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.

DIED

HARRIS—In Oakville, on Saturday, December 22, 1923, Dr. T. T. Harris, in his 81st year.

BINGHAM—At Sault Ste Marie, Ont., on Sunday, December 30, 1923, Elizabeth Cunningham, widow of the late Robert Bingham, formerly of Acton, in her 73rd year.

EBBAGE—At the residence of her daughter, Hwanwick Avenue, Toronto, on Tuesday, January 1, 1924, Ann Overton, widow of the late Thomas Ebbage, Acton, in her 86th year.

Funeral at Acton on Friday from the 2.37 train to the Methodist Church for service at 3 o'clock. Interment at Fairview Cemetery.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1924

Brief Local Items

—Practice writing it—1-9-2-4.

—Acton schools re-open this morning.

—The holidays are over; now for business.

—Tell the merchants you read their advertisements.

—You are not the only one who forgets to write it "1924."

—The mercury flirted with the zero point on New Year's night.

—The query of the day: "Have you any calendars to give away?"

—The trains generally kept pretty good time during the holidays.

—Imprisonment is the penalty which obtains for automobile speeders.

—This is to be an open winter. If you don't believe it, wait and see.

—"I appreciate THE FREE PRESS very much."—Mrs. Colin Cameron, Nashville.

—The stores of Acton will resume their Wednesday half-holiday next week.

—No one is complaining now that we're not having an old-fashioned winter.

—Steady work until Easter now. Good Friday will be the next holiday—April 18.

—Hurrah! for Mayor Hiltz, of Toronto. His boyhood was spent in this locality.

—The hanging-on-sleighs habit was renewed by the kiddies last week. Better be careful.

—At Kincardine last week fine turkeys went begging at 30c per pound, says the Reporter.

—Even Tommy Church has found that he has no perpetual claim to the chief position of his city.

—LeRoy Dale, barrister, Georgetown, received $42.50 for legal services from Esquesing Council at last meeting.

—Windsor has a Goodfellows' Club, whose mission is humanitarian. The name and the object sound good.

—Many a man who complains that the world isn't getting any better, isn't doing a thing himself to make it better.

—Hard times are evidently gone judging from the splendor of the recent holiday festivities, and the volume of fine presents distributed.

—Judge Spotton, of Guelph, recently received a letter, threatening him in connection with a recent liquor case which came before him.

—The chalk artist who "ornaments" sundry buildings, fences, sidewalks, etc., with specimens, should be asked to "cut out" the notion.

—On January 1 the new sales tax, a tax of six per cent., levied on manufacturers of finished products, and on imports, came into effect.

—The farmers are bringing in the turnips they pitted last fall to the shippers now. The prices are in advance of the earlier deliveries.

—Esquesing Township Council has paid Roy P. Smith for engineering services re drain to Fairy Lake, Acton, and the Credit at Norval hill, $55.00.

—Nobody ever has any trouble thinking up good New Year's resolutions for other people, but it's queer how few we can think up for ourselves.

—Over 4,000 kiddies attended the Community Christmas Tree at Guelph on Christmas eve. Each child was given an orange and a bag of candy.

—THE FREE PRESS telephones are Nos. 11j and 11w. Call us early in the week. Dozens of rings come in on Wednesday, often too late to be of service.

—The Magistrates of Ontario should be given power to confiscate the motor cars of persons convicted twice or oftener of driving a car while intoxicated.—Globe.

—The new sales tax went into effect on Tuesday. It finds wholesalers, jobbers and manufacturers generally honestly puzzled as to their rights and duties under the Act.

—Fred Wilds has added an addition to his fox ranch, recently, by purchasing a pure black (registered) fox, Prince Edward Island strain, from Mr. H. G. Mutton, of Mitchell.

—If you will invite the label on this paper to explain its position on the question of finance it will be pleased to do so. It is a rapid calculator, a glance being all that is necessary.

—Mayor A. S. Forster, of Oakville, was host to members of the Town Council, other officials of Oakville and a number of Toronto friends at dinner at the Ontario Club, Toronto last Friday evening.

—The Township Council has passed the following accounts for improvements made on the fourth line: J. M. Warren, $2.50, W. A. Young, $6.50, Alex. Young, $10.00, A. T. Mann, $10.50; Wm. McDonald, $15.00, total, $44.50.

—The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Friday, January 4, at 3 o'clock, sharp, at the home of Mrs. H. S. Wilson. Everyone is requested to attend and take their recipe. A good programme is prepared.

—Taxes have been remitted on the following barns blown down in Esquesing during the cyclone on June 25 last: Geo. Leslie, $9.78, Henry May, $3.71, Elmer May, $12.16. Jos. Hunter, Norval, had a refund on a barn burnt in July of $15.85.

