. The deceased was greatly beloved and esteemed not only by the community of his own town, but also by those he ministered so faithfully, for some ten years, but by the entire population of the village. He leaves a wife and small family to whom the sympathy of all is extended.

DUBLIN

Last week's rain did great good to the growing crops. Even the hay picked up some of the few days before cutting.

Mrs. Weaver returned to Wharton on Friday after spending a month very pleasantly with Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

There was 45 yards of gravel spread on G. Creer's road division last night, which the Township Council paid \$10.20 and spread.

A few loads were sent off in the holes in the second division from Headmore's farm to the Dublin cross-road would much improve the roadway and save the foundation from deterioration.

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ERIN

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A DAGSTARDLY OUTRAGE

Scenes in the Dublin Cemetery

Thrown Down and Broken and Defaced

Some time between the 10th and 14th inst. some evil-disposed persons or persons visited the Dublin Roman Catholic Cemetery and defaced monuments with evil intent thrown down, destroyed and defaced monuments and headstones.

This outrage was not confined to the resting place of any particular family or group of families, but was perpetrated promiscuously throughout the cemetery. Numerous monuments were at the graves of esteemed members of the Roman Catholic settlement of Dublin.

The author of the outrage appeared to specially desire to raise the hallowed crosses which had reverently been placed to honor the beloved dead.

The following is the list of defaced monuments:

Thomas Gibbons' granite monument—Cross thrown down.

Matthew McCann's granite monument—Die and cross torn off.

Stephen O'Donnell's marble monument—Top thrown off.

Thomas and Ann Lamb's tombstone—Broken down.

George Storey's tombstone—Broken down and smashed.

William Cusick's tombstone—Broken.

James Dunn's marble monument—Bashed.

George Powell's monument—Cross torn off.

Thomas Lamb's granite monument—Die broken off.

John O'Donahue's tombstone—Broken and smashed.

William Cusick's tombstone—Broken.

John Dunn's granite monument—Cross broken off.

William Kelly's monument—Cross torn off.

George Muholand's granite monument—Cross broken off.

Peter Lea's monument—Top damaged with hair or iron railing.

James O'Neill's marble tombstone—Broken.

Timothy Foley's granite monument—Top broken off.

Patrick Maloney's tombstone—Broken.

Martin Drumgold's marble slab—Broken to pieces.

In addition to the heartless desecration of the monuments, dollars of damage have been done.

Dublin Cemetery is about two miles from Action and was opened when H. Joseph's Church was built over sixty years ago. About twenty-five years ago the ground selected for the cemetery was secured and the old church removed. The cemetery is in a somewhat isolated position and is the resting place of the descendants of many of the early settlers.

The person or persons who committed this costly damage must be of most reprehensible character. The Acton Free Press, while it can sympathize with the feelings of the bereaved, cannot condone any predilection that might result in imprisonment.

It is just possible the outrage is the work of foolish thoughtless boys, as was the case in the old Protestant cemetery off Main Street, where fully many gravestones were demolished.

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The Herald congratulates the proprietors of the Acton Free Press and the George Muholand's newspaper.

The Free Press has completed its forty-third year under the able editorship of Mr. H. P. Moore.

The Free Press is a clean, up-to-date paper and in many respects is the best newspaper in the province.

Do you know that last year the Free Press published a special edition last week?

THE SHOE FACTORY BUILDING

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Hydro Account

Hydro-Electric Power Com.

The Russell Hardware Co.

General Account

Wm. Cutting, town hall

H. P. Moore, printing Voter's List

Adams Book Bind and Light

Geo. Dill's park and walks

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\$12.00

\$32.00

The report was adopted.

A deputation of residents of Bower Avenue waited upon the Council and requested that this thoroughfare be levelled and fixed in some manner to prevent the accumulation of dirt caused by the amount of travel there.

A special meeting of the Streets and Walks Committee will be called.

Mr. James McAllister, who was present, pointed out that the sidewalk leading to the Baptist Church on Elm Street was in bad repair and liable to fall.

The Municipal Officer was instructed to build this piece of plank walk.

The master of the method of advancing money on the erection of new school factories, to be connected with progress certificates, came under discussion.

The first payment on the debentures fell due on July 1st, but owing to the delay in completing the by-law, and having the building ready on time, the company's business plan had been rearranged, and they told that little financial assistance would be required for the building paid without question until the building is ready.

The Council debated the matter and referred the question to citizens present.

The consensus of opinion was that the wiser plan would be to pay the amount of the debentures in full.

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MILITARY NEWS

Sgt. W. F. Duvar, who went overseas as leader of the 14th Batt. Band, touching a bugle a band.

Petty officer John Strayer, R. N., has been here this week on a furlough of two weeks, visiting his wife and two little children. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1914, grew up in it and finally got his discharge.

He was here when the war broke out and soon as he could he left home and re-enlisted.

As he is a first-class engineer, an honor was given him.

He has been killed in action.

Mr. H. P. Moore, the editor of the Free Press, has completed his 43 years of publication and 40 years under his present editor and proprietor, Mr. H. P. Moore, now at the helm for forty years. His brother, Rev. Dr. Allard, has been here since the first appearance of the Free Press in 1876. He is a member of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada and has held several positions in the Executive Committee of the Ontario Conference.

The Free Press has published a list of 29 names of the men who have graduated from that college over the 12 years.

Mr. Moore recently published a 15-line monthly news service.

After 26 months' active service in France and Belgium 1916-18, Mr. E. E. Pyronian, of the 14th Canadian Infantry Battalion, France, was seriously wounded on the 21st of June, 1918. He was sent to hospital in France, and then to a hospital in Belvoir, England. Since Pyronian is writing the Free Press says:

"It is a very nice hospital and the food is excellent. We and the other patients are recovering very rapidly. Father Pyronian is formerly of the 2nd Canadian Pioneer Battalion.

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MORE ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

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