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BIRD

McMACKON—Indulged on Sunday, December 10, 1922, at Acton, Ont., by the Rev. J. J. McMackon, pastor of the Methodist Church, in the presence of his family.

McMACKON—At the family residence, 545 Colborne Street, London, Ont., on December 7, 1922, John McMackon, aged 41 years.

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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1922

Brief Local Items

—These are the days of Christmas buying.

—Next Thursday will be the year's shortest day.

—The holidays are very anxious to get into the winter winter costume.

—Fowl are coming in more freely now. Good prices are being maintained.

—Premier Drury officiated at the sale of the winter fair at Guelph on Monday.

—On Friday evening, December 23, in Elgin school, a concert will be given by the pupils.

—Some contraband shavers all risks in skating on Peley Lake on Saturday afternoon.

—There was a little cold weather this week, but the mercury hasn't dropped to zero yet.

—Don't forget Christmas decorations to either electric lights or fixtures, either at home or store.

—Already merchants are beginning to notice the increased shopping boom. "Shop early," is the slogan.

—Premier Drury and Hon. Mr. Fisher addressed the electors at a meeting in Milton last night.

—Hannockburn, H. H. No. 13, will hold their annual Christmas concert on Friday evening, December 16.

—Auctioneer H. J. Kerr conducted the sale of seed grain at the Guelph Winter Fair yesterday.

—Learn the secret of life; get the secret of laughter, life, love and joy, the high road to "eternity" by Mr. McCleary, of the New Factory staff, is moving into his pretty new bungalow on Church Street this week.

—People are beginning to speculate as to whether we are to have a "great" Christmas or not. Looks very much like a "white" one now.

—At the closing session of Wellington County Council on Saturday, Warden Milroy was presented with a handsome silver by the members.

—Monday found the blacksmiths crowded with work. The key roads yesterday it almost impossible for the horses to get about until they were sharp shod.

—Messrs. I. G. Jackson, of Newmarket, and Charles Williams, of Galt, St. Marie, addressed the Methodist Sunday School with helpful words on Sunday afternoon.

—As a result of a collision with an automobile which was coasting on Saturday, little Douglas Younger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Younger, Guelph, passed away at the general hospital on Sunday morning.

—After an existence of seventy years, the Congregational Church at Paris, Ontario, has been closed. The few remaining members finding it impossible to longer continue.

—Whether you buy little or much, in order to buy intelligently, you must keep yourself informed. And there is only one way in which you can keep your information up to the minute—read the advertisements.

—At the recent convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance Mr. E. H. Cleaver, K. C. of Burlington, was honored with election to the office of President.

—It was rather amusing to see Reeve Barber, of Acton, and Reeve Hillman, of Oakville, hobnobbing so interestedly on the street here on Monday. Both are hotfoot after the Wardenship.

—Thursday night's loss resulted in a fair amount of damage to nature on Friday morning. Trees, shrubs, fences, electric wires and all other objects were encircled in sparkling coatings of ice. The landscape was extremely pretty for an hour or so.

—The Acton Free Press sent to an absent friend will make an ideal Christmas gift. It will make a lasting gift. When you receive a letter from one who has left these parts asking for news think of The Free Press. It gives all the home news; far more than you could write in a dozen letters every week.

Taking Over the Toronto Suburban

The agreement for the taking over of the Toronto Suburban electric line, Toronto to Guelph, by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission was approved on Monday by Sir Adam Beck, and went to Mayor Maguire for his signature.

The New Tax on Receipts

Another of the new taxes, imposed by the Dominion Government at the last session of Parliament, will become operative at the beginning of the New Year. This is the stamp tax on receipts given in acknowledgment of payment of sums of ten dollars and upwards. The tax is not a graduated one like that on cheques. In the case of receipts a two-cent stamp is to be affixed to each document regardless of the amount involved.

Nassagawey's Man's Bear Story

Levi Elzey Got into a Hibernating Bear's Den in Northern Ontario

The Milton Reformer published the following romantic bear story last week. "We occasionally read bear stories in the papers, but they are generally located some distance away. The following one, however, comes from no less a place than Brookville, Nassagawey, right in our own county. The hero of the story is Levi Elzey, and it runs as follows:

Mr. Elzey was one of a party of deer hunters who chose for their stumping grounds a spot in Northern Ontario, near Quebec. One morning while he was going through the woods he noticed a big hole in an embankment close by. Going over to the hole he looked in and saw what he believed to be the shadow of a bear in the outside of the hole. On entering to investigate what was on the inside he was met face to face with a bear, which was all curled up. Mr. Elzey just in time in making his exit, and the bear was about to attack him before from his hip, not taking any time to aim, an act which he firmly believes saved his life. He was, fortunately, for Mr. Elzey, shot through the head and killed instantly.

