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THE METHODIST CHURCH
ACTON

REV. I. M. MOYER, Pastor.
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10.0 a.m.—Class Meeting.
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The annual meeting of Acton Farmers' Club will be held in the Council Chamber, Acton, on Saturday, January 3, 1920, at 2.30 o'clock. The auditors' report will be presented and officers will be elected for the ensuing year.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
"Breed of Men," with W. S. Hart. No. 14 of "The Man of Might."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
"The Usurper," with Earle Williams.

NEW YEARS DAY
"Virtuous Men."

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Peace on Earth Good-Will toward Men

Just a few words, but how fragrant with meaning. Better than any other way they express the true spirit of Christmas. Now is the time to forgive and forget all past strife; to do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

In our forgetfulness of self, let us remember others and give cheer, as we would be cheered.

That all happiness may come to you and yours on--

Christmas Day, Nineteen-nineteen

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Christmas Joys Provided 450 Children By Beardmore & Co.

The Annual Christmas Tree, Tea and Entertainment on Tuesday

BROUGHT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN EARNEST

The Beardmore Company's treat to the children of the employees has for years been a feature of Christmastide which has brought gladness and comfort to the hundreds of boys and girls who have been fortunate enough to have their names on the Company's lists. The entree to the privileges and profits of this great annual Christmas event is merely to be the child of any employee of Messrs. Beardmore & Co. and the Acton Tanning Company of fourteen years or older.

The Company has gone to exceeding great pains to ensure to every child entitled to participate its proper recognition. None are omitted. All are treated alike.

On Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock 229 children of the employees of the Acton Tanning Company assembled at the Town Hall. There the Christmas flavor was everywhere. There were Christmas trees and Christmas decorations, and Christmas tables laden with Christmas dainties. There were merry Christmasses and Yuletide greetings on all sides.

About three-thirty Santa Claus appeared; the stage curtain rose, the big daintily decorated Christmas tree on the platform burst into a blaze of glimmering, scintillating many-colored lights, and Mr. Charles Musgrove, entertainer, of Toronto, struck up "The Maple Leaf Forever" on the piano and the children vociferously sang this loyal song.

Santa Claus, who was splendidly impersonated by Mr. John Wood, then distributed presents galore to the children. He was assisted by Mr. Torrance Beardmore, Mr. Nelson Garden and a corps of workers. Every child present received a box containing a woollen sweater or sweater coat, a toque, and a pair of woollen mitts. On top of the box was a generous bag of candies. These timely gifts were greatly appreciated by all.

When the distribution was completed the children were ushered in orderly parade to the tables. A Christmas cracker lay at every plate. These were first shot off and the gaudy Christmas headdresses enclosed were donned by the little folk. A sumptuous repast was served, the menu including sandwiches, cake, coffee and ice cream and these were abundantly dispensed. After full justice had been done to the Christmas good things the children left for home. As they passed out each was presented with a big orange and a banana.

At seven o'clock in the evening the second quota, comprising over 200 little folk, the children of the employees of Beardmore & Co., of the warehouses, and of the outside corps of workmen assembled.

The programme was a replica of that of the afternoon. The children were just as happy, just as generously provided with presents and served with the Christmas tea, and the parents, of whom more of them were now fathers, were just as highly pleased with the attention given their children, as those of the afternoon.

The chief workers of the day were Mr. and Mrs. A. O. T. Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke and daughters and Mr. Birks, of Toronto.

Esquesing Council Members' Fees

The members of Esquesing Township Council were voted the following sums respectively as their fees and mileage for attending sessions of the Council and committees for the past Year: J. L. Standish, Reeve, $100.76; J. R. Elliott, Deputy Reeve, $88.50; W. J. L. Hampshire, $76.50; James McDowell, $75.00; F. C. Thompson, $73.50. Total, $414.26.

Miss Jennie Steel Had Accident

Friends here have just received intimation that Miss Jennie Steel had the misfortune a few weeks ago, while in the church she attends in Cleveland, Ohio, to make a misstep and fall down the stairs leading to the Sunday School room. Her shoulder was dislocated and the right arm was fractured. She is recovering nicely and was able during the week to write greetings to Acton friends.

Esquesing Wire Fence Bonuses

Twelve Esquesing farmers put in claims for bonuses for erecting wire fences on the highway boundaries of their farms at the December meeting of the Township Council. The following bonuses were granted: Ben Hurrop, $6.25; Duncan Sinclair, $7.00; G. Huffman, $6.00; J. W. Cantelon, $6.25; J. H. Allan, $4.00; Peter Peddie, $12.50; James McDonald, $15.00; A. Livingston, $12.50; W. Snow, $15.00; F. Robertson, $10.00; James Barnes, $15.00; Wesley Murray, $3.50.

