Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, 50c; Marriages, 50c; Deaths, 50c; Memorial Cards, 50c, 10c per line extra for poems.

BORN

RUDDICK—At Bronte, on Friday, December 21, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ruddick, a son.

MARRIED

McLEOD-ECKINSVILLER — At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on Thursday, December 20, 1923, by the Rev. Charles Hackett, William Jackson McLeod, to Philipabena Marie Eckinsvilier, of Nassagaweya.

DIED

CARMICHAEL—In Hillsburg, on Tuesday, December 18, 1923, James Carmichael, in his 65th year.

KENNEDY—In Erin township, on Wednesday, December 12, 1923, Michael C. Kennedy, aged eighty-seven years.

ORR—At the General Hospital, Guelph, on Thursday, December 20, 1923, Adam Orr, son of Mrs. Mary Jane Orr, Bower Avenue, Acton, aged 23 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1923

Brief Local Items

—Happy New Year.

—Now for the new resolutions.

—The young folks have had great pleasure.

—In four days the year 1923 will have been completed.

—Turkeys sold at Mount Forest at 20c to 23c last week.

—The budding shrubs got badly nipped on Sunday night.

—The new red three-cent postage stamp is now on sale here.

—Snow shovelling commenced in earnest on Monday morning.

—With all our forebodings it wasn't a "green" Christmas after all.

—Winter evidently got the habit and made an extended detour this month.

—Everybody says: "Happy New Year," but THE FREE PRESS means it.

—Collingwood Collegiate Institute was destroyed by fire on Friday. Loss, $75,000.

—Sunday's snow storm made every evergreen tree look like a Christmas tree well laden.

—The roads, where not gravelled or macadamized, have cut through rather badly this past week.

—College and Normal School students, and the school teachers, are home for the holidays.

—The drop in temperature on Sunday evening kept the prices of poultry up to a fair and reasonable point.

—There was a fine sheet of ice on Fairy Lake on Monday. It was clear as crystal and smooth as glass.

—A little candy now and then is relished by the wisest men. And it really looked like it at Christmas time.

—Of course it will be popular for young folks to see the old year out and the new year in next Monday night.

—Sleighs and cutters were running on Monday and the merry sleigh bells were a fair earnest of the winter to come.

—Christmas services of worship and praise were held in St. Alban's Church on Christmas morning. The rector, Rev. Mr. Baugh, officiated.

—THE FREE PRESS wants all the local news of this community. If you know an item of interest please let this office have it for publication.

—Whether the weather be cold whether the weather be hot, we must weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not.

—It takes snow, and the merry jingle of sleigh bells, to give us the Christmas we all appreciate and enjey, just such as was experienced on Tuesday.

—Good morning! Have you renewed your FREE PRESS subscription for 1924? If not, kindly use the renewal blank and envelope sent you, at your early convenience.

—Sam. Brown, Winnipeg, in renewing his FREE PRESS subscription last week, says: "We wish all in the old town a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

—Have you guessed the weight of the baby beef carcass at Patterson's meat shop? There's a ten pound roast out of it for you, if you guess the correct weight.

—The snow fall on Sunday gave an aspect of winter weather and livened up business very perceptibly next day. Business in winter wearthings has been good ever since.

—There never came a snow storm more welcome to the kiddies than that of Sunday, which gave a Christmassy environment for Christmas eve and Christmas Day.

—Mrs. Julia McArthur, who is spending the winter in New Orleans, has kindly remembered THE FREE PRESS with a collection of attractive views of "The Crescent City."

—The merchants of Parry Sound contributed $200.00 to a civic candy fund, and organized a Santa Claus event. Over 800 children received a supply of Christmas candies and nuts.

—"I want THE FREE PRESS for another year. Here's my $2.00. We are exceedingly glad to see that the old home town is making progress in so many ways."—J. Kerr Brown, Winnipeg.

—The municipal nominations for Esquesing, Nassagaweya, and all other rural and civic municipalities in Halton—with the exception of Acton—will be held next Monday. Acton's elections were over on December 3.

—German toys flooded the Canadian market this year, being so cheap that the toys made in Canada find it difficult to compete. But dealers say that Mr. Harry Lloyd's "mamma" dolls held their own in popular favor and sold as well as ever.

—Kansas violators of the speed law may have to carry signs bearing the words "speed fiend" on their automobiles. If this plan does not reform them, it will at least warn others to give them a wide berth. Perhaps we'll try it here in Ontario.