The crowd, consisting of about three hundred souls, was brought home and afforded quite a centre of attraction.

Jack Miner, the Bird Man

Gave Two Intensely Interesting Addresses Here Last Thursday

The reputation of Jack Miner, the wonderful bird man, of Kingsville, Essex county, on the shores of Lake Erie, preceded him in Acton many months ago. His remarkable exploits in influencing wild geese and ducks to congregate spring and fall on the island, which he has constructed on his farm, are known throughout the continent. Kingsville, a little town of about 2000 people, has become famous to the birds and their protection, especially in the case of the migrating wild geese. It is a long time since Jack Miner continued to take a real interest in this work, and he has met with such wonderful success and has achieved results so remarkable, that his services as a lecturer to inform the people of what he has accomplished in this connection, are in great demand.

In the afternoon, Uncle Jack, as he is called by the children wherever they go, gave his address at the Kingsville Hotel, in the presence of a large audience of 400 children in Knox Church. He caused their eyes to sparkle, and their minds to be filled with the wonders of the things he had done, and he published at his home at Kingsville, among the wild ducks, wild geese, and other birds which roam the air and especially with the robin. His place is a haven of safety for the birds of the air, and they know that this is the case, the result being that thousands and thousands of them find their way from the sportsman's gun. And that the same birds return year after year, Uncle Jack has ample evidence.

In the evening the audience which assembled to hear this kind-hearted bird man, and his wonderful exploits, was a large one, and the lecture was a most interesting and profitable one. He has been in detail his awakening to the possibility of his accomplishing through his efforts to the wild birds while migrating to the north in the spring and to the south in the fall; his success in saving wild geese and ducks from increasing numbers year after year, through his kind and humane methods, in giving that the same birds return season after season to his kindly care and protection.

His talk was intensely interesting and his microscopic views and motion pictures equally so. They showed the wild geese and ducks in their homes in the several ponds which he has provided for them. It was seen by these pictures that the geese and ducks are just as tame as they can be, and on account of this it was comparatively easy to take moving pictures of them.

The lecture, which occupied the first part of the evening, was exceedingly interesting. He had a beautiful story to tell regarding the manner in which he has been interested in caring for and protecting these wild birds in his field every season, from North Carolina to Hudson's Bay and back again. He tells the story in a style which is all his own, and which holds the undivided attention of his audience.

Into his story of the bird Jack Miner, he introduced the gospel of Christ, and it makes a profound impression on his hearers, who are so interested in the material things on the legs of the wild geese and wild ducks, and of the letters which he receives from all over the country who had shot these birds, sending back the tags and in this way spreading the word of God to the younger people and the birds rather than to destroy them.

As a prelude to the lecture, the Rev. A. C. Stewart, of the Methodist Church, gave a short programme of excellent selections. The meeting closed with a benediction by Rev. A. C. Stewart.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

CREWSON CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. John Aldred and two little sons and their daughter, Elizabeth, returned in Acton last week and spent a few days with their friends. Mr. Jack Aldred spent the week-end with friends at London.

ERIN

The town hall is undergoing repairs, with a new hardwood floor being laid, which will make a great improvement. John Haber, butcher, had a number of valuable hides and sheep skins stolen from his premises last week. Provincial Constable Elliott is busy working on the case.

LIMEHOUSE

Mr. A. Chalder, of Limehouse, called on Saturday from New York for the Old Country, where he will spend three months. He is accompanied by his wife and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gladwin and Mr. J. Lane attended Jack Miner's lecture on the birds and their protection, held at the Kingsville Hotel, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gladwin and Mr. Lane were away from the sportsman's gun. And that the same birds return year after year, Uncle Jack has ample evidence.

NASSAGAWEYA

Mrs. Wm. Frank and Miss June spent a few days with Burlington friends, and they returned to Nassagaweya Church held their first meeting last week. Arrangements were made for an entertainment and Christmas tree on December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lauby visited Hamilton friends last week.

