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.

MARRIED

SOMERVILLE-ARMSTRONG—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on Saturday, December 20, 1924, by the Rev. J. Culp, Olla Blanche Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, of Brussels, to George Ilay, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe Somerville, Acton.

DIED

SHORTILL—Suddenly, at Aurora, on Monday, December 22, 1924, Edward E. Shortill, formerly of Ballinafad, in his 47th year.

NEILSON—In Esquesing, on Wednesday, December 17, 1924, Mary Ann McEwen, beloved wife of J. Neilson, in her 50th year.

BLAIR—Suddenly, at Guelph, on Monday, December 22, 1924, Annie Hustings, widow of the late Rev. Arch. Blair, D. D., of Nassagaweya.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1924

Brief Local Items

—It's Christmas.

—Coal continues to come in fairly plentifully.

—This is the last issue of the Free Press for 1924.

—This is real orthodox old-fashioned Christmas weather.

—Kindly renew before next week if your label reads "Dec. 1924."

—Good morning! Have you renewed your Free Press subscription?

—Jolly crowds, parcel laden, have filled the stores all this week.

—Christmas bells, Christmas trees, Christmas odors on the breeze.

—This is the morning when no one is ashamed of having a big stocking.

—The schools closed on Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

—Good morning! Merry Christmas will be the salutation everywhere to-day.

—The school pupils have been enjoying many a sleigh ride the past week.

—Make it go-to-church Sunday after enjoying your Christmas holidays so fully.

—The Christmas dolls all gay and sweet, will be seen to-day on every street.

—The mercury took its first dip to zero on the first day of winter—Sunday morning.

—The town of Fergus is talking seriously of erecting a $100,000 High School building.

—The low temperatures of the past week have given the coal bins an emaciated appearance.

—Christmas trees have been much in evidence the past week. The climax will be reached to-day.

—Lorne School observed the Christmastide season with an enjoyable box social on Friday afternoon.

—The annual meeting of Acton Fall Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 7, at 2.30 in the afternoon.

—A good many sleighs and cutters have replaced the motor cars. They certainly seem more seasonable.

—Everybody at our house wishes everybody at your house a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—Of all the Merry Christmas days you've known in old December, may this one be the happiest, the best you can remember.

—George Lants, Warden of Waterloo County, was presented with a gold watch by the members of the County Council last week.

—There has been an abundance of geese, ducks and chickens for sale in town during the week, but turkeys have been scarce.

—Oh! holly branch and mistletoe, and Christmas chimes where'er we go, and stockings pinned up in a row, those are thy gifts, December!

—Mr. Hooper, a student from McMaster University took charge of the services at the Baptist Church here and at Churchill on Sunday.

—May the end of a perfect day be yours when this evening's stars appear; and may every day be a perfect day to the end of a perfect year.

—Tender and joyful were the Christmas messages presented from the various pulpits last Sunday. The Christmas spirit abounded everywhere.

—At the Warden's Dinner at Milton last week it was officially announced that George Hillmer, M. P. P., of Oakville, would not seek re-election as Reeve.

—Mr. and Mrs. Crewson McLaughlin received a box of fine oranges from their son, Fred, from Lakeland, Florida. This makes a fine Christmas greeting for the home folks.

—If farmers generally would have their names and the names of their farms painted on their mail boxes the people driving past would regard them and their places more favorably.

—The Christmas greeting cards have been coming and going through the mails for several days in large volume. They convey happy messages to many hearts, and are generally appreciated.

—The snow has downed the motor cars very effectually. Hardly a wheel is turning about here. The sleighs and cutters with their merry bells are however, a welcome change from the odors of spent gasoline.

—The liberal mantle of snow and the numerous sleighs, with their merry sleigh bells, which have been prevalent the past few days, have given the Christmas season a spirit of reality not always experienced these recent years.

—It isn't the wreaths in the windows, it isn't the shining tree, or the children wrapt and waiting, brings Christmas to you and to me. It's the marvelous self-forgetting. It's the thoughts we are sending far, it's our hearts aglow, uplifting, it's a wonderful guiding star.

