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Parsonage—Willow St.

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "A Look at Life."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Standing at the Door."
EVERYBODY WELCOME

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Manse—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject. "A Happy New Year."
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject. "The Renewal of the Spring of Life."
Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.
ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Acton Horticultural Society

The annual meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held in the Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th
AT 8 p. m. SHARP

The Committee specially request that all members will make a special effort to attend. Everybody welcome.

E. T. THETFORD, Secretary. F. SCRIVEN, President.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
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With Earle Williams. A story of Central America, it's revolutions and it's romances. Full of mystery and love. Comedy, "The Fourflusher."

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With special cast. An illuminative insight into the New England whaling industry. Comedy, "Cut It Out." Matinee at 3.00 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2
"While Justice Waits"
Starring Dustin Farnum. A drama that will grip your senses and sway your emotions. Comedy, "Should Wm. Tell." Episode No. 4, "Plunder."

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we approach the threshold of a new year, we pause to express our appreciation to our many patrons in this vicinity, for the generous business we have enjoyed during the past year. And we humbly renew our pledge of loyalty and service that the bonds of friendship and confidence between us may be strengthened. The new year that lies before is full of new hopes, new opportunities and new responsibilities for us. To you, may it be full of happiness and prosperity and the best blessings that life can bestow.

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Just fresh in, with lots of Peanuts. Regularly 30 lb. Week-end Special 25c lb.

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A Happy New Year To All

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News of Local Import

Christmas Mass at St. Joseph's

Christmas mass was celebrated at midnight in St. Joseph's Church. There was a good congregation present. Rev. Father McIlveavy, P. P., officiated.

Little Home Town Poem

"Oh town of streets made white with snow, where horse and sleighs so gaily go, and cheeks aflame with health do glow, from frisking winds that freely blow; where hearts are warm as faces red. At Christmas there my thoughts are led: like Him who came from Heaven above, your humble life's the life I love."

Turkeys from Manitoba

Mr. and Mrs William McPherson, of Hartney, Man., remembered Acton relatives this year with turkeys from their farm flock in the West. Chief R. J. McPherson and Messrs. William and Lawrence Williams each received a prime bird, and found them to be tender and delicious at their Yuletide family gatherings.

An Appreciated Christmas Illumination

Landlord Ritchie, of the Sunderland House, made quite a hit among citizens and visitors when he turned on the scores of electric lights which illuminate his lawns, on Christmas Sunday evening. With the newly-fallen snow covering lawn, trees and shrubbery, the effect was quite a fairy-land appearance, and the hundreds of citizens passing after church appreciated very much the pretty spectacle.

Christmas Sunday in the Churches

Notwithstanding the prevailing snow storm on Sunday the people generally made it a go-to-church day. There were large congregations in all the churches. The spirit of real worship was manifest. The appropriate Christmas messages from the pulpit, and the splendid Christmas music by the choirs and soloists gave the services the real Christmastide inspiration. The pastors all occupied their own pulpits during the day.

A Wedding Announcement

It is announced that Mrs. Emma Katherine Knowles, the divorced wife of Rev. Robert E. Knowles, the well-known author and minister for many years of Knox Presbyterian Church, Galt, will return to New Berne, North Carolina, where she was married to Mr. Knowles 26 years ago, to be married again, on January 9, to John Firstbrook, a prominent business man of Toronto, who spent his boyhood days in Acton, and has his summer home, the Trout Ponds, here, will be the groom.

The Shop Windows at Christmas

The Christmas displays in the shop windows in town were highly creditable to our merchants. They were unusually attractive and no doubt induced customers to make purchases. A citizen of Toronto, in walking through town the first of the week, remarked: "I must congratulate the business people of Acton upon their splendid window displays. They are fully as attractive as the displays made by stores of the same business lines in Toronto, and the merchants of Acton certainly deserve credit."

Georgetown Mayor's Narrow Escape

Mayor LeRoy Dale, of Georgetown, was lucky last Thursday morning at 3.30, and owes his life to the fact that his car stuck fast in the mud. Two feet more and he and his companion would have been in the swift current of the Hydro canal at Niagara Falls. Mr. Dale had been told to take a detour just outside the city, but took the wrong road and was driving along the bank of the canal when he was mired. He was horrified when he discovered how close to the brink he had been. A wrecking outfit pulled the car out and back to solid ground.