—Proposals are coming in to officers of the Free Library Board from manufacturers of brick, building supplies, heating plants, etc., for the new library building proposed at last meeting of the Library Board. Unfortunately these are a trifle premature at present.

—Toronto will have 850 acres of park land flooded this year for skating. Page Mr. Frost! The rest is up to him.—Globe. Acton's Fairy Lake and Corporation Pond provided 98 acres. The latter is now in prime condition for skating, and is much in commission.

—License Inspector Grant and Provincial Constable Melville raided a butcher shop run by E. C. Rowntree, Hamilton, in search of liquor, on Friday. They found a quantity of liquor in a refrigerator. Rowntree will be charged with having liquor in an illegal place.

OBITUARY

ADAM ORR

The home of Mrs. Mary Jane Orr, Bower Avenue, was again sadly bereaved last Thursday, when Adam, the youngest son, was called away. It is only a few months since John, the oldest son, died. Adam was taken ill some months ago with an affection of the blood, and gradually declined in health. About a month ago he went to Guelph General Hospital for treatment, but this was unavailing. Adam was born in Coleraine, Ireland, twenty-three years ago. He came to Canada with the family when in his teens. He was a bright boy, a good student, and a general favorite. He was connected with Knox Church, and was loyal to the services there. This bright young man came to THE FREE PRESS several years ago to learn the business. He was apt and faithful. The confinement of inside employment, however, did not agree with his health and he was obliged to seek other work. His mother and his home had great attraction for him, and there he spent much of his leisure. Very sincere sympathy is felt for Mrs. Orr and family in this sore bereavement, following so closely upon the previous one. The funeral on Saturday afternoon was conducted by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A. Numerous floral tributes surrounded the casket.

A Modest Municipal Programme

Important Issues Which Demand the Attention of Our Municipal Servants

In order that the members of the new Council may have definite objectives to which to direct their activities early in the new year, THE FREE PRESS has pleasure in submitting the following for their consideration:

1.—The formulation of a scheme for an adequate perpetual care plan for Fairview Cemetery, with governing board, in which the Council and citizens will be equally represented.

2.—A conference with the Provincial Highway authorities for the re-coating of Mill and Main Streets in a manner which will satisfactorily provide for the extra traffic through town when the Toronto to Sarnia Highway is completed.

3.—Persistent rolling and tamping of the depressions which exist in all parts of the town, wherever waterworks services have been connected with the leading mains.

4.—Securing a new dumping place for the bestowal of the garbage of the town, and a proper clean-up of the garbage dump opened at the grove at the west end of our public park, and which has been an eyesore for months, and a damage to the trees there.

5.—To consider the advisability of submitting to the ratepayers the proposal of putting the waterworks system into the control of a Board of Commissioners for administration, as has been done with eminent satisfaction in many other towns, and with distinct advantage to the revenue and expenditure.

6.—That a friendly conference be arranged with Messrs. Beardmore & Co., respecting the question upon whom the liability rests for the maintenance of the Maria Street bridge over the Beardmore siding. Litigation is very costly. There are several citizens here now, who are able to give evidence respecting the terms upon which the siding was constructed and the bridge erected, who in the natural order of things will not be available in a few years.

Canadian Girl a Royal Princess

Miss Lois Frances Booth to wed Prince Erik, of Denmark

Ottawa, December 25—The engagement of Miss Lois Frances Booth, grand-daughter of J. R. Booth, Ottawa, multi-millionaire lumberman, to Prince Erik, of Denmark, cousin of King George the Fifth, was officially announced to-day. Miss Booth will have on her marriage the same rank as her husband and is the first Canadian girl to become a royal princess. Prince Erik is spending the Christmas holidays with the parents of his financee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth. The announcement of the engagement will also be made in Copenhagen.

Prince Erik Frederick Christian Alexander is the third son of Their Royal Highnesses, Prince and Princess Valdemar, of Denmark. The marriage, it is understood, will be held in Ottawa this spring and will be attended by the bridegroom's father, Prince Valdemar.

Miss Booth first met Prince Erik at Lake Louise when she was visiting there seven years ago, and it said that it was a case of love at first sight. Prince Erik owns a ranch near Calgary and is an accomplished ranger and breeder of prize stock. He is 31 years old and is a first cousin of King Christian, of Denmark. The dowager Queen Alexandra, of England, is a sister of Prince Valdemar.

