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THE METHODIST CHURCH
ACTON

REV. CHAS. HACKETT, Pastor
Parsonage—Willow St.

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Source of Power."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Planning the Future."

Covenant Service at the close of the evening service.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject, "The Word of the Lord Abideth Forever." Communion Service.
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject, "The Confessions of a Professing Christian Layman."

Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Special Notices

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PIGS FOR SALE
9 shoats, 3 months old. Apply to JOHN HOYD, Lot 3, 5th Line, Erin.

WANTED
Woman wishes work, few hours daily. Aply to MRS. HUNTER, 10 Cameron Street, Acton.

NOTICE
The Acton Co-operative will close every Wednesday at 12.30 p. m., except when a holiday comes in the week.
THE ACTON CO-OPERATIVE.
J. W. Jones, Manager.

FOUND
Brown Muffler; pair Gray Knitted Mitts; one Black and Red Knitted Mitt, right hand; one Brown leather-lined Child's Glove, left hand; one Black Belt; one Purple Tie; one Black Ear-ring; Keys on Ring. Owners may secure property upon proof, at FREE PRESS OFFICE.

CARD OF THANKS
Mrs. Martha Orr and family desire to express their heartfelt appreciation for the many kindnesses shown during the illness and death of the beloved son and brother, Adam. These helpful deeds and expressions of sympathy have assisted much in the burden of bearing the bereavement. They also desire to express their appreciation for the many beautiful floral tributes.

FARMS FOR SALE
45 Farms in the counties of Halton and Wellington, varying from 40 to 200 acres. Let us send you our list. A number of homes and business places in Acton for sale.
Fire and Life Insurance. Money to Loan.
J. A. SMITH,
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LODGE WOODGREEN, NO. 302
Meeting first and third Thursday in each month at 8 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall. Members and visiting members cordially invited to attend.
S. SCUTCHINGS, President. J. LITTLE, Secretary.

DON'T MISS HEARING
The Aeolian Quartette
TORONTO'S BEST
Town Hall, Acton
Friday, January 11th
At 8.30 p. m.
Tickets 50c and 35c
Plan of Hall at Brown's Drug Store.

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.

WONDERLAND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4
"Can a Woman Love Twice?"
Starring Ethel Clayton. A tremendous photodrama that tells the stirring story of a glorious woman, who deceived for the sake of her baby boy. Comedy, "Take Your Choice," starring Bobby Vernon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
"Light in the Dark"
Starring Hope Hampton. A story woven around Tennyson's "The Holy Grail." The natural coloring of the scenes are magnificent. Comedy, "Two Juveniles."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
"Garrison's Finish"
Starring Jack Pickford. Racing and a racing love tale. Actual scenes from the famous Kentucky Derby, as true love wins against many handicaps. Comedy, Larry Semon in "No Wedding Bells."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
"Playing It Wild"
Featuring Wm. Duncan. A gripping drama of hard fisted men of the West, where a six-gun speaks the only language they know. Comedy, "Should William Tell?" Episode No. 5 of "Plunder."

Watch for the "Mequinn Sisters"—coming soon.

J. A. McCLURE & SON

January Sales

You will be interested in a practical way to know that during the first month of this glorious New Year, we are able to offer to our customers, wonderful clearance values. To those who know our merchandise and our service, this is great news. If you can be among the earliest to take advantage of these reductions, you will consider yourself indeed more than fortunate.

All the Women's And Children's Coats at January Reductions

Too many individual prices to quote here, but a substantial saving on every smart coat that goes out into the winter this week.

FIFTY DRESSES AT REDUCTIONS OF 25 PER CENT.

Afternoon and evening dresses, regular prices ranging from $22.50 to $45.00, now at reduced prices, ranging from $16.85 to $33.75, every figure reduced 25 per cent.

Flannel Dresses $7.95
Regular $10.00 and $11.25, in brown, gray and navy blue, 16 to 20 years.

Wool Frocks, $8.95
Regular $11.75 and $12.75, in tricotine serge and flannel, 16 years to 40 bust.