Great Rush at the Post Office

The regular staff at the post office, which was augmented by several assistants, had an abnormal Christmas business. It continued from the middle of last week until yesterday. On Monday every mail was equivalent to a dray load, and the Christmas week saw the biggest mails that ever came to Acton. For nearly a week the public space at the office was crowded with citizens anxious to insure and mail parcels and letters to friends and relatives, or to receive letters and parcels for themselves. Through it all the busy staff manifested uniform courtesy and did their level best to keep everybody happy and satisfactorily served.

Ontario and Labrador Exchanging Flowers

While in St. Thomas recently Dr. Grenfell arranged with Dr. F. S. Bennett, President of the Horticultural Society, and an expert gladioli grower, for an exchange of horticultural products between Labrador and St. Thomas. A collection of iris and gladioli will be sent from St. Thomas to the two largest hospitals operated by Dr. Grenfell and his co-workers, and in return Dr. Grenfell has promised to send to St. Thomas a collection of the beautiful perennials for which Labrador is noted, and some of the country's flowering shrubs, such as the kalmias and azaleas. These native shrubs have never before been sent out of Labrador.

Likes the [illegible] Home and Home Paper

The following note from our former citizen, [illegible] Charles S. Gamble, Buffalo, N. [illegible] is much appreciated: "December is the happy month of the year, with its festal season. To us who have moved to a certain extent the old home ties is given the pleasant opportunity of renewing our subscriptions to the old home paper. With hundreds of former Autonians, I can assure you that it is a real pleasure to be permitted to pay my annual subscription to THE FREE PRESS. I have been a reader of this home paper since my childhood. In fact, it was the first newspaper I ever read. When a child I thought it was a great paper. To-day, I say seriously, it is still to me a great paper. I have enjoyed the recollections of 'The Old Man in the Big Clock Tower' very much. During the past year the history of Crewsons Corners was especially interesting to me, as I am more or less familiar with it all. I am heartily in favor of the proposal made by my esteemed predecessor, Capt. John Shaw, and others, with reference to perpetual care of the plots and graves in Fairview Cemetery. I hope the Council of the present year will formulate a feasible plan, and carry it out satisfactorily. I will gladly contribute my share to this worthy cause. I wish you and yours and everybody in the old home town a prosperous New Year."

Christmas Visitors and Happy Home-Comers Numerous

A Joyful Christmastide was Spent in Many Homes

NUMBER OF OUR CITIZENS SPENT THE FESTIVE SEASON OUT OF TOWN

Christmas visitors and family reunions were numerous in the community during the week. These embraced the following:

Mr. Maxwell Bell, Toronto.
Mr. Will Robertson, Toronto.
Mr. E. J. Moore, of Toronto.
Mr. J. C. Lindsay, of Toronto.
Mr. Stephen Guest, of Toronto.
Miss Martha Orr, of Toronto.
Mr. John H. Waldie, of Elmira.
Mr. Roy Brown from Hamilton.
Miss Frances Hurst, of Toronto.
Miss Norah Kenney, of Guelph.
Mr. Lloyd Kenney, of Toronto.
Mr. Jordan Lawson, of Toronto.
Miss Elsie Wiggins, of Toronto.
Mr. Angus Kennedy, of Toronto.
Mr. W. G. C. Kenney, of Toronto.
Mr. George Anderson, of Oshawa.
Mr. Elmer Henderson, of Toronto.
Mr. Elmore Johnston, of Hamilton.
Miss Vera Wiggins, of Port Colborne.
Miss Dorothy Nelson, of Avonmore.
Mr. Harold Wansborough, of Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, of Toronto.
Miss Margaret J. Macdonald, of Toronto.
Mrs. Annie H. Somerville, of Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hayward, Toronto.
Mr. George Agnew, of Detroit, was home.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kenney, of Kitchener.
Mr. William Pearson was home from Toronto.
Miss Bertie Smith was home from Toronto.
Mrs. J. L. Warren and Fred, of Toronto.
Mr. Charles McLeod was here from Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Maddock, of Toronto.
Mrs. Jennie Matthews was here from Toronto.
Miss Vera Harvey, of Toronto teaching staff.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Funk, of Binghamton, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Measles and babe, Toronto.
Miss Bertha Brown and Mr. Ernest Brown, Toronto.
Misses Jean and Anna Lindsay, from Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown were at Toronto.
Miss Isabel Hart is in Tara for the holidays.
Mr. R. W. Stewart was home from Pickering.
Mr. Gladstone Husband, of Rochester, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Reesor and Edith, of Toronto.
Miss Margaret Bennett was home from Toronto.
Mr. Arnold MacDonald was home from Oshawa.
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Brignall and babe, of Toronto.
Misses Olive, Jessie and Marie Mowat, of Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Roy McIntosh and Grant, of Oshawa.
Miss Grace Hood is spending the holidays in Guelph.
Misses Ettie and Myrtle Dills were home from Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rice spent the holiday in Hamilton.
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason and Miss Muriel, of Brantford.
Miss Louise Rocker, of Toronto, visited Acton friends.
Mr. J. Sutcliffe spent Christmas at his home in Chesley.
Mr. W. A. Nichol is home from New York for the holidays.
Mr. Jack McNiven, of Toronto University staff, Toronto.
Miss Jessie McNabb, of Toronto, was at Mr. John A. Smith's.
Mr. F. A. McLean, of Chesley, was at Mr. William Johnstone's.
Miss Edna Johnston spent Christmas with relatives in Hamilton.
Miss Olla Armstrong is at her home in Brussels for the holiday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mason and Miss Eleanor, from Kitchener.
Mr. Kipling Porter, of Revelstoke, B. C., is visiting friends here.
Mr. Melborne Overholt spent Christmas at his home in Brantford.
Mr. Grenville Measles is spending a few days with friends in Wiarton.
Miss Florence Elliott was home from Freeport Sanitarium for Christmas.
Mr. James Mills spent the Christmas holiday with his sister in Hamilton.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. E. Blair and Velma visited friends at Owen Sound.
Miss Emma Robinson went to her home at Kenilworth for the holidays.
Mr. Sam Globy, of Limehouse, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall.
Mr. John S. Moore, of Dundas, was at the home of his mother, Mrs. James Moore.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Roberts and Miss Dorothy, of Toronto, were at Mrs. Geo. Storey's.
Mr. Ronald McDonald and Wilfrid were at Mrs. Scott's, Lake Avenue, for Christmas.
Mrs. E. G. Landsborough returned on Monday after visiting friends in Kitchener.
Mr. and Mrs. Nicol, of Guelph, visited at the home of their son, Councillor John Nicol.
Mr. and Mrs. Langevin spent the Christmas holidays with friends at Troy, N. Y.

The High School "At Home"

Splendid Programme Given by the Scholars of the High School

The annual High School "At Home" held last Friday evening was one of the best ever put on by the School. The programme comprised choruses, folk dances, recitations, piano solos and duetts, the school paper, and a one-act play, and every item was excellent.

The chorus singing by the whole school was a big feature this year, and showed no lack of training on the part of teachers and scholars.

During the programme Mrs. Moore, who had done the training for the folk dances, and Mrs. Byrne, who had charge of the girls' French singing, were each made a suitable presentation for their interest in the work of training.

Rev. A. C. Stewart was the happy and efficient chairman of the evening's proceedings, and welcomed the visitors on behalf of the school.

The different items in their order of appearance on the programme were as follows: Group songs by the school; chairman's address, by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.; folk dance, by High School pupils; piano duett, by Miss Gray and Russell Ross; French recitation from Henry Drummond, by Addie Hurst; a French song, by girls of the High School; the presentation to Miss Moore and Mrs. Byrne; a second group of songs, by the school, and the reading of the school paper, by Miss Helen McDonald. The programme was closed by a one-act play, with Arthur Hackett, Willrdee Reid, Marguerite Ryder and Gwendollyn Maddock taking the various roles.

On behalf of the Literary Society of the School the president of the society, Arthur Hackett, thanked all who had assisted, and announced the remaining part of the programme.

After the programme a series of promenades and dances were indulged in, and at an intermission in this part a delightful lunch was served by the pupils.

"The Story of a Trip"

Interesting Series of Letters by J. Mercer Denholm, Written to his Newspaper, the News-Tribune, Blenheim, from Europe

Last summer, Mr. J. Mercer Denholm, editor of the News-Tribune, Blenheim, spent his holidays in England and Scotland, and through the war areas. A series of interesting letters, descriptive of the trip, his journeyings and experiences through the old—home, and incidents relating thereto, were sent to the News-Tribune from week to week.