Miss Booth to-day wore an engagement ring presented to her by Prince Erik. The ring of diamonds and emeralds has been in his family for generations. The couple will reside alternately in Canada and in Denmark.

Miss Booth has always been fond of outdoor sports and has represented the Royal Ottawa Golf Club in many of the golf matches with other clubs. She plays a good game of tennis, and is fond of horse-back riding. She is in her early twenties.

Heartless Motorists at Hamilton

Run Down Victims and Leave Them Lying on the Street

Hamilton, December 26—Two pedestrians, who were run down by unknown motorists Christmas eve and Christmas morning were left lying maimed in the roadway.

Mrs. Nathan Mainwaring was crossing Main and Wentworth Streets with her husband when she was knocked down by an automobile travelling at a rapid rate. Mrs. Mainwaring sustained a severe cut on the face and was removed to Dr. Mowbray's surgery. She will be disfigured for life, it is stated. The number of the auto was not learned.

Jimmy Hotrum, a fifteen-year-old boy, who lives at 339½ King Street east, was knocked off his bicycle tonight at Wellington and Rebecca Streets by a reckless motorist, who drove a Ford coupe at a fast clip. The boy and his badly damaged wheel were discovered a few minutes later lying in the mud in the road. The driver never stopped. His number was not obtained. The police are after the motor fiends who committed these crimes.

—Apropos of the new school buildings, is the Village Council going to see that the sidewalks damaged by contractors' trucks are repaired by them, or will it be charged up to the ratepayers?—Drayton Times. There seem to be drivers careless as to sidewalks and boulevards in various towns.

—On Tuesday the County Council appointed F. M. Gould, B. A., of Acton, as a member of the Halton Entrance Board of Examiners, to succeed Miss E. Knapp, resigned.—Champion. The Council will be under the necessity of considering this matter again, Mr. Gould having now resigned. Acton School Board evidently haven't kept Reeve Barber posted.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

NASSAGAWEYA

The Bible Class held a social evening in the Presbyterian Church, prior to the removal of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bell to Campbellville. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have been life-long members of that congregation. Mrs. Alex. McPhedran read the address, and Mrs. Wm. Frank and Mrs. Thos. Smith presented them with a clock and silver teapot. Lunch was served and a splendid evening was enjoyed by all.

BALLINAFAD

Mrs. Alexander Moyle, of the sixth line, fell down stairs one day last week and fractured her leg.

Mr. George Hardie, of the fifth line, has been somewhat seriously ill for the past week.

Miss Hattie Lindsay was home from Toronto for the holidays.

Our Ballinafad son, Controller W. W. Hiltz, of Toronto, is making a good run for the Mayoralty. There'll be real rejoicing here if the distinguished honor of election as Mayor of Toronto comes to him.

CREWSONS CORNERS

Morgan Crowson has had wonderful success in drilling a well over at Wellesley, in Waterloo county, for Mr. Henry Kelterborn, butcher, there. At a depth of 172 feet water was got in such a quantity it overflows with a volume of 1,500 gallons per hour, four feet from the ground.

Miss Hazel Dennis, nurse, was home from Guelph General Hospital for Christmas.

There were many happy family gatherings in the community on Christmas Day. It was a happy festival here.

ROCKWOOD

The annual Methodist Christmas tree and entertainment was held in the town hall on Monday evening. The scholars of the Sunday School were presented with candies and oranges. Rev. Mr. Geiger, the popular pastor, received a fine fat goose as a Christmas present from the choir, and a basket of fruit from the Ladies' Aid. The Christmas tree and the fireplace, from which Santa Claus emerged, were a delight to the little folk. The splendid programme was enjoyed by a crowded house.

CHURCHILL

Miss Pearl McDonald, nurse, was home from Guelph for the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. Nelson and the two children went to Collingwood on Monday morning to spend Christmas in her mother's home.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer was painfully kicked by a cow in his barn one day last week. He was badly bruised, but no bones were broken.

The annual Christmas treat for the children of the Sunday School was held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray, Cloverdale Farm. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the old boys and girls enjoyed it just as fully as the kiddies. Mr. and Mrs. Murray were splendid hosts.

OAKVILLE

Three hundred and eighty-four names were added to the voters' list of the town at the recent court of revision.

The hope of a second Deputy Reeve for the town has been dissipated. We are too short in population to meet the requirements.

