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COMMUNION SUNDAY

10.00 a. m.—Love Feast.
11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Our Methodist Doctrines."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—Communion Service. Short sermon. "Loyalty."

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject. "Some Paradoxes of God on Profit and Loss."
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
3.00 p. m.—Bible Class. Study in Matthew, Chapter V.
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject, "A Biography—Ann of Ava."

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"LOYAL LIVES"

"THE LOVE FLOWER"

"IN THE NAME OF THE LAW"

J. A. McCLURE & SON

Home Sewing Week

Early Spring finds nearly every woman eager to get at her Spring sewing. And in anticipation of this week, set aside to take care of the needs of the woman who does her own sewing, our stocks are splendidly complete, with everything from pins to the loveliest of new Spring fabrics. No matter what your sewing needs may be, you will be able to choose here, and choose satisfactorily. A number of specials are included in this list, well worth a mail order.

Nainsooks, 40 inches wide, a regular 50c value, for a Home Sewing Week Special at, per yard, 35c.

An extra fine quality in the same width, regular $1.00 per yard, for 75c.

A 36-inch width, regular 60c yard, marked for a Home Sewing Week Special at 45c.

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Mercerized Plisse Crepes, among the loveliest things for undermuslins and night wear, plain shades and colors with a quaint printed figure; 32 inches wide, regular 65c yard, for, 59c.

White Flannelette, 35 ins. wide, regular 30c value, for Home Sewing Week, at, per yard, 25c.

Another Home Sewing Week Special in 27-inch width, at, per yard, 19c.

Pillow Tubing, 40, 42 and 44 inch widths, at the old prices, in spite of recent advances, 50c and 60c yard.

Bleached Sheeting, 72 and 80 inches wide, regular $1.00 and $1.25 yard, featured for Home Sewing Week at 75c and $1.00.

Bleached Cottons, 36 inches wide, extra fine quality, reg. 35c value, for Home Sewing Week at, per yard, 25c.

New Wash Fabrics, New Wool Dress Goods, and New Silks Have Arrived

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Assorted Chocolates, in hard and soft centres. This is an exceptional bargain when you consider the price of candy. Regularly 40c lb. Week-end Special 29c lb.

JELLY BEANS
A favorite candy with both young and old. Regularly 40c lb. Week-end Special 29c lb.

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The most talked-of candy in town. Take a box home with you. Packed in ½, 1 and 2 lb. boxes. 60c lb.

ICE CREAM
We carry Ice Cream in bulk and brick. We will deliver to any house in town.

LIGHT LUNCHES
After the show or rink, come in and buy one of our Light Lunches.

Mil Street
Acton
H. WILES

FOOTWEAR

Mid-Winter Clearing Sale

FEBRUARY 1st to 16th INCLUSIVE

See last week's Free Press for large advertisement. Better prices than ever this week. We have put another cut in our Sale Prices. Goods must go, we want the room. No Winter Goods carried over, felts or moccasins.

Children's Slippers, to clear, regular 75c, for 50c.

Women's Felt Slippers, $1.50, for $1.15; $2.25 fur bound, for $1.80.

Women's Felt Boots, with leather foxing, $3.00 for $2.55.

Women's Indian Moccasins, fur bound, boudoir style, $1.50, for $1.15.

Women's Boudoir Slippers, with heel, black, red and brown, for $1.15.

Buckskin Moccasins, regular $2.35, sale price $1.25.

Women's hightop boots, French heels, to clear at $1.25.

These are real good Boots, all kid and patent leather, $4.00 to $5.00.

Women's Boots, sizes 3, 4, 5 Former sale price $3.35, for $2.25.

Women's Spats, in fawn and grey and black, regular price $1.25, for 80c.

Men's Goodyear welts, black and brown, heavy and light soles. Sale price $4.85.

Men's Goodyear Oxfords, black and brown calf, up-to-date style, $5.50 for $4.85.

Men's House Slippers, in felt, carpet, leather, brown and black, all sizes, to clear at 20% off regular prices.

Men's Real Work Shoes, $4.25 for $3.75; $4.50 for $3.95; $5.00 for $4.45.