Halton-Dufferin Overseas Association

Acting upon the suggestion recently made by Col. Domville the Acton men who were enlisted in the 164th Halton-Dufferin Battalion met in the rooms of the G. W. V. A. on Saturday afternoon and decided to form a branch of the Association. The following officers were elected:

President—A. J. Smethurst.
Vice-Pres.—W. Coles.
Treasurer—J. J. Cooney, D. C. M.
Secretary—M. Atkins.

The organization is intended for social intercourse and mutual benefit, including sick benefits and other assistance which comrades are always prepared to extend to one another.

Masterly Sermons by Dr. Moore

Early last week Rev. I. M. Moyer, pastor of the Methodist Church, was taken seriously ill and his medical adviser informed him that it would be impossible to preach on Sunday. Word was sent to Toronto requesting that a supply be secured for the pulpit. Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore was conferred with and volunteered to fill the vacancy. His sermons were greatly enjoyed by the large congregations which assembled. In the morning the theme took the form of a unique Christmas message in which there was a wealth of suggestion and inspiration for making Christmastide a time of happiness and joy for all, and especially for the children. The evening discourse was a powerful presentation of the National Inter-church campaign which is calculated to assist in the reconstruction of the general life of the nation and to honor God in the advancement of His kingdom. The choir rendered special Christmas anthems, and in the evening a trio was sung by Misses Bertie Smith, Hazel and Lettie Mason.

The Free Press' Greeting

We are closing a year which has been marked by every evidence of good-will and increased patronage in every department of our business. For this we wish to return our thanks to friends and patrons and once more to assure them of our unfailing determination to keep "SERVICE" constantly before us as our business motto.

We desire also to convey the season's best greetings to all our subscribers and friends in all parts of the extensive area now covered by our growing circulation.

Editor and Publisher.

News of Local Import.

Tanneries Close for Christmas Holidays

The works of Messrs. Beardmore & Co. and the Acton Tanning Company, closed on Tuesday and will not reopen until next Monday. This will give the hundreds of employees an opportunity of enjoying the Christmas holidays.

Hydro Current Shortage

The Hydro Commission calls the attention of all users of electric current to a prevailing shortage of power during these short days. Superintendent Wilson of the Acton station requests that as few lights as possible be used between 4.30 and 7 p.m. for a few weeks.

St. Joseph's Hall Opening

The opening of St. Joseph's Hall will take place on Tuesday, December 30 with a euchre, party. About twenty-five tables will be provided. Everybody is given a cordial welcome. The comfort of the guests will receive attention. Good prizes will be awarded. There will be no admission charge. Rev. W. G. Goodrow, Pastor.

New Teachers for Acton Staff

The Board of Education has engaged Miss Edith McLaren, of Perth, as assistant to Principal Roszel in the High School, to succeed Miss Pearl Z. Baker, at the salary of $1,000.00. Miss Helen Riordan, of Toronto, has been engaged to succeed Miss L. M. Royce in the Primary Department. Her salary will be $650.00.

Bugler R. Stewart's M. M.

The military medal awarded to Bugler Robert Stewart for bravery on the field of action in France, arrived from the Militia Department at Ottawa on Monday. It is a handsome silver medal with bar and ribbon, bears the name of the hero who received it, and was accompanied by a letter of praise to his mother.

Miss Baker Again Remembered

One evening last week Miss Pearl Baker, High School Teacher, was spending a farewell evening at the home of Mr. Frank Kennedy, Wellington Street. About a dozen of the earlier students of her classes in Acton called during the evening and presented her with a beautiful cut glass fruit bowl with nappies to match. This kind act of the young men was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Willoughby Buys in Acton

At the mortgage sale of the brick residence on the Wallace property on Saturday Mr. J. A. Willoughby, of Georgetown was the purchaser. To improve the property Mr. Willoughby also bought a small parcel of land from Mr. Wallace to add to it. In Mr. Willoughby's hands this fine piece of residential property will no doubt be improved, and will eventually be secured by some man of means desirous of settling here.