—There was quite a variety of weather on New Year's Day. It snowed and it blew, it was cloudy, and it gave sunshine; its temperature was characteristically wintry, and the numerous sleighs and cutters on the streets and country roads added to the winter aspect.

News of Local Import

Trafalgar Councillors' Remuneration

The Reeve and Councillors received the following remuneration for services rendered during 1923: W. H. Morden, allowance and mileage, $192.35, James Waldbrook, $94.20, J. A. Johnstone, $117.40, A. A. Galbraith, $63.00, A. A. Buck, $52.25.

Eighth-Time Mayor Retires

Mayor I. L. Matthews, eight times Mayor of Port Arthur, retired from public life, after being continuously in civic life since 1895, and for eight years was Mayor of the city. He has held every public office in Port Arthur. Mr. Albert Gurney, one of Acton's successful business men, is general manager of Mr. Matthews' large mercantile business in Port Arthur.

Music in Acton Schools

Mrs. Minnie R. Moore, of the Public School staff, has been appointed Supervisor of Music for the School. Under her supervision each teacher will take up music in her respective room. Mrs. Moore will give the teachers special instruction in music as well as the supervision she gives to the school generally in this subject. For this service the Board has increased her salary by $100.

Editor Lake's Daughter Won Literary Prize

At the Christmas commencement exercises at Powassan High School, at which Mayor Robertson presided, Miss Mae Lake, daughter of Councillor J. R. Lake, editor of the News, was presented with the gold piece awarded for the best essay on Canadian literature. There were fourteen competitors. The prize was given by the Catholic Women's League.

Wild Rabbits Becoming a Pest

It is reported that wild hares are unusually destructive to orchards in this country. The rabbits bark young trees and currant bushes, and enjoy nibbling the tips of branches. Hunters have failed to decrease the hares to any extent, and their numbers are growing rather than decreasing. It is stated that the larger breeds have driven out the ordinary variety known as cotton tails.

Oakville's Fire Alarm System

At the Town Council meeting last Wednesday evening a contract for a fire alarm system was authorized to be signed and the order given for the installation of a system by the Northern Electric Co. This system should be completed early in March, and will no doubt be found a great help in giving alarms more promptly. There will be ten street boxes and an alarm can be sent in from any phone.—Star.

$103 for Sheep Killed by Dogs

The following claims for sheep killed by dogs were passed by Esquesing Council at the meeting on the 15th inst: Wm. Moore & Sons, 1 sheep, $12.00, 3 sheep, $32.00, 1 sheep damaged, $6.00, total, $50.00; Clare Robertson, 1 sheep, $12.00; W. H. Allan, 1 sheep injured, $6.00; Norman Chisholm, 1 sheep killed, $18.00; Geo. Irving, valuing above sheep, $10.00; Howard Stull, 1 sheep killed, $15.00; Wm. Shortill, valuator, $2.00.

Ample Supply of Coal so Far

Our local coal dealers deserve the thanks of the community for their foresight in securing ample coal for the needs of all so far this season, notwithstanding the reported shortage. Comparatively little substitute has been necessary. People who have desired anthracite have generally been able to secure it. Of course there are very few who have more than a ton or so in their coal bins. The dealers have aimed to make an equitable distribution.

An After-Christmas Hint

When the kiddie has received too many toys from Santa Claus and kind-hearted friends at Christmas time, it is wise to put part of them away for a time, until the number reserved for present use has become reduced through breakages. When the surplus ones are brought out again, one at a time, they will be greeted as fully as the whole lot was when received off the Christmas tree or from the hung-up stocking. In the meantime there is much less clutter for mother to take care of.

The New Motor Vehicles' Act

A concise synopsis of the new Motor Vehicles Act which become law in the Province on January 1, is to be prepared, under the direction of the Department of Public Highways, and distributed among the motorists of the Province with the 1924 plates. The new law, which supersedes all previous statutes relating to vehicles and public highways, embodies a number of changes. The decision to compile this synopsis of the Act has been made in order that every motorist may be cognizant of all these changes.

Four Generations Spend Christmas Together

Among the many home gatherings in town on Christmas there was one at the home of Mrs. Robert Johnston, Knox Avenue, of unusual interest. This gathering included the hostess, Mrs. Johnston, her daughter, Mrs. James H. Reed, Mrs. Reed's daughter, Mrs. Harley Brignall, of Toronto, and her thirteen-months'-old son, Douglas Lawrence Brignall. Four generations at the Christmas festival table is rather unusual. Needless to say, Great-grandmother Johnston was the happiest person of the group.