Boys Heavy School Shoes, $3.50 for $2.95, sizes 1 to 5; 11 to 13, $2.45.

Misses School Shoes in tan and black, for $2.50 and $2.25.

Rubbers, Infants, 70c; children's, 80c; misses', 90c; women's, $1.00; boys', $1.15; men's, $1.25.

A liberal discount will be given on any goods you buy.

THE WHOLE STOCK IS ON SALE
A good Suitcase for $1.50.

HARRY HARRISON, the Shoe Man
Where Quality Counts We Win Deal Here, it Will Pay You

News of Local Import

Leaves for Attractive Position

Mr. Albert Eve, superintendent of Thomson Motor Supplies Limited, has secured a position in a prominent manufactory at Toledo, Ohio. He left on Monday for that city. Mrs. Eve and children will follow to their new home shortly.

Sacramental Services Next Sunday

The Quarterly Sacramental Services for February will be conducted in the Methodist Church, next Sunday. The Love Feast will be held at 10 a. m., and the Sacramental Service in connection with the evening service. Rev. Mr. Hackett, the pastor, will preach both morning and evening.

Recipient of a Prized Heirloom

Last week an Mr. Frank Mooney was visiting his grandmother at Bellingwood, she presented him with a fine Waltham gold watch, which had been carried by her son, the late Conductor Frank Berry, for thirty-two years in charge of a passenger train between Collingwood and Toronto. Mr. Mooney values the watch very highly, not only for its intrinsic value, but for the fact that it was carried for so long by his uncle.

Become a Member if not One Already

The officers of Acton Horticultural Society are now busily engaged in their annual canvass for members. The Society had over 200 members enrolled last year, and hope to increase the membership this year. Every additional member means more flowers and more general attractiveness of the town. Members have the privilege of purchasing through the Society; geraniums and other bedding plants at low rates. Arrangements are also being made for addresses on horticulture by experts.

An Attractive Spectacle

On Sunday evening, with the hoar frost crystallizing on every shrub and tree, the myriads of telephone and electric light wires, on fence and building outlines, the view was pretty indeed. Then with the light from the street lamps scintilating through the spectacle produced a veritable fairy land. The effect of the numerous lights which illuminate the lawns at Sunderland House through the apple trees, evergreens and shrubbery was greatly admired by the hundreds of citizens going to and from church. Nature is indeed a wonderfully skilful artist.

The Home Bank's Affairs

Having already been paid 26% of their claims, it is unfortunate that it will be a long time before Home Bank depositors receive another payment from the estate of the bank, and it is doubtful if more than another fifteen per cent, will be realized—even if it goes that high. Nothing further can be secured for the depositors until mortgages held by the bank are in some way realized on. Large parts of the property, which will eventually return some part of the defunct bank's loans, are located in British Columbia, and cannot be satisfactorily dealt with in the near future.

"A Maker of Men"

The last of the series of motion pictures, shown under the auspices of the Young People's Guild of Knox Church, was shown on Monday evening. It was a film of an educative and inspiring character, under the title, "A Maker of Men." Rev. Mr. Stewart gave an interesting synopsis of the picture and the lessons taught. The series has been full of interest throughout and attracted large audiences when presented. In addition to the picture a duett was sung by Messrs. Victor Rumley and Leon Worden, and Miss Viola Rumley presided at the piano for the musical sections of the film.

February Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Emma Hawthorne, Beardmore Crescent. The meeting was opened with a short prayer by Mrs. J. E. Nelson. At the roll call a good number answered to their names. A sewing class and a summer meeting were arranged for. Mrs. James McMillan gave a splendid paper on "The Woman Who Could Not Understand," which was enjoyed by all. Miss Hawthorne contributed an article on "The Atmosphere," which all appreciated. After repeating in concert the Lord's prayer, a social half hour was spent, and a dainty lunch was served by the social committee.