GREENOCK SCHOOL

Mr. R. H. Clonow, Agricultural Representative for Wellington county, delivered, last week, to H. H. No. 8, Greenock, the championship cup for the Inter-High School Football Contest, and it is to be on exhibition in the school.

The boys in the Greenock team were the youngest in the contest, and their success reflects great credit on themselves and also on Messrs. W. J. MacDonald and Stuart Lawrie, who so ably coached them on the subject.

BALLINAFAD

A little daughter has come to grace the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shortall, on the 10th line.

The roads are greatly improved in and around Ballinafad, as those who travel may do so with speed and comfort.

Our enterprising townsmen, Mr. Blake Vannatter, is to be congratulated on the enlargement of his fox ranch. The Presbyterian will hold an annual meeting in their church on Wednesday evening, December 20. A fine programme of music, speeches, recitations, etc., will be given. Refreshments afterwards. The Acton quartet will assist.

At the Canadian Silver Fox Exhibition at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, the highest average score was made by the Blake Vannatter Fox Farm.

ROCKWOOD

Mr. Wilford Pittsimmans has returned from Burgessville, where he spent the summer with his sister, Mrs. M. E. Proctor.

The farmers of Rockwood, vicinity contributed three carloads of hay and straw for the Northern Ontario Red Cross, which was shipped last week.

Messrs. Ross Patterson and Nell Gordon have returned home after spending three months in Western Canada, and took back a party.

Mr. Andrew Wislart, of Portage la Prairie, and Mr. Charles Head, of Rockwood, were exhibiting horses at the Winter Fair, spent a few days with Rockwood friends.

A meeting was held in the hall on Saturday evening to discuss the advisability of putting on a short course on agriculture and stock raising for the boys and a domestic science course for girls, this winter. It was decided to put on the course early in January. Another meeting will be called later to complete arrangements.

Life of Dublin Editor Threatened

Martin Fitzgerald, of Freeman's Journal, the Subject of Rebel Threats

New York, Dec. 12.—Martin Fitzgerald, senator of the Irish Free State, and proprietor of the Freeman's Journal, announced in a cable received here yesterday that he will defy rebel threats against his life and refuse to leave Ireland.

Senator Fitzgerald was threatened in a letter from the Irish republican army with death unless he departed immediately. "I certainly am not leaving Ireland," Fitzgerald stated in his cable.

[Harry Moore, son of Rev. Dr. Moore, Toronto, and nephew of J. P. Moore, Acton, is managing editor of the Freeman's Journal. There is naturally a considerable anxiety felt by his family concerning his safety during his lawlessness of the rebels, who are so active in Dublin at present.]

A MOUNTAIN OF YOUTH POWDER

Nevada for years has been mining silver, copper, and gold; but now it has turned to mining tooth powder. Twelve years ago, Mack Foster, an old "copper" and big game hunter, discovered Mt. Robinson, and found its volcanic mineral would take the tobacco stalk off his teeth.

Eventually Foster told a man named Jewwek about the mountain. Jewwek's secretary, a Western girl named Rosebelle Robinson, tried some of the material and found it most effective. Jewwek stalked the claim and now he and his associates have hard work to keep ahead of orders.

The material not only cleans teeth, but whitens yellow, manures, nails, shines up optical glass, whitens shoes, and makes a fine shampoo. Physicians are using it, too, for a surgical powder. The mountains lie out in the sage-brush desert, about 30 miles from Tonopah.

CLOCK LIGHTS PIBE

For the benefit of persons who dislike to get up in the morning to light the fire, a Frenchman has invented a clock that lights an alarm lamp when the alarm sounds. The mechanism, released by the alarm, moves an arm, which removes a cap covering the burner of the lamp, while another arm rubs a point of ferrocerium over it, and produces sparks that light the lamp. If a pan of water has been placed on the lamp before retiring, the sleeper may have another alarm after the alarm has sounded, until the water for shaving or making coffee reaches the boiling point.

R. J. KERR'S SALES

Friday, December 22—Jacob Miller, Newmarket, Farm stock.

STUDY ENTHUSIASM

Study enthusiasm. That does not mean the people who watch life's thrilling scenes, sitting in, putting on what you do not feel. But if you are not content with becoming enthusiastic, the trouble is that you are not enthusiastic. To lack enthusiasm is a serious fault. Study it. Acquire it.

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