Mr. Bert Unwin sailed on the steamer "Montcalm" for England, to spend Christmas with his mother.

The boring for water in the "ridge" northeast of Oakville is proceeding merrily, and already a depth of two hundred feet has been reached. It is estimated by the experts that fifty feet more should produce a flowing well.

The exceptionally favorable weather has proven a great help in completing the rebuilding of the east pier at Oakville's harbor. When the work was first started in November it was never proposed to complete the work this year, but merely to make what progress was possible and complete the work next spring. But the weather has been so exceptionally favorable that now the work is practically completed.—News.

LIMEHOUSE

Christmas visitors were numerous. Homecomers were here from numerous points.

Mr. Jolly, the teacher, is removing his family here from Owen Sound.

Mr. Douglas Gowdy is home from Knox College for the holidays.

The roads into Limehouse the past week have been unusually bad.

Our usually quiet community was considerably disturbed this week by a visit from County License Inspector Reevely and Provincial Constable Atkins. Their visit to a couple of citizens caused considerable consternation. One resident has been summoned to attend Police Court in Acton to-day to explain his possession of a quantity of moonshine, and a stock of empty liquor bottles.

The new time table of the Toronto Suburban electric road names the fourth line, stop 79, Scott. Just two minutes are allowed from Scott to Limehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gowdy and Mrs. (Dr.) Davidson and her son, Donald, of Guelph, were guests of Mr. William Gowdy and Douglas on Sunday.

MILTON

The annual meeting of the Halton Farmers' Club will be held in the club room on Saturday, December 29, at 1.30 p. m.

The Halton Rural Hockey League was reorganized for the season in Milton on Saturday evening. It is composed of Campbellville, Milton Heights, Hornby, Ash, Boyne and Palermo.

At Tuesday's meeting of the County Council the Oakville, Milton, Georgetown, and Burlington High Schools were granted $1,300 each on account of maintenance for 1923.

Three claims for damages for motor accidents on county roads were considered by the County Council on Tuesday. Two were disallowed, and the third held over for investigation. Hardly a meeting passes without one or more such claims, but, as a rule, they are not well grounded.

The people of Milton and vicinity are specially favored now with the splendid and inspiring music that is being given each Sunday by the Methodist choir, under the direction of Chas. Taylor, of Brantford. Mr. Taylor was recently appointed organist and choir leader, and he is a man of wonderful magnetic personality.—Champion.

Allison Council Against Pool Rooms

The Town Council of Allison, which declined to issue a pool room license at the beginning of the year, refused at its last meeting to take a plebiscite on the question. The position taken was that the majority of the people are against a pool room for the town, and it was not advisable for an expiring Council to incur the expense of a plebiscite.

After Christmas

Two Laddies with Their Christmas Things in the "Noise Room"

Toot-a-toot-toot! Rub-a-dub-dub! Hoowaaa. It sounded like the first of July, or twenty-fourth of May at Mrs. Jones', but it was only the day after Christmas yesterday.

Joey and Jimmy, with their Christmas presents, had been shut into the "noise-room," as Papa Jones called the nursery. They had had the "run of the house" all day Christmas, for Mamma Jones had great patience with Christmas racket; but yesterday morning she had turned them into their own kingdom.

"Now make all the noise you please," she said kindly, as she hurried away with her fingers in her ears.

Then there was a good time in the "noise room!"

Joey sat down on the bed and puffed out his apple-red cheeks and blew his fife like the north wind, and Jimmy beat his drum with both sticks, standing up on the pillows.

All at once Joey sprang to his dimpled legs and ran at Jimmy, "Hol' still!" he cried fiercely. "Lemme shoot you with my fife."

Jimmy didn't quite know about that, but Joey explained that the soldiers in his picture books marched at each other and "fitted" with fifes and drums.

So Jimmy came from the head of the bed and Joey from the foot, tooting and rub-a-dubbing and marched up and by, and around, screaming and laughing, until Joey was so out of breath he forgot to blow and stood still; and then, Jimmy called out, "I beat!" and jumped at his prisoner so hard that they both fell over the edge of the bed to the floor and lay there shrieking till mamma came rushing in to see what was the matter.

"I should think this was a 'noise-room!'" she cried, picking them up. "If Santa Claus brings a fife and drum to this house again I'll—I'll do something to Santa Claus, you may depend on that."