Former Acton Musicians Still Busy

The Hastings Star says: "On Wednesday evening, February 20, the Athletic Association are putting on a concert in the town hall. This concert will be in charge of Mr. Neil MacDonald and Mr. Alex. Shand, two new artists to our town, from Acton, who are arranging the complete programme. The proceeds are to go towards clearing off the indebtedness against the Association, a statement of the finances will appear shortly. Fuller announcements later." Respecting a public welcome, tendered by the town last week to Warden Foulds, Reeve of Hastings, the Star also says: "Mr. Shand, a newcomer to our town, and a master of the violin, gave a couple of selections on the violin, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Neil MacDonald, also a newcomer, delighted the audience with a couple of solos, in fine voice. Miss Carrie Doxsee acted as accompanist, in her usual proficient and graceful manner."

The C. G. I. T. Girls Show How

The Canadian Girls in Training, under the supervision of their instructress, Miss Clara E. Moore, gave a very interesting demonstration of the work of the society at the meeting of the Young People's League on Monday evening. They first manifested their lack of training at an organization meeting, at which there was an absence of decorum and respect, accompanied by gum-chewing and other unladylike exploits. This was followed by a demonstration of a meeting of the C. G. I. T. properly conducted with a lady-like procedure, sensible speeches and helpful resolutions. A pretty pageant followed, by which it was vividly shown how the character, conduct and aspirations of the girl members are directed and encouraged through the training inculcated by this very helpful course of same and practical effort. The girls who took part were: Misses Clara Savage, Gwen Muddock, Emma Little, Minnie Blair, Beatrice Blair, Madeline Masales, Olive McLaughlin, Mona Smith, Florence Mills, Nellie Reesor, Doris Scarrow, Dora Lambert. Solos were given by Misses Nellie Reesor and Olive McLaughlin, and Miss Bennett, Principal of the Public School, gave an interesting talk on the stars, in connection with the meeting.

Ten Years' Experience as Inspector

School Inspector Denyes Presents Facts and Figures of Interest to Halton People

TEACHERS' SALARY TEN YEARS AGO AVERAGED $640, WHILE TO-DAY THEY AVERAGE $1,114

The annual report of J. M. Denyes, B. A., Public School Inspector, presented at the meeting of the County Council last week, was a review of the tenth year of his inspectorate. Naturally some comparisons are made with the figures of his first report. There are certain interesting details which invite the attention of all who are interested in the cause of education in Halton county.

Mr. Denyes reports as follows: In the rural schools of this county, only three teachers are on the staff who taught in the county in 1913, and in the urban schools there are but twelve. Two new sections were formed, at 15 Nelson, and at No. 17 Esquesing, at Milton Heights, a Union Section with the township of Nassagaweya. Additional teachers have been needed at Nos. 1 and 6, Nassagaweya, and at Bronte. In Burlington the staff has increased from six to thirteen teachers, and at Oakville from seven to fifteen. Other features in the comparison may be seen in the following paragraphs:

Number of Teachers in the county: 1913, 94; 1923, 120.

Enrollment of Pupils in Esquesing township: 1913, 699; 1923, 701.

Enrollment of Pupils in Nassagaweya township: 1913, 431; 1923, 414.

Enrollment of Pupils in Nelson township: 1913, 474; 1923, 552.

Enrollment of Pupils in Trafalgar township: 1913, 676; 1923, 596.

Enrollment of Pupils in urban schools: 1913, 1,948; 1923, 2,566.

Total Enrollment in county: 1913, 4,228; 1923, 4,829.

Total Average Attendance: 1913, 2,621; 1923, 3,280.

Total salaries paid teachers: 1913, $56,100; 1923, $130,175.

Average salary in Rural Schools: 1913, $562; 1923, $1,050.

Average salary in urban schools: 1913, $649; 1923, $1,114.

Legislative grants for all purposes: 1913, $5,897.36; 1923, $22,146.12.

Total expenditures by Boards: 1913, $79,957.05; 1923, $227,021.54.

Estimated value of school buildings and sites: 1913: $171,701.00; 1923, $555,670.00.

Cost of maintenance per enrolled pupil per year in rural schools: 1913, $20.50; 1923, $40.30.

Cost of maintenance per enrolled pupil per year in urban schools: 1913, $17.00; 1923, $31.57.