Fur Coats—Millinery—Underwear—Hosiery—Staples—Wallpaper—Kiddies' Dresses—Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

A host of items in the January Clearance at savings that should bring the thrifty a-choosing in a hurry.

Hundreds of Overcoats for Men and for Young Men at Immense Savings
$19.50 for $27.50 Overcoats.
$29.50 for $35.00 and $37.50 Overcoats.
$37.50 for $45.00 and $50.00 Overcoats

A MAN MAY SAVE $5.50 TO $8.00
On a $35.00 or $37.50 suit—January Sale price, $29.50.

D. E. Macdonald & Bros., Ltd.
Guelph's Leading and Largest Store

Week-end Specials

ASSORTED CHOCOLATES
Our Assorted Chocolates are wonderful sellers. They are an exceptional value. The centres and coatings are both of good quality. Regular price 40c and 50c lb. Week-end Special Price 29c lb.

PEANUT CRISP
The candy that is liked by old and young. One of the purest candies on the market. Regularly 30c lb. Week-end Special 25c per lb.

LUNCHES
Try one of our appetizing lunches, always fresh and home-made.
We carry both Bulk and Brick Ice Cream.

Mill Street Acton — — **H. WILES**

"The Proof of the Boot is in the Wearing"

Any article listed below will be found just a little better and cheaper than the price you pay in the larger places for these goods. Come in and see us.

BOOTS
SHOES
OXFORDS
PUMPS
EVENING SLIPPERS
WOOL SLIPPER SOLES
RUBBERS
GOLOSHES
OVERSHOES

HOCKEY BOOTS
SILK HOSIERY
FOOTEASERS
POLISHING OUTFITS
RUBBER BOOTS
LUMBERMEN'S RUBBERS
TRAVELLING BAGS
SUIT CASES

No Old Stock—Latest Styles—Lowest Prices—Best Service

H. L. HARRISON, The Shoe Man
Where Quality Counts We Win Deal Here, It Will Pay You

News of Local Import

The Sunday Snow Storms
Sunday snow storms appear to be in vogue this winter. On the Sunday before Christmas sufficient snow fell to give us a white Christmas. On the Sunday before New Years, another heavy fall of snow came and made good sleighing.

The Week of Prayer
National Week of Prayer Services will be observed next week. In Acton the four Protestant churches will unite in a common service each evening in one of the churches, as follows: Monday in St. Alban's Church; Tuesday in the Presbyterian; Wednesday in the Methodist, and Thursday in the Baptist.

New Year's Messages at the Churches
In the various pulpits in town last Sunday the pastors delivered earnest messages, timely, helpful and inspiring, touching upon circumstances emphasized by the closing of the old and the opening of the new year. New Year's wishes, fervent and sincere, were extended by the ministers to the congregations, collectively and individually.

This Community Doesn't Appreciate This
Eight or nine teams hauling road-making outfit, clanked through town on Sunday morning as people were going to church. The contractor responsible evidently had little respect for the Lord's Day. The Provincial Highways Department would not stand for such desecration and something will be done if this comes to their attention.

Off for South America
Dr. T. J. D. Farmer and Mrs. Farmer, Hon. Digby A. Willson, and Mrs. Willson, their son-in-law and daughter, and Baby Willson, leave to-day for New York, whence they will sail for Asuncion, Paraguay, South America, to the consulate to which he has been transferred by the Government of the United States. Hon. Mr. Willson was United States consul at Budapest, Hungary, for several years, and arrived in Canada from that point three months ago.

Miss Lauretta Gray's Recital
A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Gray, Church Street, last Thursday afternoon. This was the occasion of the annual recital of the pupils in music of Miss Gray. Musical numbers were contributed by twenty-two pupils, much to the credit of themselves and their skilled teacher. At the conclusion of the programme there were holiday games and a general good time. Miss Gray and her mother served ice cream and cake at the close, to the pupils and guests.