Fools, Out With Guns

Young Man Likely to Lose an Eye Because he and Others Fooled With Guns

St. Catharines, Dec. 24.—Daniel Sherlock, 22 years old, Niagara-on-the-Lake, is in the General Hospital here with a charge of a 12-gauge shot gun in and about his eye, as a result of a peculiar shooting accident.

He was, with his brother Henry, shooting ducks at the two-mile pond at Niagara late yesterday afternoon, when John Lavell, 18 years old, shot across the pond at a small bird for ferret food. The shot went dangerously close to Sherlock, who believed that the lad was firing at them. Daniel grabbed his brother's gun and fired a shot back, but wide, as a warning to the youth, who jumped behind a tree for cover, and in so doing, accidentally discharged his gun, the greater amount of the charge entering Daniel's face. The distance was about ninety yards.

None of the three were qualified to carry guns, if the above report is reliable.

APPRECIATION FOR FINANCIAL HELP

Editor Free Press,
Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir:

The Treasurer of the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives desires gratefully to acknowledge the following contributions in Acton by the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association:

Rev. W. F. McIlveavey	$5 00
Nelson & Co.	2 00
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J. C. Matthews	1 00
J. J. Smith	50
W. D. Talbot	50
A Friend	50
E. Thetford	37
A Friend	13
	$30 00

Yours very truly,
Geo. A. Reid,
Business Manager.

Toronto, December 19, 1923.

A Problem in Economics

Seven Workmen, under Prohibition in America, do as much as Ten in England, under Liquor

The Globe yesterday morning published the following as an editorial. There is real food for thought in the statements it contains:

Prohibition is an economic question as well as a moral issue. In an article in the January Century Charles Edward Russell argues that the saloon was destroyed in the United States, not by the Anti-Saloon League, but by economic pressure and the necessity for greater efficiency in production brought on by the war. Mr. Russell has been in Europe studying the possibility of world-wide prohibition, and in his article he reports that, whether Europeans themselves like it or not, the increased efficiency in American production will force Europe also to adopt prohibition.

"The theory of prohibition," he writes "may be good or bad; it is to the physical fact of prohibition that we chiefly owe the strangely placid economic waters in which we now navigate. Foreigners are beginning to note these facts, even if we ignore them. After two years of American prohibition, Mr. G. C. Vyle, a British business man and anti-prohibitionist, came to this country to observe the workings of the new reform. On his return he was quoted as declaring in a speech at Birmingham that seven American workingmen with the same plant, same materials, same facilities, would produce more than ten British workingmen."

Here is a very definite statement by a British employer of labor that should be susceptible of proof. Is it true that seven men on this side of the Atlantic under prohibition conditions can and do produce as much as ten men in England with the open public-house around the corner or opposite the factory gates? There must be many immigrants in Ontario, recently arrived from the Motherland, who are in a position to give personal testimony as to the value or otherwise of prohibition as a factor in increasing factory production. The Globe would like to hear what mechanics think of Mr. Vyle's statement.

The Town is Holding Its Own

When you pick up a weekly paper carrying a goodly volume of bright interesting advertising, it's a sign that the merchants of that town are alive and aggressive and can be counted on to hold their own against the mail order houses.—Listowel Banner.

QUITE REASONABLE

Mr. Foster—Want more money? What did you do with the $50 I gave you yesterday?

His Wife—I spent it for a darling little gold mesh purse, which will be utterly useless unless you give me some money to carry in it.

JANUARY ROD AND GUN

The story of an eventful canoeing trip is told in the January issue of Rod and Gun in Canada by Frosty Snow in "With Paddle and Fish Pole in Quebec." There is also a good description of a moose hunt on the Athabasca River, by H. H. Henry, while F. V. Williams vividly describes a tragedy of wild life as unfolded by tracks in the snow, in his story "As Told in the Snow." Outdoor, Talk, and other departments are all filled with fine articles by specialists. The January issue opens the first number of the new year with articles on canoeing, fishing, moose hunting, ski-ing, hunting knives, nature studies, guns and ammunition, trapping, kennel interests and a host of other subjects.

MEASURING THE BRIDE

A quaint ceremony is observed at Roydon, in Norfolk. About three hundred years ago the Lord of the Manor bequeathed the sum of £1,000, the interest from which was to be voted annually to provide dowries for four brides.

Under the terms of the bequest the money has to be divided between the youngest, the oldest, the shortest, and the tallest brides married during the course of each year in the parish church.