It becomes increasingly evident to me that the highest evidence of the efficiency of our Public Schools is not necessarily to be found in the acquiring of information in the Public School courses, nor even in the facility with which the practical work in these subjects is accomplished. The highest success is found rather in the degree in which the boys and girls are imbued with the ideals of honor, truth and morality, and trained in habits of industry, application and clear thinking. It is these ideals and habits which make for good citizenship, and that is the ultimate objective of all our teaching. The school room sees the kind of organized life that ought to give play to the natural impulses of children towards self-expression. It becomes the function of the teacher to see that these impulses receive wholesome direction and that the whole spirit of the school is such as will lead to harmony and good-will among all. It is thus really that permanent impressions will be made upon character.

It goes without saying that the environment should be as attractive and inspiring as possible. Every feature of his surroundings has a re-action upon the child's mind, and it is certain that these early re-actions have the strongest influence.

Every effort should be made to see that the physical conditions of the school and premises should be not only attractive but also stimulative of regard and pride. School accommodations have a very direct bearing upon the success of school work. Lighting, heating, ventilation—these are all of great importance.

The school grounds play no small part in the training of pupils. In their recreation boys and girls find opportunity of developing and exercising the qualities of self-discipline and control, of unselfishness and co-operation which will play a large part in their after life.

Both teachers and trustees should be seized with the importance of these factors in child-training. In conclusion, may I hope that all who are responsible for the administration of our schools, either inside the school or out, will give the situation that confronts them the most serious and practical consideration.

OBITUARY

MRS. HARRY JANES, of Blyth

Mrs. William Kelly was called to Burlington last month owing to the serious illness of her mother, who was living at the home of Mrs. W. P. Kelly, of that town. Mrs. Janes, who was in her 74th year, died on January 13. She had not been in good health for some time. She lived in Acton with Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly for a year or so. Her home was in Blyth. Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, Messrs. Michael, Thomas and Martin Kelly and Misses Rachael and Sarah Kelly attended the funeral at Burlington from Acton.

WILLIAM COOPER, SR.

Last Thursday death ended the suffering of William Cooper, Sr., one of our oldest residents. Mr. Cooper had been suffering for some time from diabetes and dropsy, and his passing away was a looked-for relief to himself. He was born on lot 32, concession 5, Esquesing, seventy years ago, and resided there until he retired from farming and came to Acton ten or twelve years ago. His last days were spent with his daughter, Mrs. John Hilton and husband, at their home on Young Street. Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Sarah Jane Neer, of Ballinafad. She pre-deceased her husband forty-five years ago. Four children were left, all of whom reside in Acton, W. M. Cooper, merchant tailor, Fred Cooper, farmer, and Mrs. John Hilton. Mrs. Gavin Cree, another daughter, died twelve years ago. Mr. Cooper was a friendly man, a good neighbor, and always loyal to his community. He attended the Presbyterian Church. The funeral on Saturday afternoon was conducted by Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., assisted by Rev. Charles Hackett. Interment was made in the family plot at Ballinafad.

GEORGE MILLMER, M. P. P.
For Halton
Who took his seat at the opening of the Session of the Legislature Yesterday

Oakville's Bridge "Crack" Explained

The Engineers Say it is Expansion Which was Provided for

It was understood that the new bridge over the Sixteen Mile Creek, on the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, would be formally opened for traffic on Thursday, but owing to climatic changes the earth fill has been an impossibility. The opening has therefore been postponed until next week or some later date.

There remains yet several feet of earth to be filled in at the west end of the bridge. Crushed stone was being placed on the new roadway on the east end, but was taken up again as the fill was still sinking. A large quantity of stone is being placed in a convenient location for spreading on the roadway when it is deemed ready.

The cleavage at the expansion joint at the east end of the bridge grows greater daily. Many theories are advanced as to the why and wherefore of this unfortunate condition, but our engineering knowledge is not sufficiently acute for us to pass an opinion. In the meantime the bridge is a source of inspection and wonder.—Oakville News.

On Monday and Tuesday engineers examined the bridge. S. A. Cummiford, engineer for the Toronto and Hamilton highway commission, states that the so-called crack near the easterly end of the bridge is not a crack at all.