So instructive and so descriptive were these letters that requests were made for extra copies in such demand that several of the editions were exhausted and many anxious to secure copies were unable to do so. With characteristic generosity Mr. Denholm reprinted the letters in book form, and issued a neat brochure of about forty pages, embracing these letters.

These are being distributed among Mr. Denholm's friends. The information given will be especially interesting to members of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, who intend taking a similar trip next summer in connection with the annual meeting of the Association. THE FREE PRESS has been favored with a copy.

Miss Alma Conway, Toronto, and Miss Irene, Deleware, are home for the holidays.

Mr. Melford Mann, of Detroit, visited with his brother and family, Mr George Mann.

Mrs. W. W. Scott, of Limehouse, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hall.

Miss Guinn, of Hamilton, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herbert Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Vincent returned from their honeymoon tour on Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Spence, of Toronto, is spending the week with friends at Oaprings and Acton.

Mrs. Charles Conway was called to Uxbridge last week, owing to the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brister and Will spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ruddick at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. G. Matthews and Master Billie, of Toronto, were here for Christmas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Montague Gregg and babe, of Toronto, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. George Agnew.

Mrs. Robert Patterson, of Kincardine, was the guest of her brother, Mr. D. H. Young and family, on Saturday.

Miss Charlotte Mackie, of Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. James Mackie, Church Street.

Mr. W. D. Forbes, Miss Marjory and Mrs. Brunt, of Toronto, were holiday visitors at the home of Mr. N. Forbes, Church Street.

Mrs. A. P. Scott, Miss Constance and Master John, of Brampton, were holiday visitors at the home of Mr. J. R. Kennedy.

Master Gordon Mann, who has been in Guelph Hospital since being run over a month ago, was able to return home for Christmas.

Bombardier T. O'Shea, of the R. C. H. A., Kingston, is spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Shea, Beardmore Crescent.

Messrs. John A. Storey, of Detroit, and Robert Storey, of Toronto, visited at the home of their mother, Mrs. Thomas Storey, a day or so last week.

Mr. Cecil Brown, motorman on the Toronto Suburban electric road, son of Mr. G. H. Brown, has been obliged to remove to Guelph, as a result of the extended service.

Mrs. Gray left on Monday for Strathroy, to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Alexander McKellar, who passed away on Friday, after a short illness. Mr. McKellar was a native of Nassagaweya.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Livingstone and family, of Mount Forest, Mrs. R. J. McKechnie, Donald and Elmore, of Rochester, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Roper, of Preston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Roper for the holidays.

The Hon. Digby A. Willson, Consul of the United States, who with Mrs. Wilson and daughter are spending a month or so at Preston Springs, prior to leaving for his new consulate in South America, was here visiting his father-in-law, Dr. T. D. J. Warner.

News of Local Import

The Mild December Weather

The unusual experience of spring-like temperatures in December, which have prevailed pretty largely through the month, has permitted of much outside work not often possible. Plowing continued right up to Christmas week. Citizens were observed digging and raking in their gardens last week, and the soil was as friable and worked up as freely as in the spring. Building operations have continued unabated. The weather of December, 1923, will go down in meterological history as unique in many respects.

Sir Henry Thornton's Popular Idea

Every passenger awaking on Christmas morning on a Canadian National train anywhere in Canada had handed to him or her an unexpected and pleasing reminder of the advent of Christmas. This took the form of a telegram from Sir Henry Thornton—printed on a specially decorated form, and enclosed in a sealed and decorated envelope—bearing the following message: "To all passengers on board train: The officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Car Stolen from Church at Oakville

On Wednesday evening Principal Sanderson was attending the lecture given by Dr. Salem Bland, of Toronto, in the Methodist Church, and after the lecture diligent search failed to reveal the whereabouts of his Ford car. The matter was referred to Chief Kerr, and when Kerr Street was being visited that night at eleven thirty the car was seen on the street side. Evidently the car was taken shortly after eight o'clock, and was driven until eleven, when the gas ran out, and the car was left by the street side. Except for having been overheated, the car was not otherwise damaged, and when gas was procured it was driven to its owner.—Star.