A Note from Brandon
A letter from Miss Annie M. Carnahan, Brandon, formerly of THE FREE PRESS staff, says her father, James Carnahan, has moved from the farm he first went to when he moved to the West, near Brandon, to one at Kenmay, about eight miles west of Brandon, on the main line of the C. P. R. So far this winter splendid weather has prevailed in the West. There is just enough snow for passable sleighing, but automobiles, wagons and buggies are running as well as cutters and sleighs.

Wire Fence Bonuses in Esquesing
The following sums were paid as bonuses for the erection of wire fences along the highways in Esquesing township, during the year: Frank Whitfield, 82 rods, $8.50; Gordon Stringer, 40 rods, $10.00, Jas. Hughes, Norval, 27 rods, $6.75, J. L. Moore, 48 rods, $12.00, Geo. Leslie 62 rods, $15.50, W. H. Pell, 60 rods, $15.00, Albert Peddle, 50 rods, $12.50, R. H. Hunter, 165 rods, $41.25, J. W. Bessey, 64 rods, $16.00, Robert Reid, 30 rods, $7.50, Fred Early, 120 rods, $30.00, Geo. Tunstin, 30 rods, $7.50, J. Brooks, 60 rods, $15, John R. Scott, 133 rods, $33.25, Alex. McKay, 50 rods, $12.50. This makes a total of $239.25.

The New High School Principal
Mr. James Macdonald, M. A., the new principal of Acton Continuation School, spent last Thursday in town, and arranged for a temporary home. Mr. Macdonald is an experienced teacher and comes to his new position here highly recommended. He has had a long experience as a High School teacher, and has also been on the staff of Toronto University as a lecturer. Mrs. Macdonald accompanied him on his visit. She is also a teacher, and on the staff of St. Andrew's College, Toronto, under the professional name, Madame Marie Talenia Macdonald. She is a voice specialist and authority in singing, and has also a simplified method of teaching the phonetics of the French language. Being a native of Paris, France, Mrs. Macdonald naturally is well qualified to teach French.

Farmer Finds Son Unconscious
Last Thursday Mr. D. Reid, a farmer on the base line of Trafalgar, near Milton, found his 14-year-old son, Colin Reid, lying unconscious in the barn. He carried him into the house, and although two doctors did everything in their power to restore consciousness he remained in a comatose state until Sunday morning, when he spoke a few words in a Toronto hospital, where he was taken Friday night. It is thought he might have been kicked by a horse. On Saturday an X-ray examination showed that the boy is suffering from concussion of the brain. An operation was performed in an effort to save his life. This case resembles very much that of Gordon Barnes, son of John Barnes, of the eighth line, Esquesing, last fall. In the latter case, however, the farmer's son was dead when found. The cause of his accident was never fully determined.

From Far-off India
Bishop F. W. Warne, of Lucknow, India, has kindly sent the editor a copy of "Hindustan's Horizon," an interesting volume whose avowed mission is to interest for those who watch India from afar the things of outstanding significance for the Kingdom of God. The far horizons of Hindustan have a great and growing significance for our world. Another generation will understand more fully what ours has begun to comprehend—that human history and human destiny are closely bound up with the three hundred and nineteen millions of our race who live in India. On Hindustan's horizon to-day the greatest figure is the majestic Christ. Bishop Warne went to India as a missionary about forty years ago. His home was on the third line, Erin, about five miles from Acton. Forty-six years ago he was a fellow-student of the editor at Albert College. Mrs. Warne is a daughter of the late Rev. T. M. Jeffers, of Oakville, who died a year ago in his one hundred and first year.

OBITUARY

MRS. CHARLES ROSZELL, Hillsburg
Mrs. Charles Roszell, of Hillsburg passed peacefully away last Friday evening, after a protracted illness. Her maiden name was Hannah Norrie. Her bereaved husband, four sons, and one daughter, Mrs. Robinson, of Mimosa, survive. Mr. George Roszell, of Acton, is a cousin. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