"The bridge is of the cantilever type," he says, "and at either end there is an approach span fifteen feet in length. One end of the approach span is supported by two re-inforced concrete posts, and the other end rests on the end of the cantilever. Between the end of the main bridge and the end of the approach span is an expansion joint, two inches in width, which was left when the bridge was built. The weight and pressure of the new fill required to raise the grade of the roadway to the same elevation as the bridge caused a certain amount of movement to the concrete posts which supported the east end of the east approach span, and allowed this span to settle. This settlement, in turn, caused the expansion joint to open at the top, the result being what is generally termed the 'crack.'

"On Friday and Saturday the east end of the short span was jacked up, and the expansion joint was closed to its original width."

—The Carnival, on February 16, has an extra good list of events and prizes.

Coming Entertainments

Versatile in Character Varied in Interest; All with Attractive Features

February 14—The Acton Baseball Club will hold a Valentine concert on Thursday, evening, with an excellent programme by local artists, and Acton Citizens' Band. The officers of the re-organized club are determined to make a success of the coming season, and provide real enjoyable baseball games by well-trained players. They will endeavor to earn the approval and hearty patronage of the community.

February 16—A masked carnival will be held in Acton rink on Saturday afternoon and evening, with an all-around programme of interest. A hockey match will open the carnival at 4 p. m. Good prizes are offered for costumes and impersonators. Acton Citizens Band will discourse music. A moccasin dance for those in fancy costume will be a feature of the carnival.

February 29—Leap Year will be emphasized by the Sons of England with a leap year dance in the town hall on Friday evening, February 29. Rigby's Orchestra will provide music. The committee to superintend the event is: Messrs. Little, Scarrow, Massey and Snider.

March 5 and 6—The Band Minstrel Show will be held in the town hall on these dates. The Band is going to make this concert a real old-fashioned negro show and they claim to have a programme in course of preparation that would make any southern company green with envy.

CANADA ON TOP

Chamonix, France, Feb. 3—Wild enthusiasm greeted the result of the final game of the Olympic hockey series here to-day, in which Canada defeated the United States 6-1, without any great difficulty. The Canadian team was evidently very superior and on its showing and to-day's results Canada wins once more the amateur championship of the world and retains its supremacy in hockey.

The Value of Co-Operation

The Hanover Post gives particulars of encouraging results of co-operation in handling the products of the farmers' poultry yards in that locality. The annual meeting of the Tara Egg Circle was held recently. The Circle has completed its ninth year, and has had a gradual increase in members and business. Altogether, last year, 50,542 dozen eggs were marketed from 136 members. The net proceeds of these were $15,165.32, or an average of 36c per dozen. The Circle sent exhibits of eggs to Toronto and Ottawa Exhibitions and were successful in winning almost all the premium awards. The officers and members were gratified to know that the Circle had completed the most successful year of its existence.

The Standing of the Public School Pupils

At the First Examinations for the New Year at Acton School

A HEALTHY EFFORT TO WIN PLACES ON THE HONOR ROLL

The following is the first report of honor roll standing in Acton Public School for the New Year:

Senior Fourth
Gladys Scarrow, 279; Ada Mills, 271; Ethel James, 270.

Junior Fourth
Frank Cook, 272; Mae Stewart, 246; Phoebe Amory, 245. Total 400.
M. Z. Bennett, Teacher.

Senior Third
George Cook, 405; Mildred Hollinger, 404; Doris Maddock, 397; Meryl Grindell, 397. Total 500.
D. Folster, Teacher.

Junior Third
Allan Marshall, 542; Kathleen Molozzi, 515; Bert Gibbons, 513. Total 650.
M. R. Moore, Teacher.

Senior Second
Gordon Currie, 349; Howard Switzer, 339; Lorna McComb, 331.

Junior Second
Isabel Bruce, 331; Kathleen Stewart, 304; Kathleen McComb, 280. Total 400.
I. Anderson, Teacher.

Junior Second
Adabel Brown, 319; Mary Gibbons, 304; Lois Atkinson, 300. Total 400.

Senior First
Tommy Nicol, 394; Teddy Elliott, 379; Isabel Switzer, 366.

Junior First
May Bruce, 358; Ella Woods, 310; Charles Waterhouse, 305. Total 500.
Ojla B. Armstrong, Teacher.