—Mr. Richard Harris, of Rockwood, remembered the editor with a pretty Christmas calendar bearing a photographic view of the old Rockwood Academy, where he was a student fifty years ago. He also brought views of the big Appleby bridge on the Dundas Street Highway, which our County Council erected at a cost of about $100,000.

—The Shoemaker's Hockey Club desire it to be known that all dances under their auspices will be run clean and properly chaperoned.—E. Coles, Secretary.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

LESLIE'S SCHOOL

The report of the examinations for December in Leslie's School, Erin, is as follows:

Class V.—Marjorie Reid.

Class IV.—L. Foreatell, Kathleen McKeown, Ida Cripps, Viola Allen, Hector McArthur.

Class III Sr.—Joseph Foreatell, Lawrence Foreatell, Calvin Aitken.

Class III Jr.—Lulu McCutcheon, Thyra Stone, Bessie Foreatell, Tommy Coole, Gordon Leslie, Annie Aitken.

Class II.—Lois Foreatell.

Class I.—Evelyn Pearen, Elsie Nelson, Lloyd McKeown, Eveline Lambert.

Primer—Orval Stone, Jack Foreatell.

M. McDonald, Teacher

LORNE SCHOOL

The report of the Christmas examinations in Lorne School is as follows:

Jr. IV.—George Graff, Leona Waller, Leslie Swackhamer, Wilfred McEachren.

Sr. III. Barbara Guthrie, Verna Murray, Chrissie Swackhamer, Willie Harrop, Ted Harrop, Renetta Waller.

Jr. III.—Ruby Murray and Thelma Graff, equal, Roy Denny, Brandon Crewson, Corinne MacDonald, Harry Murray, Howard Graff (on trial).

Sr. II.—Pansy Troup.

Jr. II.—Laura Johnston, Wallace Swackhamer, Bob Anderson.

Sr. Pr.—Etta Swackhamer and Douglas Guthrie equal, Grace Graff.

Annie MacDonald, Teacher.

OAKVILLE

At the last meeting of the Council a resolution was presented, offering $700 on condition that the balance of the $1,400 deficit be raised by the Band Committee.

The report of the Chief of Police for the year shows that Police Magistrate Shields tried 200 cases during the year. Of these, 38 were for breach of town by-laws, 38 for violation of the Ontario Temperance Act, and 20 for theft.

"Whiskers" was the title of a one-act comedy which was cleverly presented by members of the A. Y. P. A. of St. Jude's Church in the Parish Hall on Monday evening.

The Proctor-McGuire case, which has created much local interest, was appealed on November 21, and brought before Judge Elliott, who upheld Magistrate Shields' decision, allowing it to stand against Proctor. Mr. Proctor threatened that he will carry the case to the Supreme Court.

ROCKWOOD

Mr. Archie Jamieson, who spent some time with his friend, Mr. James Whitside, at Sceptre, Sask., has returned home.

The December meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. William Harris and was a very interesting gathering.

Mr. George Lister, of the Rockwood line died on Tuesday night from an attack of pneumonia. We was ill about a week. Mr. Lister was 49 years of age.

Mr. Robert Croft stands high as a distinguished judge on live stock. He succeeded in winning first prize for judging dairy cattle at the Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, first prize and gold medal at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, and second prize at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

The 16th of December was a red-letter day in the family history of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Passmore, this being the day of their golden wedding anniversary. They were married by Rev. James Little, formerly of Nassagaweya, at the home of Mr. William Torrance, blacksmith, Rockwood, the bride's father. They have spent the whole of their wedded life in Rockwood, and have enjoyed many blessings. Four sons and three daughters bless the union. Ernest died several years ago, but the other members of the family survive, as follows: Frank, of Boise, Idaho; Will, on the homestead; Fred, Simcoe, Ontario; Miss Jean, Cleveland; and Mrs. (Dr.) Clancy, Meford, Oregon; and Mrs. A. Carter, Brandon, Man. Their many friends join in offering Mr. and Mrs. Passmore hearty congratulations.