MRS. ROBERT RAMSHAW
After an illness of three months, the death occurred of Elizabeth Hogan, widow of the late Robt. Ramshaw, in her 80th year. She was born in Durham, and came to her home at Rockwood 62 years ago. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church. Deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters, Samuel, Roland, Mrs. Albert Adams, all of Detroit, and Mrs. Elizabeth MacNeill, who after the death of her husband, Donald MacNeill at New Westminster, B. C. seven years ago, came home, and with great patience and loving kindness cared for her aged mother until her death. The friends from a distance who attended the funeral on Sunday were: Robert Ramshaw, Hamilton; George Ramshaw, Lowville; Thomas Ramshaw, Milton; Miss Ruby Campbell, Toronto; Mrs. Martha Ramshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggins, Mrs. W. Coleman and James Ramshaw, of Acton. The funeral was held to the Friends' Cemetery. Rev. R. M. Geiger, B. A., assisted by Rev. J. Little, conducted the service.

JAMES GRAY, Eramosa
One of the oldest and best known residents of Eramosa passed away on Sunday in the person of James Gray, whose death occurred at his residence, Hummerhill Farm, near Rockwood. The deceased had enjoyed good health until three months ago, since when he gradually failed. Born in 1841, near the village of Elora, he was the last one of a family whose parents were among the first settlers of the Boneceard Settlement, near that place. He could easily recall the experiences of the pioneers when his country was still bush, having taken part himself in the logging and chopping been necessary in the clearing of the land. He was a life-long Liberal, and an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and was well and favorably known in the community. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. He leaves to mourn his loss three daughters and seven sons: James E., Rockwood; John A., Kincardine; Wm. H., Medicine Hat, Alta.; Albert E., Eramosa; Ewart G., Preston; Alex. G., and David, at home; Mrs. C. A. French, Cleveland; Mrs. H. A. Elliott and Mrs. A. P. Auld, Eden Mills.

MRS. ROBERT BINGHAM
Sault Ste. Marie

After a long period spent as an invalid, Mrs. Robert Bingham passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Baldwin, Sault Ste. Marie, on Sunday. During her long illness Mrs. Bingham received the loving care and solicitude of her daughter, Mrs. Baldwin, and also of her younger daughter, Mrs. Roberts. Mrs. Bingham was predeceased by her husband about two years. Robert Bingham, of Erin, and Elizabeth Cunningham were married over fifty years ago. Their early married life was spent in Erin. About thirty-five years ago they came to Acton and made their home here until their removal to Sault Ste. Marie about 1900. While in Acton a great sorrow came to them in the death of their daughter, Ettie, just as she was budding into womanhood. Four sons and four daughters were born in the home: Mrs. Carlos Williams, whose sudden death two years ago in her home at the Soo was so greatly lamented; Robert, Dufferin and Wesley, of Saskatchewan; Joseph, of Winnipeg; and Mrs. William Baldwin and Mrs. Fred Roberts, of Sault Ste. Marie. Mrs. Bingham was a good wife and mother, a Christian woman, and a good neighbor. Her chief concern was the welfare of her children, and they all rise up and call her blessed. The body was brought to Acton yesterday, arriving here by the 10.32 Canadian National train. The casket remained in the Methodist Church until four o'clock, when the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Charles Hackett. Interment was made at Fairview Cemetery, in the family plot there.

MRS. THOMAS EBBAGE
One of Acton's pioneer residents, in the person of Mrs. Thomas Ebbage, died at the home of her daughter, 157 Hwanwick Avenue, Toronto, on New Year's Day. Mrs. Ebbage had been in poor health for several months, and having attained the ripe age of eighty-six years, her enfeebled constitution was unable to withstand this last illness. She was the daughter of the late William Overton, blacksmith, and came to Acton when a maiden in her teens, over seventy years ago. She married her late husband, Thomas Ebbage, the son of Captain Ebbage, another of Acton's pioneer settlers, more than sixty years ago. With the exception of a few years spent in Gravenhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Ebbage spent the whole of their married life in Acton. Their home was a happy one, and through success and adversity, joy and sorrow, they shared the experiences of life together. During the long illness preceding Mr. Ebbage's death, his devoted wife nursed him with tender care and solicitude. In this she was lovingly assisted by her youngest daughter, Clara, who has been her mother's solace during her declining years. Several years ago Mrs. Ebbage and Miss Ebbage removed to Toronto, to be near the friends there. Of the large family there now survive: Harry, in Detroit; Robert, in Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Alfred Homstreet, Glen Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. Walter Ripton, Johnstown, N. Y.; William and Ernest, Butte, Montana; and Clara, Toronto. Mrs. Ebbage had great love for Acton, and it was with much regret that she removed to Toronto. She lived here to see the place grow from a country hamlet to a prosperous manufacturing town. Mrs. Ebbage was one of the most delighted home-comers at Acton's Jubilee Celebration last August, and at the services for home-comers in the Old Home Church her joy was abounding. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and no one valued connection with the church or enjoyed its services more than Mrs. Ebbage. The body will be brought to Acton on Friday, by the 2.27 train, and service will be held in the Methodist Church, at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made at Fairview Cemetery.