Officers of Acton L. O. L. No. 467

At the last regular meeting of L. O. L. No. 467, the following officers were installed for the coming year, by County Master Bro. Henry Bauer:

W. M.—Bro. Herbert L. Ritchie.
D. M.—Bro. E. F. Kennedy.
Chaplain—Bro. J. P. Scarrow.
Recording Secretary—Geo. Dutchburn.
Financial Secretary and Treasurer—Bro. H. Smethurst.
Marshall—Bro. Wm. Beavers.
Lecturer—Bro. Ed. Gamble.
Deputy Lecturer—Benj. Bayliss.
1. L.—Bro. Samuel Kerr.
O. L.—Bro. Vernon Wheeler.
Committee—Bros. George Hall, W. Bauer, Robert Johnston, Norman Wilds.

The Champion's Knowledge of Stills and Profits

The excise officers having failed to convict Phil Forbes of operating the ten-still moonshine plant, captured near Speyside, there seems to be little prospect that there will be a conviction of anyone in the case. The outfit was lost to the moonshiner, but it may be taken for granted that he is setting another one, if he has not done so already. It is believed that he has been marketing his output for a long time, and that his profits have been huge.—Champion. Phil Forbes paid fines for conviction registered against him in 1922 of $1,200; he paid $200 for a conviction against his brother, and several large amount for fines imposed on friends. At the recent trial a witness alleged that Phil said the excise officers destroyed property which had cost him $500. When arrested, he said he could not put up a cash bail as he only had $350 left in the bank, and remarked: "I'd have been better off to have kept on at horse-trading, for I had more money from that when I started selling booze than I have now." The ultimate profits are evidently "not here."

Nominations in Halton

A Number of Reeves and Councillors Elected by Acclamation

The nominations for Halton municipalities on Monday were as follows:

Georgetown

Mayor—LeRoy Dale (acclamation.)
Reeve—Donald McIntyre (acclamation.)
Councillors—M. Neal, W. Ashenhurst, W. Herrington, H. Arnold, W. Long.
School Trustees—Mrs. W. H. Wilson, J. R. Mackenzie, Fred McNally.

Milton

Mayor—John Irving (acclamation.)
Reeve—J. W. Blain (acclamation).
Councillors—J. Maxted, E. Syer, F. Pearen, J. J. Peacock, G. F. Smellie, M. E. Nixon, T. Coxe, W. Morrison, J. Brush, C. Davidson, J. P. Roper.
School Trustees—North Ward, D. Reid, J. Hardy; South Ward, E. Ford, A. L. Chambers; East Ward, D. Crawford, P. W. Cook.
Hydro Commissioners—J. M. Mackenzie, W. Gamble.

Oakville

Mayor—A. S. Forster and W. Son Robinson.
Reeve—C. H. Cross, E. A. Mah...
Deputy Reeve—Thomas Blakelock, Philip Chambers.
Councillors—W. Ward Price, Robert Marsh, Ross Gibson, William Anderson, W. H. Carson, A. S. McKay, W. Hill, Frank Pullen, Reginald Hare, William Price, Thomas Shields, F. Shaw, G. M. Barrett.
School Trustees—Ray Bartlett, W. Nicol, Allen Kemp, Rev. G. H. E. Grant, J. Blakelock, C. H. Merkle.

Esquesing

Reeve—W. J. L. Hampshire.
Deputy Reeve—G. A. Appelbe.
Councillors—Col. G. O. Brown, Wm. Cowdy, T. Leslie. (All by acclamation.)

Nassagaweya

Reeve—M. Job, E. Agnew.
Councillors—W. Dredge, T. Near, G. Gordon, D. Campbell, J. Cargill and F. McNiven.

Nelson

Reeve—W. Irving.
Deputy Reeve—W. Brockon.
Councillors—H. McArthur, F. Foster, E. Readhead. (All by acclamation.)

Trafalgar

Reeve—W. H. Morden.
Deputy Reeve—Dr. J. A. Johnston.
Councillors—J. Waldbrook, A. Galbraith, A. Buck, G. H. King, G. Marlatt, V. Hull.

Outside Nominations

The Nominees in Neighboring Towns and Townships

Brampton

Mayor—H. W. Dawson and J. S. Beck.
Reeve—L. A. H. Milner, Manton Treadgold and F. W. Wegenaut.
Deputy Reeve—J. E. Fullerton, R. B. Ashley, A. H. Milner, Thos. Thauburn.
Councillors—James Harmsworth, W. J. Beatty, H. M. Robinson, John Speers, W. C. Bartlett, James Martin, John Patterson, Sr., John Patterson, Jr., Oliver Moore (six to be elected.)