The annual Christmas Entertainment of the Presbyterian Church took place last Friday evening before a crowded house, and was well carried out by the young people who took part in the varied programme, consisting of choruses, recitations and dialogues. The chairman of the evening was Mr. N. Burns, the Superintendent. An address was given by Rev. J. U. Stewart, Pastor of the Church, and the evening was rounded up by the appearance of Santa Claus who distributed the numerous presents to the satisfaction of all. A silver collection was taken at the door.

The Continuation and Public School closed last Friday, and the teachers are away home for the holidays, after a strenuous term.

We are glad to have the presence at home again of Miss Edna Pearen, who has been teaching at Amherstburg since the Fall term opened. Miss Milroy, from Toronto, and Mr. George Torrance, who has been attending Mimico High School, are also at home. Miss Pearen took the C. E. Topic Sunday evening after the service. The subject was "Christmas in Poetry," and handled it in her usual pleasing manner.

Christmas sermons were the order of the day on Sunday. The Christmas Cantata at the Methodist Church was a success, and deserving a good turnout by the people of the community.

The annual Christmas Entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School took place on Monday evening in the Church. The Rev. Mr. Ditts was chairman for the occasion. The usual choruses, songs, recitations and a march by a class of boys were well given. Special mention is deserving of Gladys Peach's recitation, given in good form and emphasis. She recited the same piece Friday evening at the Presbyterian Sunday School Entertainment. At the close of the programme Santa Claus put in his appearance and in his pleasing manner distributed the presents.

Two of our local residents had their houses wired last week, and are enjoying the benefits of the Hydro Electric Power Commission.

We are sorry to hear of the mishap that befell Mr. and Mrs. Laing on the Dundas Highway last Thursday, near Cooksville. The truck they were traveling in, swerved in some manner, and went over, off the road, and they were considerably shaken up. We hope they will soon be able to be around and enjoy the Christmas festivities with the rest of us.

The weatherman is quite generous with the real kind of winter, and it makes it more like the Christmas season it ought to be.

The vote in connection with Church Union is taking place, in the Presbyterian Church. Let us hope that it will result in a closer bond of fellowship and goodwill among all classes of individuals. However, we must not hurry this undertaking too much, as we may do more harm than good. But let it work its way into the minds of the people, both young and old, until it is fully absorbed by the people who are advocating it, so that in time, it will be a blessing to all concerned.

CREWSONS CORNERS

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School Tuesday evening of last week, scored another success. The scholars acquitted themselves in their songs and recitations with much credit. Acton Methodist Sunday School Orchestra gave a generous programme of musical numbers which were greatly appreciated. An enjoyable tea was served by the ladies. Rev. Mr. Culp, the pastor, occupied the chair. He was in a very happy mood and kept the proceedings running in smooth and pleasing order. Mr. Charles Lambert, Superintendent, was in his element and no one was more gratified at the success achieved than he.

BALLINAFAD

The sad news reached this community on Monday of the death of Edward Shortill at Aurora. Mr. Shortill, who lived in Toronto, had established the Continental Match Factory at Aurora. His chemist, Mr. George D. Reid, and himself were engaged with a mixture of chemicals when an explosion took place. Mr. Shortill was terribly burned, and died while being conveyed to the hospital at Toronto. Mr. Reid was also painfully burned, but is not seriously injured, though his eyes are affected. Edward Shortill was the son of the late Richard Shortill. His mother died about three weeks ago and Edward attended the funeral. His wife Eva Bennett, survives him, and he has five brothers, William in London, Richard on the homestead, Henry in Erin, Joseph in the west and Robert, manual training master at Oakwood Collegiate, Toronto. About a year ago Mr. Shortill began the organization of the Continental Match Company, stock of which is held by a number of Toronto investors as well as in Aurora and neighborhood. The installation of a modern plant had just been completed.