The home paper gives you the reading matter in which you have the greatest interest—the home news. Its every issue proves a welcome visitor to every member of the family. If you are not reading THE FREE PRESS try it for a year and see if it is not enjoyed in your home.

Social and Personal

Mr. Frank Reesor spent the holiday in Toronto.

Mr. Judson Worden, Toronto, visited Acton friends last week.

Mr. William Miller visited friends in Waterloo on New Year's.

Mr. John C. Hill spent the holidays with relatives in Toronto.

Miss Sabra Nelson was home from Ormsby for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicol and family spent the holiday in Guelph.

Mr. Will Huffman spent the week-end with friends in Goderich.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Anderson, of Toronto, visited Acton friends.

Mr. Earl Cooper, of Guelph, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. T. Morrow, of Toronto, spent the holiday with Acton friends.

Miss Ada A. Clarke, of Port Credit, was a visitor in town this week.

Misses Ettie and Myrtle Dills were home from Toronto for New Years.

Miss Margaret Brown, of Toronto, visited Acton friends during the week.

Mr. Angus Kennedy was home from Toronto from Sunday until yesterday.

Misses Hazel and Lucy Dynes, of Burlington, are visiting Acton friends.

Mr. Howard Martin, of Toronto, spent New Year's with Acton friends.

Miss Jessie Galbraith spent a few days this week with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Near and family, of Toronto, were in town last week.

Miss Marguerite Stewart, of Toronto, visited Acton friends over New Year's.

Miss Rena Forbes, of Guelph, spent the holiday at the home of Mr. N. Forbes.

Mrs. James Gibbons and Helen, of Toronto, visited friends here during the week.

Col. and Mrs. Ballantine, of Hamilton, N.Y., visited at Mr. Wm. Barber's, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Nicklin and Mary, of Guelph, were home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Soper, of Preston, spent New Year's at the parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rice spent the holidays with friends in Hamilton and Burlington.

Mr. Isaac Coon and Miss Laura, of Guelph, visited friends here on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nicklin and Mr. Warner Nicklin spent New Year's with friends in Guelph.

Mrs. A. Reesor, Miss Nellie and Mr. Frank spent the week-end with relatives in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hume and Chisholm and Douglas were at Mrs. Scott's on Sunday.

Miss Clara Hartley, of Milton, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. Frank Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber, of Seaforth, visited at the home of Mr. William Barber, last week.

Mrs. H. S. Williams and Mrs. Chas. Kelly, of Guelph, visited at the home of Mr. W. M. Cooper last week.

Miss Wilma Hunter, of Terra Cotta, spent New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKeown.

Mrs. Charles C. Gorham, Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, of Kitchener, spent a day or two this week with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gross, of Toronto, made a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nicklin the past week.

Mr. John Leavens, of Rockwood, spent Monday in town, wishing his friends the compliments of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnstone and Miss Johnstone and Mr. and Mrs. F. McLean and Donald, were at Galt for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, of Kitchener, visited at the home of Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Havill returned on Thursday evening from a holiday visit to the home of their son, Frank, at Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith left on Friday to spend the New Year holiday with the former's brother in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Coleman and baby Mary, of Toronto, were guests on Sunday of Mrs. John Brown, Church Street.