Waterdown

Reeve—Richard Smith, F. W. Crocker, Hugh A. Drummond, David Atkins, Frank Speck and F. J. Shaldie.
Councillors—F. W. Crocker, Harold Green, Geo. E. Nicholson, Frank Speck, David Atkins, Fred Thomas, David Davies, Richard Smith and William Edge.

Elora

Reeve—W. L. Gordon, Sidney Richardson, J. C. Farrelly.
Councillors—L. Cameron, W. Arthur, Russell Duncan, Ed. Moore, W. Mendell, Norman Stafford, Chas. Burt, Geo. E. Brew, W. J. Waddick, T. C. Wardly, Jas. Anderson.
Hydro-Electric Commissioner—T. E. Lipsey (accl.)
Board of Education—Alex. Henderson, Jos. Wilson, J. W. Jefferies, Rev. R. W. Frid, A. E. Bailly, Harvey Bell.

Eramosa Township

Reeve—W. A. Dickison, George Foote.
Councillors—A. McNabb, Wm. Swanson, E. Doughty, J. Rutherford, Robert Harwood, Wm. Barber and A. Dalton.

Chinguacousy Township

Reeve—T. H. Elliott (accl.)
Deputy Reeve—Wilbur Little (accl.)
Councillors—Albert Fleming, J. N. Cameron, J. N. McFarlane (accl.)

Caledon Township

Reeve—J. F. McDonald.
Deputy Reeve—W. J. Wilson, Erin.
Councillors—John McIlride, Caledon East; R. J. Speers, Caledon; W. J. Trathen, Caledon (all by accl.)

Alton Police Village

Trustees—L. Lemon, W. Houston, A. C. Tennyson, A. Lovell, O. Finnegan.

W. W. Hiltz Mayor

Controller Hiltz Defeated Tommy Church by Over 10,000

The people of this community are especially interested and greatly pleased with the result of the Mayoralty election in Toronto, Controller Hiltz, who was opposed by T. L. Church, M. P., and Col. Currie, M. P. P., is a son of this section of the province, his birthplace being about five miles from Acton, near Ballinafad. Mayor-elect Hiltz commenced his career in the activities of life as a school teacher, and his teaching experience was largely spent in the township of Esquesing at Ballinafad and in the Scotch Block.

As a business man in Toronto he had a successful and an honorable career. His view of life has been altruistic, and his concern for others has ever been an object of his life's activities. During a very busy life in the city Mayor Hiltz has given much time to citizenship duties. His efforts as successively a member of the Board of Education, as an Alderman, and as a City Controller, have been fruitful of good and have commended him to the good opinions of the people of Toronto generally.

The new mayor is an uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic. He was a member of Ontario's Committee of One Hundred, which had much to do with the framing and enactment of the Ontario Temperance Act.

In the election on Monday Mr. Hiltz was given, 44,089 votes, a plurality of 10,118 over Tommy Church, who was eight years Mayor of Toronto, and who heretofore boasted he was never beaten in an election; nearly 40,000 over Col. J. A. Currie, M. P. P., who declared himself as the "wet" candidate; and 8,746 of a majority over both these candidates combined.

Mayor Hiltz will be supported by a strong Board of Control, composed of men of wide experience in Toronto's municipal affairs.

William Wesley Hiltz is every inch a man. He will make a model Mayor of Ontario's metropolitan city.

Col. David McCrae Ill

Was Stricken While at Church at Guelph, and is Now in Hospital

While attending service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Col. David McCrae, veteran Guelph military officer, and father of the late Lieut.-Colonel John McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields," was seized with a weak spell, and was rushed to the General Hospital.

The colonel had suffered a slight stroke, but at the hospital it is stated that his illness was not as serious as was thought, and that he is resting comfortably.

Col. McCrae held the distinction during the war of being the oldest commanding officer of any unit in the C. E. F., having recruited the 43rd Battery at Guelph.

Highway Traffic Act Passed in 1923 Is Now in Force

Numerous Important Changes in the Laws Governing Motoring

INTOXICATED PERSONS NOT TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES. PERMITS CANCELLED FOR THIS OFFENCE

"The Highway Traffic Act of 1923" is the short title of the Act that simplifies, co-ordinates and consolidates the provision of the Motor Vehicles, Highway Travel and Load of Vehicles Acts in Ontario. The new Act came into force December 31, 1923.

There are many important changes from the old Acts governing the use and operation of motor vehicles. In order to fully inform motorists, and thereby save them much inconvenience and possibly a few fines, below a few of the more important revisions and additions are outlined.

The Ontario Motor League points out that in a general sense the whole code of laws which regulates the operation of motor vehicles on the highway will be found in one sentence of the Highway Traffic Act.