GEORGETOWN

A large delegation of the members of Guelph Chapter visited Halton Chapter, Rt. A. M., at Georgetown, last Friday night on the occasion of the installing of the officers for the ensuing year. Rt. Ex. Comp. J. E. Marr, of Guelph, was the installing officer, assisted by others, and the work was presented in such a manner as to earn warm compliments from all attending. Ex. Comp. J. T. Cameron, agent of the Canadian National Railways at Guelph, was installed as First Principal of Halton Chapter. The reception accorded him was a demonstration of his popularity here. Despite his removal to Guelph he will be able to attend regularly to the duties of the chapter. Following the exercises in the lodge room, all adjourned to the arena assembly hall where a magnificent supper was arranged. Here Rt. Ex. Comp Kenneth Dunstan, Second Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was the principal speaker, and his message was listened to with delight by all. Among the entertainers from Guelph were Pro. Bro. Harry Holgate and Bro. J. Goulding.

NASSAGAWEYA

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kingsbury, of Oxbow, Sask., are visiting with friends in Nassagaweya.

Miss Mary Darby, of Knatchbull, is spending Christmas with her uncle, Mr. Dan Kingsbury, at Dundas.

Nassagaweya Municipal Nominations for the election of Reeve and Councillors will be held next Monday in the Township Hall, Brookville.

The Christmas pageant, "The Bethlehem Star" will be presented in Ebenezer Church next Sunday evening.

The annual School Trustees meetings will be held in the various sections next Wednesday, the 31st inst.

The annual Christmas tree held in Ebenezer Church on Tuesday evening was a decided success. Members of the Young People's League and Sunday School were in charge of the programme which consisted of songs, choruses, dialogues, instrumental numbers, and drills. A feature of particular interest was given by a group of girls from S.S. No. 9, in which Scotland, Ireland, England and Canada were represented. There was a good attendance and everyone reports a good time.

Death came very suddenly on Monday to Mrs. Annie Blair, widow of the late Dr. Archibald Blair, for many years pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Nassagaweya. While carrying out some garbage boxes from her residence on Exhibition Street, Mrs. Blair was seized with a paralytic stroke, and was discovered lying in the yard by neighbors. She passed away shortly after being carried into her home. Her husband, Rev. Dr. Blair, predeceased her a year and a half ago, and an only son died shortly after his return from overseas, where he served with the Canadian forces. The late Mrs. Blair was born in Blenheim Township, Oxford County. She was in her 87th year and had resided in Guelph for the last nine or ten years, since the retirement of Dr. Blair from the Nassagaweya Church.

CHURCHILL

There will be a lot of home comings for Christmas holidays here this week.

One of the most meritorious and enjoyable Sunday School entertainments given at the church here was held on Tuesday evening. Everything had a Christmas flavor from the Christmas Tree, and on through the programme of songs, choruses, dialogues and drills. The scholars acquitted themselves with very great credit and nearly every member of the school took part in the long list of entertaining numbers. The little tots did well in their recitations and dialogues, the older ones in their songs, choruses and drills, and the grownups excelled themselves, even to Andy Murray as conductor of the "Loontown Passenger Train," and Hughie McCutcheon, in his roll of Santa Claus. The star drill by eight girls was an exceptionally fine number. The marching and the intricate evolutions and pretty songs were fine and worthy a place on any platform. All of this meant much time and painstaking effort on the part of the workers of the school and upon Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. Robert Kerr, Miss Edna McCutcheon, Miss Graff and others devolved the responsibility for accomplishing such happy results.

The programme was preceded by a sumptious repast provided by the ladies of the church and was enjoyed by all.

The climax of the entertainment was the unloading of the Christmas Tree which was beautifully decorated and well laden. Every scholar of the school was remembered, and the children present who were not members also received an ample quota.

Leslie Swackhamer, who had his right arm fractured last week, and who had been practising prior to the accident, courageously attended and took his part well.

Mr. H. P. Moore, Acton, occupied the chair, as he has done so often at entertainments here during the past 35 or 40 years.