Miss Myrtle Young, who has been spending the vacation at her home here, returned yesterday morning to her school in Petrolea.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beardmore attended the New Year's masquerade ball at Chudleigh, the home of Mr. Beardmore's uncle, Mr. George Beardmore, Toronto.

Miss Currie, principal, and Miss Patton, assistant teacher, are spending a part of the Christmas holidays at their respective homes in Acton and Harrisburg.—Advocate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holmes and little Miss Alice are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Shorey, Lake Avenue. Mr. Holmes is manager of the Royal Bank at Odessa.

Mr. T. E. M. Secord, Guelph, who was at Guelph General Hospital for a month for treatment, was in town on Friday. He has quite recovered and enjoyed the holiday experiences.

Mr. Carlos Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roberts and daughter, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mrs. Robert Bingham, jr., of Saskatchewan, accompanied the body of Mrs. Robert Bingham to Acton yesterday for the funeral.

The annual Christmas home-gathering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wansbrough, Lake Avenue, when all the children and grandchildren were present: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wansbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacKay, Harold Wansbrough, of Toronto; Mr and Mrs. Frank Day, of Eramosa, and Mrs. Allan Smith, of Acton. Mr. and Mrs William Hewitt, Acton, were guests at the gathering.

Guelph Herald Ceases Publication

Is Merged with the Mercury, After Seventy-six Years

With the conclusion of 1923 the Guelph Herald ceased publication. The name, subscription list, and good-will have been sold by The Herald to J. I. McIntosh, and the paper will hereafter be merged with The Mercury, which will continue to issue without any change of its present name.

The Herald will continue its job printing business. It enjoys a large volume of profitable orders.

The Herald's history covers the past seventy-six years. It had its origin in the year 1847, when it was launched by F. D. Austen, who soon afterward took in a partner, and the firm became Austen & Pearson. The following year the paper was sold to a joint stock company, of which H. W. Peterson, Sr., Col. Webster and George Pirie were active members, the last mentioned being the editor. He later bought out the other shareholders and continued the publication alone for the next 21 years, until his death in 1870.

The paper afterward passed, in turn, into the hands of F. J. Chadwick, C. Acton Burrows, Smallpiece and Wright, and H. E. Smallpiece, through all these changes Mr. Chadwick having some connection. Finally, in 1885, Mr. H. Gummer bought the paper and conducted it alone until the Guelph Herald, Limited, was formed, eight years ago, when his son, Mr. B. G. Gummer, became associated with him. Mr. Gummer has therefore been identified with it for the past thirty-eight years a much longer period than any of his predecessors.

In the amalgamation of the Herald, the Mercury will have a wide prestige. It now comes into the class of papers where only one is published in a city. Only two of the smaller cities now remain in Ontario where two dailies are published. These are Belleville and Brockville, and negotiations are now in progress for the amalgamation of the Intelligencer and Ontario in the former city. The cost of publication these days makes it impossible for competitive newspapers in small areas to survive.

The Mercury is an influential journal; and will ably cater to the enlarged constituency secured by the merger with the Herald.

For nearly fifty years THE FREE PRESS has been contemporary with its near neighbors, the Mercury and the Herald—only twelve miles away—and the kindest fraternal relationship has always prevailed.

—They are coming back—the "McQuinn Sisters."

Police Court News

Inspector Reevely has Midnight Chase After a Violator of the Law

Last Thursday evening Chief McPherson was given a tip that a Christmas party, with lots of booze, would be held that night at the home of Fred Bellsky, at Dolly Varden. As Fred had been in trouble a month or so ago, the Chief concluded the hint was worth acting upon, especially as it was reported that Pete Chubey, a fugitive from justice, was in hiding at Bellsky's. Inspector Reevely, Provincial Constable Atkins were advised, and reached town about 9.30. A raid was planned and, after driving to "the Dolly," Bellsky's house was surrounded and an entrance effected by the officers. They found Mr. and Mrs. Bellsky and several others at the table with a bottle of moonshine on the table, one beneath the table, and a gallon jug full on the floor, with the skirts of one of the women covering it.