After the marriage ceremony the bride and bridegroom proceed to the vestry to sign the register, and the bride is then measured by the officiating minister.

At the end of the year the marriage records are examined and the dowries awarded to those qualified to receive them.

SEA WATER CURE

Sea water, taken as a medicine, is increasing in favor with doctors. In some cases the method of intravenular injection is considered better.

The preparations used are procured about twenty miles from shore at a depth of thirty fathoms, experience having proved that it is there that sea water is at its best.

Its beneficial properties are derived from the "halogen" salts it contains in solution. Among other things salt water is useful as a mild purgative; sailors have long appreciated its use.

A haphazard indulgence is not recommended, of course, but if bathers happen to swallow a few pints while learning to swim, they need not worry, as they will probably be all the better for it!

Strange stories have been told of madness being provoked by drinking sea water. This reaction, however, only occurs in cases of shipwrecked sailors with no supplies of fresh water.

GETTING INTO A RUT

Don't get wedged into a rut. Wrest yourself away from your daily surroundings occasionally. Get away from your business once in a while. Visit other merchants. Study their stores, talk to them and get their ideas of business. They may be able to help you, and you may be of some assistance to them.

No man ever made a big success in business by keeping his nose too close to the grindstone. There is a limit to what we can teach ourselves. The men that do big things and enjoy unusual success are the ones who mix in with others and learn from them.

The man who does the same old things in the same old way—day in and day out, never changing it—soon becomes stale, and, what's more, his business shows it.

He is so busy in his own store that he never gets out and learns what other merchants are doing, the result being that he falls behind in the march of progress.

It's all right to attend strictly to business, but remember that this can be carried to an extreme.

Don't get into a rut. If you do you may find yourself so firmly wedged in that you can't get out.

SUGAR FROM DAHLIAS

In the near future the dahlia bids fair to become one of the chief sources of the world's sugar supply. The new formula for dahlia sugar has just been completed at the University of Southern California, and it will probably result in thousands of acres being occupied with the cultivation of a tuber which has hitherto been valued only for its flower.

The tuber of the dahlia contains not only a large percentage of sugar, but sugar one and a half times as sweet as cane or beet sugar.

Probably the greatest benefit derived from this new discovery of the commercial value of the dahlia tuber is that the sugar it yields is quite harmless to diabetic patients, and this fact, taken in connection with the recent discovery of insulin, will bring cheer and new hope to thousands of invalids.

JOHNNY'S WAY

"What dirty hands you have, Johnny," said the master. "What would you say if I came to school that way?"

"I wouldn't say anything," replied Johnny. "I am too polite to pass remarks."

LET SOMETHING BE SAID

When over the fair fame of friend or foe
The shadow of disgrace shall fall; instead
Of words of blame, or proof of thus and so,
Let something good be said.

Forgot not that no fellow-being yet
May fall so low but love may lift his head,
Even the cheek of shame with tears is wet
If something good be said.

No generous heart may vainly turn aside
In ways of sympathy; no soul so dead
But may awaken strong and glorified,
If something good be said.

And so I charge ye, by the thorny crown,
And by the cross on which the Saviour bled,
And by your own souls' hope of fair renown,
Let something good be said.

—James Whitcomb Riley

THE SECRET OF MOLLIE

"Who is Mollie Berger?" asked Gertrude Wilson as she was leaving the club where she had just been proposed for membership.

"Mollie Berger?" Phyllis repeated. "That's so, Mollie wasn't there to-day. I'm so sorry; she is such a darling."

"So I inferred. When no fewer than five people look for a certain person named Mollie, all of them declaring in almost identical terms that she is a darling, you naturally become curious. What makes her such a darling? Is she a beauty? Clever? A good talker? What is she?"

"No, she isn't a beauty or a brilliant talker, and she has no special gifts. She's just—Mollie."

"Psychologically, what makes a Mollie?"

Phyllis was thoughtful; then she began to laugh. "Isn't it absurd? I've no idea!"

Gertrude shook her head. "There is a reason for everything even—Mollieism!"

"Don't make it sound so horrid," Phyllis protested. "Mollieism and Mollie! However, you've made me curious myself. I'll clap her into the laboratory the next time I see her and bring you a nice analysis: Color of eyes, 14 3-19%; smile, 51%; voice, 16 2-3%."

"You and your analyses!" Gertrude scoffed. "All the same there must be a reason, and I mean to discover what it is as soon as I can."