Miss Catharine Reid, sister of Mr. Robert Reid, third line, Erin, had the misfortune on Sunday to fall at the back door of her home, in Erin Village, and fracture her thigh. She was taken to the Western Hospital, Toronto, for treatment.

Shoemaker's Hockey Club Dance

The Shoemaker's Hockey Club will hold a dance in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 31. Prizes of silver cups will be given for the best dancing couple and there will be novelty dances.

Selling Cigarettes on the Sabbath

The police have received notification to the effect that several of the drug stores of the city have been making a practice of selling cigarettes on Sunday, contrary to law in that connection. Detective Green made a round of the various drug stores of the city on Friday morning and issued stringent warnings to the druggists with regard to the practice.—Guelph Mercury.

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"All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him.

"Your reputation and your future are in his hands.

"All your work is for him, and the fate of the nation and of humanity is in his hands.

"So it might be well to pay him some attention."—Reading Bulletin.

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Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have been advised that they will receive free of charge a beautiful calendar for 1925 with a most attractive picture in colors entitled. "The Sale of Old Dobbin." When one considers that the subscription price of this big 72 page family and farm journal is only $2.00 per year, one is amazed by the value received, but with a beautiful picture calendar thrown in, the value is indeed superlative.

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VILLAGE OF ACTON

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF BY-LAWS

Notice is hereby given that the two following by-laws were passed by the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton on the fifteenth day of December, 1924, viz: By-law number 570 providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of $3,500.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the installation and laying of additional waterworks mains; and by-law number 571 for the purpose of connecting up the municipal waterworks system with the fire pumps of the Acton Tanning Company; and for the installation of a chlorinating system; and that such by-laws were registered in the Registry Office for the County of Halton on the seventeenth day of December 1924 as numbers 298 and 300 respectively.

Any motion to quash or set aside either of the said by-laws or any part thereof must be made within three months after the first publication of this notice and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated the 25th day of December, 1924
26-33 H. N. FARMER, Clerk

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT WATSON, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Retired Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the above named Robert Watson, deceased, who died on or about the fifteenth day of November, 1924, at the Village of Acton in the County of Halton, are required to send by post prepaid or otherwise deliver to the undersigned solicitor for the executors of the said deceased, on or before the fifth day of January, 1925, their names, addresses, full particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, all duly verified by statutory declaration.

And notice is further given that after the said last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and they will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice has not been received at the time of such distribution.

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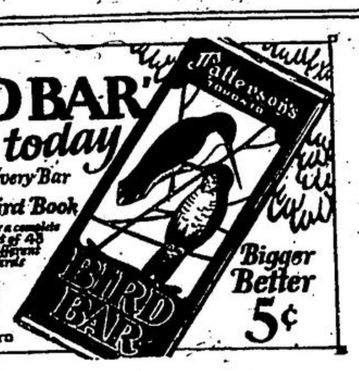

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NOTICE
To Tax Defaulters

Ratepayers are hereby notified that according to By-law Number 559, passed on July 14th, 1924, on all taxes in arrear after December 31st, 1924, there will be charged interest at the rate of 6% per annum, in ADDITION to the 5% penalty already imposed.

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2. Carol ..... "On Christmas Day"
3. Solo (Recitative) "And the Angel Gabriel" ..... Miss Bertie Smith
4. Chorus ..... "He shall be Great"
5. Chorus (with bass and soprano solo) ..... "My Soul doth Magnify"
6. Carol ..... "Christmas Bells"
7. Chorus, and bass solo ..... "Good Tidings"
8. Carol ..... "The Wondrous Story"
9. Tenor and Baritone Solos ..... "Arise, Shine"
10. Chorus ..... "Cry Out and Shout"
11. Carol ..... "The Star of Bethlehem"
12. Bass and Soprano Solos and Chorus ..... "When Jesus was Born"
13. Carol ..... "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh"
14. Chorus ..... "Break forth into Joy"
15. Carol ..... "Ring out, O Bells"

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