Getting Back to Normal

During the war period there was a "Let 'er-go-Gallagher" style adopted and with many it continues to this day, irrespective of class or position. There is a pleasure-mad programme on the go that costs a heap of money and often interferes with the practical activities that must be maintained if accounts are to be squared up by the end of the year. The only way to get back to normal conditions is for every one to commence with themselves and as personal success is attained broaden the work to take in the family and community. With living expenses so high and the maintenance of public affairs on the rise, the spendthrift manner of living can have only one exit—that is down and out. This is no pessimistic photograph but a real picture of conditions with many.—Russels Post.

The McArthur-Henderson Nuptials

"Idylwild," Main Street South, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon last at 4 p. m., when Miss Helen McLeod Henderson became the bride of John Bothwell McArthur, of the Bank of Hamilton, Hamilton. The bride looked charming in her going-away gown of nigger brown poiret twill embroidered in gold and wearing a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses and lily of the valley. She was given away by her uncle, Mr. Norman McLeod, of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McKay, of Toronto. The drawing room was beautifully decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums. After the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served in the dining-room, the decorations being pink and white carnations. The happy couple left on a short trip to Hamilton and Buffalo. On their return they will reside in Hamilton.—Georgetown Herald.

A Unique 10,000 German Mark Note

Mr. Ernest Worden, of Toronto University, and at present spending the Christmas holidays with his mother in Guelph, while in conversation with a Mercury representative this morning, exhibited a very unique souvenir in the form of a 10,000 German mark note, issued in January, 1922. To the casual glance the mark looked the same as the ordinary issue of German money, but upon close observation and hidden in a very cunning manner, is the picture of a French vampire at the throat of a German workman, thus depicting the condition in the Ruhr as Germany sees it. It will be remembered at the time that the French took exception to these bills and considerable trouble resulted. Mr. Worden received the note from a friend in Buffalo. — Guelph Mercury. Ernest Worden is an Acton boy, a son of the late H. H. Worden, and a graduate of Acton High School.

Beware of Confidence Men

A couple of strangers, purporting to be canvassers for stock in a manufacturing concern, engaged a room at the King George Hotel and after being here two or three days one of the men left and said he would be back shortly. The next day the other man said he had word to go to Hamilton, but engaged the same room for another week ahead. He said he was short of funds, and by misrepresentations got Mr. Brown to cash a cheque for $35. A few days after the cheque came back marked "No Funds." Mr. Brown immediately phoned to Toronto and got in touch with the Hotel Association. It was only a couple of days till the men were located, and a warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Kirk for their arrest. They were taken to Toronto and took the alternative of "squaring up" rather than face a jail fare over the holidays. —Newmarket Era.

Pretty Home Wedding on Saturday

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday, December 22 at the home of the bride's parents, Brock Avenue, when Eliza May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Carnochan, was united in marriage to Frederick Arnold Bell, of Goderich. The Rev. Charles Hackett officiated. Promptly at four o'clock, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Jessie Mann, the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father, gowned in white satin and mulleln, wearing bridal veil and corsage bouquet of roses and carnations. Miss Elsie Lappin, wearing pink silk, attended the bride. Mr. Robert Johnstone attended the groom. Little Willis Hall, nephew of the groom acted as ring bearer. The groom's gift to the bride was a French ivory mirror; to the bridesmaid, a French ivory jewel case; to the organist a silk scarf, and to the groomsman an ebony brush and comb. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will reside in Goderich. Both the bride and bridesmaid are members of the Lady True Blue Lodge, and the groom, groomsman and minister are all members of the Loyal Orange Lodge.

Police Court News

Not Sufficient Evidence to Prove the Still Outfit Secured by Inland Revenue Officers Belonged to Phil Forbes