By Section 25, it is enacted that any person "who drives a motor vehicle on the highway . . . at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances, shall incur a penalty."

One principle underlies this whole subject. The law imposes upon everyone who uses the highway, the duty of exercising at all times, that degree of care for the safety and convenience of others which a reasonable person would exercise under the circumstances. The rules of law which serve as a guide to conduct under all circumstances of travel, are known as the rules of the road.

BICYCLES—Whenever on the highway after dusk and before dawn, every bicycle and tricycle shall carry on the back thereof a red lighted lamp or red reflector, so placed as to be clearly visible to drivers of vehicles approaching from the rear.

PARKING LIGHTS—A motor vehicle while standing upon any highway at such times as lights are required, by the provisions of this section for such vehicle, may, in lieu of the lighting equipment specified in this section, show one light carried on the left side of the car in such a manner as to be clearly visible to the front and rear for a distance of at least two hundred feet and to show white to the front and red to the rear of the vehicle, provided, however, that such light shall not be displayed while the motor vehicle is in motion.

SPOTLIGHTS—It is unlawful to carry on any motor vehicle on a highway any lamp which revolves upon a pivot or other device so that the rays of such light may be projected in different directions by an occupant of the vehicle.

Spotlights or searchlights shall be affixed to the left side of the vehicle only, and the rays of light therefrom shall be directed to the extreme right of the travelled portion of the highway in such a manner that the beam of light shall strike the extreme right of the travelled portion of the highway within seventy-five feet of the said vehicle.

BRAKES—Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with at least two brakes in good working order, and any police constable or any officer appointed for carrying out the provision of this Act may at any time inspect or cause an inspection to be made of the brakes of any motor vehicle on the highway, and may, if such brakes are not in good working order, require the driver of such motor vehicle to proceed forthwith to put or have such brakes put in good working order.

WITHIN CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE—No motor vehicle shall be driven upon any highway within a city, town or village at a greater rate of speed than 20 miles per hour; nor at a street intersection or curve where the driver of the vehicle has not a clear view of any approaching traffic at a greater rate of speed than 10 miles per hour in a city, town or village, or 12½ miles per hour outside a city, town or village.

UPON HIGHWAYS OUTSIDE CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE — No motor vehicle shall be driven upon any highway outside of a city, town or village at a greater rate of speed than 25 miles per hour. Penalty: Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall incur, for the first offence, a penalty of not less than $5 and not more than $50; for the second offence a penalty of not less than $10 and not more than $100, and in addition his license or permit may be suspended for any period not exceeding three months; and for any subsequent offence shall incur a penalty of not less than $20 and not more than $200, and in addition his license or permit may be suspended for any period not exceeding six months.

RECKLESS DRIVING, PENALTY—Notwithstanding the provision of the above section any person who drives a motor vehicle on a highway at a greater rate of speed than 40 miles per hour or who drives a motor vehicle on a highway recklessly or negligently, or at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances, shall incur a penalty of not less than $10 and not more than $200 and shall also be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 60 days, and in addition his license or permit shall be suspended for any period not exceeding 6 months.

PASSING VEHICLE GOING IN SAME DIRECTION—No person in charge of a vehicle shall pass, or attempt to pass, another vehicle going in the same direction on a highway, unless and until, the travelled portion of the highway in front of, and to the left of the vehicle to be passed is safely free from approaching traffic.

INTOXICATED PERSONS NOT TO DRIVE—No intoxicated person shall drive a motor vehicle. Penalty: The license or permit or in the case where licensee is also the owner of the motor vehicle, then both the license and permit of a person who is convicted of driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated shall be suspended by the Minister upon report of the Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace who makes the conviction, for a period: (a) not exceeding three months for the first offence; (b) not less than three months, and not exceeding six months for the second offence; and for the third or any subsequent offence his license or permit or both, as the case may be, shall be cancelled and he shall be declared by such Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace to be disqualified from holding a license or permit for a period of not less than one year and not exceeding two years.

PRODUCTION OF LICENSE—A person convicted of an offence under this Act, if he holds a chauffeur's license, shall forthwith produce the license for the purpose of endorsement, and if he does not hold a chauffeur's license, the owner of the vehicle with, or in, which the offence was committed shall forthwith produce his permit for the purpose of endorsement.

INTERPRETATION—Where a penalty is provided in the Act for a first, second, third or subsequent offence, the words "first", "second" or "subsequent" shall relate only to offences committed in the same calendar year; but this shall not apply to offences of persons driving a motor car while in an intoxicated condition.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

CHURCHILL

Miss Annie F. Snyder left on Tuesday for her school at Cultis, Norfolk county, after spending the Christmas vacation at her home here.