Kindly Remembrance to Mr. Clarke

On Tuesday morning Mr. John Clarke, Superintendent of the Acton Tanning Company, was made the recipient of a testimonial which he values highly both for the spirit which prompted it and the splendid character of the gift. It was a comprehensive smoker's set and comprised beautifully polished mandgany humidors for cigars and cigarettes, jars of his favorite blend of fine cut, and a generous variety of briar pipes and calabashes. The whole was a spontaneous Christmas gift from the foremen of the factory. Mr. James McIntosh, the oldest foreman, was given the honor of making the presentation. Mr. Clarke was taken completely by surprise. He expressed his genuine appreciation of the gift and of the kind words which accompanied it, but disclaimed that he was deserving of it. He extended cordial good wishes for a happy Christmastide to the assembled foremen.

Back from Far Away Siberia

It is only a few weeks since Capt. W. G. C. Kenney, V. S., eldest son of William Kenney, J. P., arrived home from Egypt, where he had been in active service for several years. On Tuesday evening Mr. Kenney's other son, Capt. Arthur Kenney, D. D. S., reached home from Siberia, where he had been with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Capt. Kenney had interesting and varied experiences. While his headquarters were at Vladivostok, Siberia, he made excursions through Asia into European Russia. He also visited Japan and was at Tokio, the capital and various other sections of that country. Capt. Kenney has been cordially welcomed home. It is years since he was here for the Christmas season. He has many interesting tales to relate of his experiences in the army. He is of the opinion that world war is still a possibility and that an alliance of sinister character between Japan and Germany is fairly certain to be attempted.

Christmastide Visitors are Here in Scores

They Come from Far and Near to the Old Home Fireside or to Visit Friends

AND SOME HAVE GONE OTHERWHERE.

Miss Bertie Smith is home from Toronto.

Miss Stella McLam is home from Toronto.

Miss Margaret Bennett is home from Toronto.

Miss Mamie Malmprixe is home from Bracebridge.

Miss Beadie Mullin is home from Bowmanville.

Miss Marguerite Stewart is home from Teeswater.

Mr. William Plank returned last week from Quebec.

The Misses Conway, teachers, are home for vacation.

Miss Clara Brown is home from Toronto University.

Miss L. M. Royce left on Saturday for her home in Guelph.

Miss Florence Holmes, Toronto, is enjoying the holidays at home.

Mr. Jack McNiven is home from the University for Christmastide.

Miss Jean McLeod is spending the holidays at her home at Embro.

Miss Pearl Baker left on Saturday evening for her home in Toronto.

Misses Lillie and Myrtle Dills are home from Toronto for the holidays.

Mr. Roy Brown is home from the School of Practical Science, Toronto.

Principal Roszell is spending the holidays with relatives in Peterboro.

Miss Olla Armstrong is enjoying the holidays in her home at Brussels.

Mr. E. J. Moore, Toronto, is at the old home at Moorecroft for Christmas.

Mrs. John Cole and the three children arrived from Chatham last Thursday.

Mr. J. D. Coleman left on Tuesday to spend Christmastide with friends at Renfrew.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McLean and babe, of Watford, are at Mr. Wm. Johnstone's.

Mr. William McNabb has accepted a position in a Toronto glove factory at a splendid salary.

Miss H. Nelson, teacher at Hannockburn School, is spending Christmas at her home at Hamilton.

Miss Janie O'Brien, of Albion, and Miss Alicia, of O'Connell, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. James Leuttl's brother arrived on Monday from Belfast, Ireland, and will reside here for the present.

Mr. Alex. Munroe, who has been in Vancouver, B. C., the past year or so, has now gone to Tokio, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McPherson and children, of Goven, Sask., visited Acton friends and relatives the past week.

Master Travers, of Woodstock College, is spending his holidays with his uncle, Mr. J. D. Coleman, fourth line.

Sergt. and Mrs. W. J. Gould and Miss Ruby Clark are spending Christmastide with Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell Clark at Meaford.

Mr. Bert McKeown, who spent the summer and fall with his brothers and other friends in Alberta and Saskatchewan, has returned home.

Mr. Archy McEachern, of Erin, was here yesterday paying a brief Christmas visit to his friend Dr. John Lawson, who he was delighted to find is improving in health.

Mr. John Gibbons, who was very ill in the hospital at Guelph for some time, has been home for several weeks and was able to attend service at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday morning.

Miss Annie Martin arrived home on Saturday evening from her trip to the Pacific coast. Miss Martin spent the summer and fall in the west and returned home greatly improved in health. She visited friends in Vancouver, and at various points in the four western provinces.

See Willoughby's new ad on page four.

Much-Prized Gift to Ex-Principal W. H. Stewart

From Present and Past Students and Teachers at High School "At Home"

MISS BAKER ALSO REMEMBERED

The annual At Home of the teachers and students of the High School last Friday was a fitting climax to the year's activities of the school and was a social event of much interest to the students, ex-students, friends and teachers.