First Class
George Molozzi, 189; Doris Holloway, 159; Joe McCann, 156. Total 250.

Senior Primary
Wilfred McCutcheon, 156; Harvey Hassard, 154; Isabel Bruce, 102. Total 200.
N. Anderson, Teacher.

Primary
A—Jack Smith, 18; Lorraine Wilson, 17; Elsie Anderson, 16.
B—Marguerite Currie, 19; Dorothy Coxe, 18; Norman Scarrow, 17.
C—Grace Lantz, 18; Harry Burak, 17; Jimmie O'Shea, 14. Total 20.
B. Gardiner, Teacher.

Police Court News

Druggists who appear in Toronto police Court, charged with selling liquor, are to be more severely dealt with in future by Magistrate Jones. A number of such cases were before His Worship last week, and he issued the following warning: "The only way to stop this sort of thing is by severity. I want to make it plain to every druggist in town that if he sells liquor the fine for the first offence will be $300. On a second conviction his license will be cancelled."

Police Constable Melville, of Guelph, has sworn out an information against a man of that city, charging him with obtaining three prescriptions in one day, from three different physicians, and attempting to cash them in at the Government vendor's at Hamilton. The alleged offender will appear before Magistrate Watt to give an explanation as to why he required so much liquor at one time.

Edward Vernum, 19 years of age, who pleaded guilty a week ago to the theft of $14 from William Newstead, an Eramosa township farmer, for whom he was working, was brought before Magistrate Watt on Friday and sentenced to a term of three months certain, and thereafter to an indefinite period of not more than three months in the Ontario Reformatory.

The Entrance Examinations

The Number of Successful Candidates is Growing Annually

A feature of the excellent report of J. M. Denyes, B. A., Inspector of Public Schools for this county, is an analysis of the results of High School Entrance examinations the past year, and a comparative table for the past ten years. He says:

At this examination there were 400 candidates in June, 1923. Of 60 candidates writing at Acton, 52 were successful, at Burlington 50 out of 74, at Georgetown 55 out of 72, at Milton 83 out of 97, and at Oakville 98 out 107. The honor of the highest standing in the county at this examination was won by Ivan Ashbury, a pupil of Oakville Central School.

It is a significant thing that the number of unsuccessful candidates at this examination in proportion to the total enrollment of pupils in the county has increased markedly in the last ten years. The record is as follows:

	Enrolment	Successful	Per Candidates cent.
1913	4,228	132	3.1
1915	4,463	163	3.7
1917	4,346	206	4.7
1919	4,443	201	4.5
1921	4,739	268	5.7
1922	4,881	320	6.6
1923	4,829	344	7.1

These figures would seem to indicate that secondary education is becoming more popular among both parents and pupils. Doubtless some type of secondary education will soon become the invariable rule for all children capable of taking advantage of it.

Recent Compulsory Attendance Acts have no doubt had some bearing on the increasing number of candidates for entrance into the High Schools.

Grants to High Schools

The County Council Grants to High Schools and Mothers' Allowances

At the meeting of the County Council last week the following grants were made to High Schools:

Burlington	$4,919 82
Georgetown	2,363 11
Streetsville	497 43
Milton	9,337 87
Oakville	6,952 84
Brampton	445 83
Waterdown	597 72
	$25,004 61

Acton Continuation School and the Guelph Collegiate Institute will get their grants later. A claim from Hamilton Collegiate Institute was laid over for more information.

The amount ordered to be paid to the Mothers' Allowances Commission for November and December was $950.

Two by-laws were passed, one to increase the salary of the caretaker of the county buildings from $150 to $300, and the other to add the Norval and Terra Cotta road, lots 10 to 12 inclusive, on the town line between Esquesing and Chinguacousy, to the county road system.

Social and Personal

Mrs. A. Reesor spent the week-end in Hamilton.

Mr. Charles Hynds spent the week-end in town.

Mr. John Clarke, Jr., of Port Credit, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Bertie Smith was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Mr. James Ross was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Mr. Angus Kennedy was home from Toronto for the week-end.

Miss Etta Dills was home from Toronto for the week-end.

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

Mr. Lloyd Kenney was home from Toronto over the week-end.