Miss Violet Smith came home from Oshawa on Saturday for a New Year's visit.

Rev. and Mrs. William McDonald, of Owen Sound, were guests at the home of Mr. John Smith last week.

Miss Carrie Ryder, of Arkell, visited at Mr. Arthur Swackhamer's during the week.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer is still carrying his injured arm in a sling.

OSPRINGE

Mr. Arthur Whitehead, of Hamilton, is one of the new farmers to settle in this community. He comes to the farm on the third line, opposite Miss Hallett's place, in the spring.

Mrs. Will Spence, of Toronto, who spent the week between Christmas and New Years' with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robert McCutcheon, has returned home.

The sleighing was greatly enjoyed on New Year's by the young folks. The merry jingle of the sleigh bells have an attraction which the motor car can never offer.

TERRA COTTA

The Sunday School concert in the Methodist Church was a decided success. The church was crowded to the doors. The programme was an excellent one. In addition to a varied selection of numbers by the scholars, Douglas Brothers, of Norval, rendered a number of fine musical numbers. Santa Claus distributed presents to all.

Mr. Billingsley has carpenters at work rebuilding his house, which was recently damaged by fire.

The new church choir is adding much of interest to the services in the Methodist Church.

Mr. J. Edge, Sr., has been confined to the house through illness the past week.

BALLINAFAD

There was a great jubilation here when it was ascertained that William Wesley Hiltz was elected Mayor of Toronto on New Year's Day. Mayor Hiltz is a Ballinafad boy. He has always been proud to own this community as his birthplace. Ballinafad is proud of the marked distinction Toronto has placed upon her son, by electing him to the seat of Chief Magistrate by a majority of over 10,000 above Tommy Church, the most popular mayor ever elected in Toronto. It is on the programme as a big event for next summer sometime that Ballinafad will extend an old-time welcome and celebration to her honored son—Mayor Hiltz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McLean, of Acton, spent New Year's in the old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kentner, of Acton, were here on New Year's Day.

LIMEHOUSE

The Township Council has paid the following sums for improvements made to the fifth line and Limehouse crossroads, last fall: Wm. McCullough, $41.25, for 41¼ yards gravel, put on Limehouse crossroad; Robt. Doughty, for 105 loads gravel, put on Limehouse crossroad, $26.25; A. W. Benton, $2; Wm. Cowdy, $1.50; Douglas Cowdy, $1.50; Jas. Grant, $3.50; Arthur Hill, $1.50; E. Herrington, $1.50; Sid Kirkpatrick, $1.50; Jonathan Lane, $1.50; Julia Milliere, $1.50; John Meredith, $1.50; Charlies Meredith, $1.50; Wm. Milliere, $2.00; Wm. L. Milliere, $1.50; R. Marshall, $2.00; Dan McDonald, $1.50; J. S. Noble, $2.00; Robt. Lane, $1.50; Jas. O'Neill, $1.50; Stanley Oakley, $1.50; D. Swackhamer, $1.50; Jos. Scott, $2.00; J. R. Kennedy, $1.50; Toronto Lime Co., $15.50.

Mr. W. Cowdy has had a radio outfit installed at his residence.

As it was at Christmas, numerous former residents and visitors were here for New Year's.

Mr. W. Cowdy and Douglas spent Christmas with friends in Guelph.

OAKVILLE

Following a prolonged illness, Dr. T. T. Harris, one of Oakville's oldest citizens, died on Saturday. He was in his 81st year. Dr. Harris was well known throughout the vicinity, having carried on an extensive dental practice for the past half century. In his younger days he was an enthusiastic horseman, and a successful exhibitor at many of the leading horse shows in the county.

Rev. J. E. Brown, ex-policeman, of New York, will arrive in Oakville on Saturday, January 5, to assist in special services in the Methodist Church. On Tuesday, January 8, the St. Jude's A. Y. P. A. will go by the 7.30 radial to pay a visit to the Burlington branch.

The Oakville Pigeon Fanciers Association held a show on New Year's Day in the old telephone office.

Another sacred band concert will be held in the Gregory Theatre next Sunday evening. These concerts are proving quite popular with the citizens of the town.

A watch night service was held in Knox Church on Monday, December 31, at 11 p. m. A sacred recital of vocal and organ music was given from 11 p. m., to 11.45 p. m., and this was followed by a brief devotional service, closing at midnight.—Record.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Colbert, Valleyfield, Quebec, visited friends here during the week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Moore spent the holidays at London.

Messrs. D. Ronnie and W. McKay, of Iroquois Falls, were with Georgetown friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook, of Creston, B. C., visited at W. H. Wilson's.