Saturday morning's session of the Police Court was crowded beyond capacity. Much interest was manifested in the matter of the still discovered by Inland Revenue Officer Moody, Inspector Reevely, and Dominion Mounted Policeman McManus, in Nassagaweya, a couple of weeks ago. It was generally believed that the outfit belonged to Phil Forbes, the self-acknowledged bootlegger, who has been fined $1,200 this year for having and selling liquor, in violation of the Ontario Temperance Act, and that he would now be convicted of conducting a still, a breach of the Inland Revenue Act of the Dominion. The evidence covering the circumstances of the seizure and destruction of the still, and the movement of the party suspected, pointed with suspicious very strongly to Phil Forbes. In summing up the matter, however, Magistrate Moore said, that while suspicion was very strong, and circumstantial evidence fastened the guilt upon Forbes, there was not any direct evidence to prove that he was the guilty party, and lacking this, he was obliged to dismiss the charge. In his own mind, the Magistrate said, he had not the slightest doubt that Phil Forbes was the owner and operator of the still, but the evidence brought out by the crown had not proved this. Five witnesses were examined. George Hilson, Jr., a cousin of Forbes, gave evidence which would have had a strong bearing upon the case, if it had been supported by facts showing that Forbes was operating the still. He said Forbes went to the Hilson home on Saturday night, after he had been arrested and liberated on bail; tried to find out who had been served as witnesses, said he would make it right for him if he did not swear too hard against him; said that the officers had destroyed over $500 worth of stuff when they smashed the still outfit, and declared the officers had not discovered a cache of twenty hundred weight of sugar, located just over the hill from the still. W. I. Dick, Crown Attorney, acted for the prosecution, and L. W. Goetz, Guelph, for the defence.

Russell DeForest was charged by Inspector Reevely with having liquor in a place other than the private dwelling house where he resides. The evidence went to show that on Sunday two weeks ago, Inspector Reevely and Chief Jackson, of Georgetown, had gone over to Nassagaweya to arrest Alex. DeForest, uncle of the accused, on a charge of theft in Acton, for which a warrant had been issued against him. When the officers drove up to the place where DeForest was supposed to be in hiding, they saw Alex. DeForest, Phil Forbes and Russell DeForest standing together at the side of the road. Immediately the officers had alighted from the car, and were recognized, Russell DeForest jumped the fence and cleared through the bush. Both officers pursued, thinking it was Alex. DeForest escaping. As DeForest ran both officers saw him take a bottle of liquor from his hip pocket and smash it on a rock. The odor of the liquor gave manifest proof that it was moonshine whiskey, and that DeForest's act was an attempt to destroy the evidence. When the officers caught DeForest he put up the bluff that he was carrying a bottle of water just to fool the officers. The evidence of Inspector Reevely was positive that the liquor was moonshine whiskey, and Chief Jackson said it certainly was not water. A conviction was registered, and a penalty of $200 and costs imposed. L. W. Goetz, of Guelph, who defended DeForest, gave notice that he would appeal and asked that DeForest be allowed out on bail until the appeal was decided upon. Bail to the amount of $600 was furnished by DeForest, Phil Forbes and John R. Watson. W. I. Dick, Crown Attorney, prosecuted.

John R. Bingham, of Georgetown, on complaint of Provincial Constable Atkins, was fined $5.00 and costs, for speeding on Georgetown streets, last Thursday.

At the Police Court on Saturday, in Guelph, Roy Grinnett was charged by Henry House was the non-payment of wages amounting to the sum of $15. He pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the story was that after House had worked for 13 days he met with an accident, while at work, and was compelled to go to Guelph hospital. Grinnett claimed $3 for bringing House to Guelph, and also wanted to charge for the keep of the latter's horse. "I have seen some mean men, but none quite as mean as that," said the Magistrate, as he gave House judgment for the full amount of his claim, and taxed Grinnett with the costs, which amounted to $6.65.—Herald.

Conrad Butter alias John Dunlop alais John Dowling, convicted a week ago on two charges of passing worthless cheques on manufacturers in Guelph, and remanded for sentence, again appeared before Magistrate Watt Wednesday morning. He was sentenced to the Ontario Reformatory for six months certain and an indeterminate period thereafter of one year on each charge, sentences to run concurrently. Butter has a bad record.

Norman Walker, of Carlisle, who was arrested at Kilbride with liquor in his possession at a dance, came before Police Magistrate Moore at the Court House, Milton, on Thursday morning. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined $200.00 and costs. Put upon oath as to the source of his liquor Walker swore he got it from the driver of a motor car for pulling him out of a hole when his car stalled. He did not know the man, where he came from, or where he was going. The liquor was moonshine.

Week of Prayer Services

Union of the Congregation of the Town for These Services

The annual Week of Prayer services will be held on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th January,

In Acton the congregations will unite for these services. One service will be held in each church, and the four ministers will address the united congregations as follows:

MONDAY—In the Anglican Church, Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., to give the address.

TUESDAY—In the Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Hackett to be the speaker.

WEDNESDAY—In the Methodist Church, Rev. H. G. L. Baugh to address the congregation.

THURSDAY—In the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. H. Howard to be the speaker of the evening.