Mr. Harold Bricker spent the week-end at his home in Preston.

Mr. Roy Brown was home from Hamilton for the week-end.

Dr. Harold Mowat, of Orillia, spent a few days at his home here.

Mr. Edgar Rath, of St. George, visited Acton friends during the week.

Miss Ruth Strausser, of Guelph, spent a day or so last week in town.

Mr. George Stoneman, of Toronto, was a visitor in town over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Soper, of Preston, are visiting at the parental home here.

Misses Olive and Marie Mowat, of Toronto, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. J. McCutcheon of Oapring, visited Mrs. Hilton and other friends during the week.

Mrs. J. D. Torrie, of Orangeville, was the guest of her brother, Mr. D. H. Young, last week.

Miss Nora Statham, of Brantford, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. George Edwards.

Mr. Reginald Johnstone and Miss Doris, of Galt, spent the week-end with Acton relatives.

Mr. George Soper left on Monday for Rochester, N. Y., where he will spend a month with relatives.

Mrs. W. K. Graham, who has been suffering from pleuro-pneumonia for the past few weeks, is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Coyne and Miss Coyne, of Brampton, were guests during the week at the home of Mr. N. F. Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wansbrough, of Fergus, visited at the home of Mr. R. H. Wansbrough, Lake Avenue, last week.

City Engineer H. S. Nicklin, Mrs. Nicklin and Mary, of Guelph, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nicklin.

Mrs. John A. Smith, Wallace Avenue, who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks, is now slowly convalescing.

Mr. George Hynds, who has been confined to his room for many weeks, has been in a critical condition the past few days.

Councillor M. Near, of Georgetown, was here on Saturday attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, the late William Cooper.

Mr. William Robertson sent a day or so last week with his mother in the Scotch Block. This fine old lady is in her eighty-eighth year.

Mr. Wilfrid McDonald, was here from Detroit for a few days last week, visiting his father, Mr. Wm. McDonald, fourth line, who has been seriously ill.

Mrs. Thomas Statham returned home from Guelph on Monday evening, after spending about a week there with her daughter, Mrs. H. Strausser.

Mrs. E. L. James has left for Pennsylvania with Master Lloyd, to be with her mother, who is seriously ill. While there she will visit other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brankley, of Chatham, N. B., made a brief visit with their sister, Mrs. Geo. Chapman, this week. Mr. Brankley was a delegate to the Lumbermen's Convention held at Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. John M. Bond, Gore Lawn, Guelph, announces the engagement of her elder daughter, Caroline Agnes, to Mr. John Turner Lownsbrough, Toronto, the marriage to take place quietly on Saturday, February 23rd, at St. George's Church, Guelph.

—Moccasin dancing, skating, races, hockey at the Carnival at Acton rink on February 16.

Norwood Register Destroyed by Fire

Fire from an Adjacent Building Set Fire to this Fine Plant

Norwood, Feb. 3—The fine brick building and plant of the Norwood Register newspaper, owned by J. G. Keefer and Son, was totally destroyed by a fire, which broke out about five o'clock Sunday morning, in a nearby building, owned by Hugh McDonald, and occupied by M. H. Lonsberry as a butcher shop. The building on the other side of the butcher shop, owned by the Pearce estate, and occupied by F. A. Webb as a carriage shop, and Geo. A. Hamblyn as an auto tire repair shop, was also burned.

The Register Building was a modern, well-equipped newspaper home, erected by Messrs. Keefer.

The butcher shop, a large two-storey building, was a mass of flames when discovered. Consequently little or nothing was saved from the Register office, and the loss is a heavy one.

The Free Press extends sincere sympathy to its valued contemporary in the serious loss sustained.

—The big event of the season—Acton's Carnival, at the rink, on Saturday, February 16.

Church Union Bill in Manitoba House

Only One Dissenter Among the Members at First Reading

Winnipeg, February 1—Following a statement by J. T. Haig, Conservative, to the effect that Rev. Dr. Gandier, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, has been authorized as the official head of the church, to petition the Legislatures of the Dominion in favor of passage of the Church Union Bill, the measure was introduced and given first reading in the Legislature on Thursday.

Only John Queen, Labor leader, dissented.