Mrs. Aberdeen, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. McCannah, left last week for her home in Florida.

Mr. Albert LeFrancois, of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Riddle and family, of Toronto, spent the holiday at Mrs. F. A. Hurley's.

Master Clarence Stapleton, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stapleton, who was operated on at Guelph Hospital, last week, for appendicitis, is progressing quite favorably.

The annual Sunday School entertainment of the Methodist Church was held in the school room of the church on New Year's night. A good programme of recitations, dialogues, drills, etc., was carried out.

The Armenian concert in the town hall last Saturday evening was well attended when the programme was almost entirely given by the boys from the Armenian farm. They are mastering the English language rapidly, and their singing, dialogues, recitations and mouth organ music was much enjoyed.

There was a pleasant surprise at the home of our esteemed townsman, Mr. H. R. Mimms, on Christmas eve. Three gentlemen representing the patrons of the Bank of Montreal, of which Mr. Mimms was the local manager until he resigned, a few weeks ago, called at his home and presented him with a well filled purse in recognition of the esteem in which he is held and his courteous treatment during his long term as manager of the bank here.—Herald.

ROCKWOOD

Mr. James Gray, who has been ill for some time, passed away on Sunday evening. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon. He was one of our oldest residents and enjoyed the esteem of the community.

CREWSONS CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and daughters spent Christmas at a very happy family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Denny, Acton.

Misses Marjory Simpson and Hazel Dennis, of Guelph General Hospital, visited the latter's home on New Year's Day.

HORNBY

David Featherstone, one of Halton county's oldest citizens, died suddenly at his residence, Avenue Place, Hornby, on Saturday. Deceased was in his 81st year, was an active member of Bethel Methodist Church at Drumquin, and in politics a Liberal. He is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter, William and George, at home; Chester, of Trafalgar township; Elmer, of Toronto, and Mrs. R. G. Edwards, of Brampton.

The Christmas and New Year's holiday brought many home-comers and visitors to this community, and there were numerous happy family gatherings.

T. F. McHugh, who has been living in the vicinity of Acton the past year or two, was home for the holidays.

NASSAWAGEYA

Miss Pearl Frank, of Guelph, visited at her home during the holidays.

Mr. Edward Byerman visited his parents at Walton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bullard, Burlington, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Rev. and Mrs. Strachan and family returned home, after spending Christmastide with their parents in Mildmay.

Mr. Matthew Job has been under the doctor's care the past week.

Misses Hazel and Mabel Dredge, of Toronto, spent the holidays at their home here.

The nominations of Reeve and Councillors for the township of Nassagaweya took place on Monday in the township hall, Brookville, when the following nominations were made: For Reeve—Edward Agnew, Matthew Job; for Councillors—W. W. Dredge, George Gordon, W. T. Near, A. J. Cargill, Donald Campbell, Frank McNiven.

There were others nominated, but they withdrew their names. L. W. Chisholm, the reeve of 1923, resigned the reeveship. There was one of the largest meetings at this year's nomination that there has been for some time. There will be a warm campaign in this township this week, with polling next Monday.

The public school in section No. 9, Nassagaweya, will not open until next Monday, 7th inst.

We are having winter in real earnest now.

We wish THE FREE PRESS and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN TORONTO AND WINNIPEG

The Canadian National Railways announce that effective Saturday, January 5, 1924, improved train service via New Longlac Route will be put in operation.

"The National," the Toronto, Winnipeg and Western Canada train, will hereafter run by this route, and via Allandale, Barrie, Orillia, and Washago, instead of via Beaverton, leaving Toronto, 10.45 p. m., daily, arriving Sudbury at 8.55 a. m., and Winnipeg 4.10 p. m., following day.

"The National" will carry Tourist Sleeping Car, Toronto and Winnipeg, Standard Sleeping Car, Toronto and Edmonton, Compartment Observation Library Car, Toronto and Winnipeg, Standard Sleeping Car, Toronto and Sudbury, Dining Car Serving all meals.

For tickets, reservations and full information apply to any Canadian National Agent.

A Concrete Case of Church Union

After being redecorated and thoroughly repaired, the Cumnock Union Church in Wellington county, was reopened on Sunday, December 16, with very successful special services, followed by a splendid supper on the following evening. The church has been beautifully painted and decorated. A new furnace has been installed and everything about the sacred edifice has been put in splendid condition. The union of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations of Cumnock was effected some months ago, and the accomplishment of the united congregation as evidenced on opening Sunday augurs well for the new order of things. On Sunday, the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Ward, of Damascus. On the following evening, the supper was well attended and the programme which followed was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The proceeds from the Sunday services and the supper amounted to a trifle over $115.