A programme which gave evidence of careful preparation formed the initial part of the evening's proceedings. It was very gracefully presided over by Mr. Chester Plank, a former student, and comprised the following: School chorus; Milkmaid Drill; Reading of the "High School Eye-Opener" by Miss Jean Kennedy; a violin solo, by Miss Jean Moffat with accompaniment by her sister, Miss Lizzie Moffat; Boys' Drama, "Our Club;" Dumbell Drill by young ladies; Scottish dancing by Master Jimmie Ross; camping scene and songs by boys; Drama in two acts by Misses Elsie Stewart, Edna Johnston, Francis Hurst; Isabel Elliot and Neil Gibbons; recitations by Miss Esther Starkman; and ended with a school chorus.

A feature was here introduced which was the culmination of a very gracious act on the part of the pupils, ex-pupils and teachers who had been associated with Inspector W. H. Stewart during the sixteen years of his principalship of the schools. This was the presentation of the following address, which was accompanied by a magnificently upholstered easy chair and a handsome electric reading lamp. When called to the platform Mr. Stewart was given an ovation by the students.

Miss Isabel Anderson read the address which was her own composition. Miss Anderson was first a pupil under Mr. Stewart and later a member of his teaching staff:

Mr. W. H. Stewart,
Ex-Principal of Acton Continuation and Public Schools

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The joyous Christmas bells are ringing now,
Their message sweet is borne to every clime;
And, glad, we leave the workshench, desk or plough,
And flock together at their summoning chime.

Now sums and lessons time prepares for all;
And some are hard to read; and some are sweet.
A face forgotten we must now recall,
And understand 'wright an empty seat.

We sat and listened daily at your feet,
How proud we are to be that chosen few!
How sure we are that there is no defeat
For those in life's hard school, prepared by you!

The thoughts of all your former students blend;
As from one heart, there came the message forth,
"Proud to have called my teacher and my friend,
A man of such ideals and sterling worth."

And we who also labored at your side,
Sowing the seed of knowledge day by day,
As teachers, never vainly we relied
On helpful deeds and kindly sympathy.

With mingled joy and sorrow, we have met
To feel your hand in friendly clasp once more;
No more our teacher—this is our regret—
Our joy—that so, you were in days of yore.

We thank you that for us you did such work,
That we in life might take a better stand;
So patient when we failed, or tried to shirk,
So eager to reach out the lifting hand.

We thank you that you gave to each a place
Of your own life, who taught us to be true;
Its vital strength in us will never cease—
The better part of us is part of you.

We like to think of your achievements fine,
Each year's a brilliant added to the span.
We love you for your heart so big and kind,
We honor you, a Teacher and a Man.

In tender love, we also think tonight
Of Mrs. Stewart—our joys were always hers;
Her presence lent our festivals delight,
Her interest in our welfare was our spurs.

A mercenary tribute seems so bare,
Expressionless of our regard so deep,
But, as a symbol, please accept this chair,
Where you may fondly dream, or sweetly sleep.

And if, perchance, your thoughts to us should go
With something like affection as their stamp,
That you may better see the answering glow
In every heart, we bring to you this lamp.

We miss your footsteps in our walk of life,
And, as our pathways sever, we would pray
That all your future life be blessed, and rife
With richest fruits of glad prosperity;
And wish you, as the bells peal forth their cheer,
A merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

Signed, on behalf of the teachers of the Continuation and Public Schools, and the students and ex-students of the Continuation School,

P. Z. BAKER
M. Z. BENNETT
A. HOMERVILLE
PEARL WALLACE

The Committee had much gratification in soliciting funds for the testimonial to Inspector Stewart. Many letters from former students were received and nearly every one of them paid high tribute to their former teacher for his untiring zeal and effective tuition in their behalf. Many gratefully acknowledged that the inspiration to accomplish success in their life work had come from Mr. Stewart.

When the presentation was being made Mr. Stewart was visibly affected. The very kind remembrance had come to him as a complete surprise and it was not unnatural that he was almost overcome.

In very fitting words he accepted the loving expression of the kind hearts of those with whom he had enjoyed such happy associations for so many years. He had given them the very best that was in him and he now felt repaid for all that he had done. His appreciation of the beautiful gifts bestowed was beyond expression. He would ever hold in sincere remembrance all the happy and useful days spent in Acton school.