Bellsky was arrested, but while the officers were gathering up the booze he managed to get out of the house, through a window. Inspector Reevely and his son, Fred, and Chief McPherson immediately set out after him. They tracked him through the snow and slush, through swamp and creek, at times up to their waists, but never letting up in the chase. After nearly two hours they landed him in one of the shacks on the Beardmore property near the Canadian National Railway lines. He was changing his wet clothes when the officers landed in upon him. They took him to the cells where he spent the remainder of the night.

Friday morning Bellsky was charged by Inspector Reevely before Police Magistrate Moore with illegal possession of liquor. He was fined $200 and costs, or three months in jail at hard labor.

One day last week Provincial Constable Atkins, while making a tour of his territory, called at the place of Mike Cashura, the old creamery property, on the fifth line, below Limehouse. He discovered in his possession a skunk skin and two racoon skins. Cashura admitted he had not taken out a license for trapping furbearing animals and the officer seized the skins. He came before Police Magistrate Moore on Saturday on the charge of violating the Game and Fisheries' Act. He was fined $5.00 for each skin, and the costs of court.

Leslie Garbutt, a Guelph young man, found guilty before Magistrate Watt Friday morning on a charge of window peeping, accepted a three months' term in the county jail in preference to paying a $25 fine. He had previously been convicted on a similar charge.

License Inspector Reevely charged Joe Scott, Limehouse, with having liquor in a place other than the private dwelling house in which he resides. The defendant came before Police Magistrate Moore last Wednesday, pleaded guilty, and was fined $200 and costs. Put upon his oath as to the source of his supply of liquor Scott swore that he bought it from Tom Honus, of the fourth line. Honus hid the liquor in a place agreed upon near the fifth line, and Scott went afterward and got it. It was moonshine whiskey. He paid $12.00 for the gallon. Mr. Honus will likely have to answer to a charge of B. O. T. A., as a result of the deal.

Messrs. F. R. Lang, J. H. Walker and T. J. Bedford, of Guelph, and F. G. Hunt, of Elora, all of whom pleaded guilty to speeding, were assessed ten dollars and costs at Saturday morning police court, in Guelph. Magistrate Watt took occasion to refer to the new regulations regarding automobile traffic, which went into effect on Tuesday. He pointed out that some of the changes in the Act were drastic, and the penalties heavy.

Don't fail to hear the "McQuinn Sisters" at the Wonderland Theatre, next week. They will give a varied musical programme, which all levels of good music are sure to appreciate.

News of Local Import

Knox Tea Meeting
The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church will hold an old-fashioned tea meeting on January 21 at the old-fashioned price of 25c. Everybody welcome.

1924 Auto License Plates Late
Owing to the fact that the new markers for this year are not yet available in sufficient quantities, motor car owners of the Province have been granted an extra month in which to get their 1924 license plates. The 1923 plates will be recognized until February 1, next, according to information from the Department of Highways.

Enjoyable Evening in the Parish Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter were the delightful host and hostess of a party given last Wednesday evening in St. Alban's Parish Hall to Mr. Hunter's Bible Class. The tables were daintily and abundantly spread. A pleasant time was spent in games, followed by a short address by the Rector, who congratulated Mr. Hunter and the class on its splendid condition, the attendance and interest taken. Mrs. Baugh was asked to present two prizes for perfect attendance during the year, to Miss Nellie Fairbanks and Stanley Mackie. The evening closed with three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and St. Alban's Bible Class.

Kind Words to the Officials.
At the closing meeting of Esquesing Council the following resolutions were passed: "Moved by W. Gowdy, seconded by T. L. Leslie, that the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the Reeve of this Township for the fair and courteous manner in which he has presided over this Council during the past year.

"Moved by Col. G. O. Brown, seconded by T. L. Leslie, that the members of this Council desire to express their appreciation of the capable and faithful manner in which the Clerk, Treasurer, Commissioners and other officers of the municipality have performed their various duties during the past year."