—"McQuinn Sisters" at Wonderland Theatre soon.

CAT-TAILS YIELD FOOD AND CLOTH

From the cat-tails found in almost every swamp, scientists have succeeded in making both food and cloth. Roots of the weed produce starch and sugar, the pollen has been used as a flour to make bread, the brown spikes make an excellent substitute for silk, and the fluffy down is valuable for stuffing pillows. The plant was first discovered by the Iroquois Indians and, during the Great War it was extensively used throughout central Europe.

NOTICE

A Change of Time

WILL BE MADE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1924

For full particulars apply to any Ticket Agent.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Mary Ritchie, Deceased

The creditors of Mary Ritchie, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, married woman, who died on or about the eighth day of October, A. D. 1923, and all persons having claims against her estate, are required on or before the fourth day of February, A. D. 1924, to send by post prepaid, or otherwise deliver to the undersigned solicitor for the administrator of the estate of the said Mary Ritchie, their full names, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

On and after the said fourth day of February the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto; and he hereby gives notice that he will not be responsible thereafter for any claim or claims of which he has not received notice at the time fixed for such distribution.

Date of the third day of January, A. D. 1924.

GEORGE HIRAM RITCHIE, Administrator.

H. G. Fatmen, Acton, Ontario, his Solicitor.

8 Specials

To Start the New Year With

NO. 1 SPECIAL—Blue Serge Dress Goods, all wool, 40 inches wide, good value at $1.25. Special for 75c.

NO. 2 SPECIAL—Plaid Dress Goods, double Fold. Regular $1.00 yard. Special 70c.

NO. 3 SPECIAL—150 yards of crash pure linen stripe towelling. Regular 30c yard. Special for 20c.

NO. 4 SPECIAL—2 Dozen Men's Sweater Coats, in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42. All wool heather mixtures. Regular $3.25. Special at $2.25.

NO. 5 SPECIAL—Men's Dress Shirts in stripes. Broken lots after Christmas selling. Regular price $1.75. Special at $1.25.

NO. 6 SPECIAL—15 spindles of our Scotch Fingering Yarn, in Black, Brown, Gray and White. Regular $1.40 per lb. Special $1.25.

NO. 7 SPECIAL—15 pieces 36 inch China Silk for Comforters. Regular 40c yard. Special for 30c yard.

NO. 8 SPECIAL—Mill Ends Table Damask. 1½, 2 and 2¼ yards in each. Special Prices $1.40, $1.60, $1.90 for the end.

McLean & Co.

MILL STREET — ACTON, ONT.

Do Something for Yourself

Now that the rush of making pretty things to give away at Christmas time is over, wouldn't it be a good plan to make up some of those nice fancy things you have been wanting so long for yourself? Come in and let us show you how many dainty things can be made up in your spare moments. Our stock of fancy goods and millinery is right up-to-the-minute.

SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES IN MILLINERY

Miss J. Galbraith

MILL STREET ACTON, ONT.

"Saturday Treat"

Just arrived, a fresh supply of "Neilson's" packages of chocolates, a large assortment to choose from, all strictly fresh, and packed in neat, attractive boxes. Ask at our counters for the "Club Box," the better box.

CHRISTMAS MIXED 25c lb.

Having a limited supply of this wonderful mixture on hand we are going to give you the opportunity of purchasing your supply at the very low price of 25c lb, while it lasts.

WEEK-END CHOCOLATES 32c lb.

A fresh supply each week assures you that they are strictly fresh, and a taste of them will convince you of their quality, and with an assortment of Hard and Soft Centres and assorted flavors these chocolates compare with the 50c and 60c lines, but we offer them to you for our special of only 32c lb.

LIGHT LUNCHES

Naturally after the skating party or sleigh ride you feel that a hot cup of Chocolate or a Sandwich would make you feel better. We are sure we have just what you want.

V. RUMLEY

PHONE NO. 3 — ACTON, ONTARIO

Patterson's Meat Market

The guessing contest is over, and the holiday rush for Fowl, and now we settle down to routine business again. Our stock of meats is always the best, and while the display was exceptionally large at the holiday time, you will always find our stock comprises full lines.

THE GUESSING CONTEST

The results of the guessing contest are published in another column of this paper, and full particulars given about the contest. We were pleased to present the roast to the lucky guesser, Gordon Titus.

FRESH FISH

At the end of the week we will have a stock of Fresh Fish of various kinds on hand, and will supply your needs in this line throughout the cold weather.

OPEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

W. J. PATTERSON

CORNER MILL AND MAIN STREETS — ACTON, ONT.

Shop with those Merchants who Invite you to trade at their Stores