When Mr. Stewart had taken his seat in his splendid easy chair, Miss Pearl Baker, the assistant to the Principal for the past five and a half years, was requested to go to the platform. She also was made the recipient of a beautifully worded address, which was read by Miss Elsie Stewart, and was presented with a pyrex casserole and a pie plate in silver stand.

Miss Baker gracefully acknowledged the testimonial and thanked the donors most sincerely. Her long term on the High School staff in Acton had been most pleasant and she would always remember her hosts of kind friends, former students and fellow-teachers here.

During the afternoon the members of the teaching staff had presented Miss Royce, who is leaving for Guelph, with a pretty bronze clock as a token of their friendship.

The guests of the At Home were cordially welcomed by Principal Roszell, Miss Baker and the students' reception committee. After the presentations a series of promenades were enjoyed and later refreshments were served.

Unheard of Action By County Council In its Dying Session

Passed Resolution to Build New Sixteen Creek Bridge at Cost of $110,000 to $150,000

AWARDS CONTRACT TO TANSLEY BRIDGE CONTRACTOR

At the meeting of the County Council last Thursday, the last session of the year, always a hurried one, the members deliberately let a contract for the construction of a new high-level bridge over the Sixteen in Trafalgar.

The estimated cost of this bridge is $110,000, but if it is built with a similar degree of unfulfilled contracts on the other large bridges of the townships of Trafalgar and Nelson the cost will reach at least $200,000.

The contract had been let to Norman McLeod, Limited. This firm took the contract for the big Tansley bridge and defaulted, and was subsequently paid a large extra sum to complete it.

The arguments which mesmerized the nine members of the County Council who carried the resolution to enter into this monstrous contract were:

Material may be got on the scene during the winter, when labor is available, so that construction may be commenced as soon as weather is favorable in the spring. A clause in the agreement calls for the completion of the huge bridge by the end of 1920, unless the engineer decides to hold up work because of unfavorable weather.

It will be among the largest bridges in Ontario, and the Tansley and Sixteen bridges will convert the Dundas Street into a main thoroughfare capable of handling much of the motor traffic now using the cement highway.

The Province of Ontario will pay sixty per cent. of the cost because Dundas Street was recently taken over as a county-provincial highway. For county roads the Province only contributes forty per cent.

The cost to the county, with this assistance from the Province, will be only about $45,000. When spread over twenty years this cost will mean only a light assessment each year.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on the matter of awarding the contract at present, but because of the large plant so near the scene and the chance of getting material on the ground during the winter, these were deciding factors.

Nine heavy iron girders will be purchased from the National Railways. These girders are at Moncton, N. B., and each is 108 feet in length. They are constructed of heavy Scotch steel and the engineers of both the government and county reported that they were ideal for highway bridges.

The final division on which the contract was awarded was as follows:

Yeas — Little, Readhead, Irving, Bridgeman, Clearwater, Johnstone, Morden, Hillmer and Forster.—9.

Nays — Standish, Elliott, Harber, Grant, Moffat.—5.

The members generally agreed that a bridge was a necessity and should be built, but some members considered it would be better to leave the matter over for next year's council to give their consideration and decision.

GREAT CONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

Georgetown Branch of the Merchants Bank announces the opening of two Writing and Rest Rooms at the rear of their office on Mill Street, for the convenience and use of all farmers and their families and other out-of-town visitors.

One room will be for the sole use of ladies and children in which they may meet while in town, to which parcels may be delivered, or to use as a writing room. The other is similarly placed at the disposal of the men and among other conveniences will be found a Rural Service Exchange Register in which to record "Livestock Farm Products to Sell" or "Livestock and Farm Products to Buy."

The Bank extends a hearty invitation to all to take full use of the advantages afforded by these rooms whenever you or your family are in town.

The rooms will be open daily (except Sunday) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday to 11 p.m.

Knox Church Induction, January 8

A meeting of Guelph Presbytery was held on Monday when the call of Rev. W. L. Findlay, B. A., to Knox Church, Acton, was moderated in. The call was approved and the time for the induction was fixed for Thursday afternoon, January 8. Rev. J. T. Strachan, B. A., of Nassagaweya, was appointed to preach the sermon at the induction service.

Charles Taylor Buried Here Yesterday

The funeral of the late Charles Taylor, of Toronto, for many years a resident of Acton and an employee of the Glove Works, was held here yesterday. Mr. Taylor had reached his ninety-fifth year. Mrs. Taylor predeceased him here a number of years ago. Mr. Taylor was born in the South and lived at Crowsons Corners for years before he came to Acton.