Township Council Remunerations
At the closing meeting of Esquesing Council the following resolution was passed: "That the Treasurer pay the several members of the Council $3 per day and mileage for attending meetings, and $3 per day for commission work: W. J. L. Hampshire, meetings, $42, mileage, $19.60, commission, $66.00, total, $127.60; W. G. Appelbe, meetings, $45.00, mileage, $3, commission, $66.00, total, $114.00; G. O. Brown, meetings, $45.00, mileage, $3.00, commission, $66.00, total, $114.00; T. L. Leslie, meetings, $45.00; mileage, $15.00, commission, $54.00, total, $114; Wm. Quigley, meetings, $45.00, mileage, $15.00, commission, $48.00, total, $108.00."

Patterson's Baby Beef Weighed 475 lbs.
The dressed baby beef on exhibition at Patterson's meat shop, during Christmas week, was the object of much interest. Mr. W. J. Patterson's offer of a ten-pound roast to the person who guessed closest to the correct weight was taken advantage of by many citizens. The beef was weighed on Thursday evening, and it was ascertained that Gordon Titus, William Alexander and Bob Anderson had each guessed the correct weight, which was 475 pounds. The three successful guessers drew for the first place and Gordon Titus, a lad of 12 years, the son of Thomas Titus, won the roast. The next four nearest guessers were: Fred Wright, 475¼, H. A. Shuckhamer, 475, Mrs. E. F. Collier, 473¾, and Thomas D. McCutcheon, 473. The animal was purchased from Leslie & Pearen, Erin, and weighed 825 pounds, live weight.

Officers of Walker Lodge for 1924
The officers of Walker Lodge No 321, A. F. & A. M., were installed on St. John's Night, by Wor. Bro. Dr. J. A. McNiven, Installing Master, as follows:

I. P. M.—Wor. Bro. W. O. Moffat.
W. M.—Bro. D. N. McTavish.
S. W.—Bro. C. H. Gillies.
J. W.—Bro. J. A. Leslie.
Chaplain—Wor. Bro. W. M. Cooper.
Treasurer—Wor. Bro. W. J. Reid.
Secretary—Wor. Bro. R. M. McDonald.
S. D.—Bro. C. W. Wilson.
J. D.—Bro. W. H. Horton.
D. O. C.—Wor. Bro. T. H. Cook.
Organist—Wor. Bro. L. G. King.
I. G.—Bro. N. H. Black.
Jr. Steward—Bro. A. R. Whitney.
Sr. Steward—Bro. Sims McLean.
Tyler—Bro. W. R. E. Blair.
Auditors—Bro. C. H. Harrison and Bro. J. A. Mowat.

At the close of the business of the evening refreshments were served.

Halton Bootlegger Saved (?) $800
The following rather unlikely story was sent to the Toronto papers from Milton last Friday: "A good story has just leaked out, which will, no doubt, interest the Toronto police. Some months ago a bootlegger living in Nassagaweya township, who, it is said, accumulated a fortune making hooch, took a quantity of his moonshine in an automobile to Toronto. No license number was attached to the car. The bootlegger left the car for a few minutes, and when he returned saw a policeman in charge. Not knowing whether the officer was waiting for the owner to return to arrest him for not having the license plates on his car, or whether the policeman had discovered the liquor, he decided to let the authorities keep the car and liquor, too. He explained this way: "You see, the car cost me about $200 and the hooch very little. If the police had arrested me it would have cost me over $1,000." He has bought another car.

Unique Things for Milton
Milton was in great luck when the spinning mills decided to locate here. They now occupy two buildings, so great is the demand for their output, which has now grown to huge proportions. To see the factory lit up all night, as well as working full time all day, is something unique in the history of Milton.—Reformer. An event unique in the annals of the town of Milton took place on Christmas eve, when the employees of the Milton Worsted Yarn Spinning Mills held a banquet and concert at the town hall. There were over one hundred persons at the supper table, including all members of the staff and several guests, among whom were Rev. T. H. Rob and Rev. Canon Nattel, Mayor John Irving, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bell, F. S. Cochrane, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rock. The dinner was preceded by grace, sung by those present. This was followed by community singing, in which all joined lustily. The presentation of gifts was made by Mayor Irving.—Champion.