Three weeks later the two met again. Gertrude had been sick one week, and Phyllis half been out of town another, but each had seen Mollie in the interval. Now they met, laughing, after the lecture.

"I've seen your famous Mollie!" Gertrude cried. "And I've discovered the secret."

"So have I!" Phyllis replied. "Tell me, what did you discover?"

"I discovered that she is that rarest of all persons, a really creative listener."

Phyllis made a gesture of surrender. "I might have known you'd have her properly labelled! But it is wonderful, isn't it? Her heart and mind are so utterly yours while she is with you. There isn't any part of them busy with herself or her affairs. She supplies an atmosphere in which everyone seems to blossom out."

"You seem to have done some analyzing yourself," Gertrude remarked.

Phyllis nodded. "More than that, I hope. I am going to try to take lessons from her."

JUST A FEW OF THEM

A bunch of American professors are trying to resurrect some of the dead languages. We will lend a helping hand by presenting a few of the dead phrases anyway:

"I want to hire a horse and buggy for a couple of hours."

"What? Fifteen cents for these eggs? It's outrageous."

"This drink's on the house, gents, what'll you have?"

"The minister's wife needs a new hat, so we thought you'd like to contribute."

"I know she powders, and they do say she paints."

"My dear, I wasn't at a burlesque show. I was down at the saloon all evening."

A CLEAR CASE

Stage Hand—"Did you say you wanted a window or a widow?"

Show Manager—"I said window, but they're both much alike. When I get near either of them I always look out."

A GREAT CONVENIENCE

Clancy stopped his friend Sweeney on the street one day.

"I hear you've moved, Sweeney. How do you like your new place?"

"Well, Mike, it costs a lot, but there is a lot goes with it. An' they thin new conveniences are great things. Sure we've been livin'in a month there now and the first day we lit the gas range in the kitchen, and it ain't out yet."

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McLean & Co.

MILL STREET — ACTON, ONT.

NOTICE

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR GOODS AND SAVE MONEY

Men's Blue Serge Pants, regular $6.50. On sale at	$4.00
Men's Heavy Winter Caps, regular $2.00. On sale at	1.25
Men's Pure Wool Pullovers, V neck, reg. $4.50. On sale	2.95
Men's Fine Shirts, regular $1.75. On sale at	1.25
Men's Pure Wool Worsted Socks, reg. 75c. On sale at	50c.
Men's Fleece-lined two-piece Underwear, reg. $1.25. On sale a garment	85c.
Men's Tweed Pants, reg. $5.00. On Sale	3.45
Men's Heavy Sweaters, reg. $2.50. On sale	1.49
Men's Pure Wool check Sweaters, reg. $5.00. On sale	3.95
Boys' Pure Wool Stockings, reg. 85c. On sale	50c.
Boys' Shirt Waists, reg. 85c. On sale	59c.

Royal Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Store
M. BROWN
OPEN EVENINGS — MILL STREET, ACTON

"Saturday Treat"

We wish to thank our many customers and friends for their very liberal patronage during the Christmas season, and we take this opportunity of wishing you all a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

APPLE BLOSSOMS

This is a rich, creamy fondant cream rolled in crisp, fresh cocoanut, in maple and vanilla flavors. A real tasty piece of candy for all. Regularly 40c lb. Saturday Treat 29c lb.

WEEK-END CHOCOLATES 32c lb.

A good assortment of fresh Chocolates, including Pineapple, Maple, Vanilla, Strawberry, Jellies, Caramels, and Peanut Clusters. This assortment usually sells at 50c and 60c lb., and we offer it to you at only 32c lb.

LIGHT LUNCH

If you feel a little chilly or hungry while down town, drop in and have a cup of Hot Chocolate, it just touches the spot.

BRICK AND BULK ICE CREAM ALWAYS ON HAND

V. RUMLEY

PHONE NO. 3 — ACTON, ONTARIO

Contest Closes Thursday Evening At 6 p.m.

The guessing contest on the weight of the baby beef in our display of meat, closes this evening, and only guesses in before six o'clock can be counted.

The weighing of the animal will take place at eight o'clock this evening. The winner of the contest will be announced on Friday evening, and the animal will be cut on Friday, and the roast presented Friday evening.

The three nearest guesses to the correct weight will be announced in next week's paper.

We Wish You All a Happy and Prosperous 1924

OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

W. J. PATTERSON

CORNER MILL AND MAIN STREETS — ACTON, ONT.