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THE METHODIST CHURCH ACTON

REV. JOSEPH CULP, Pastor
Parsonage—Willow St.

11:00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Building up Character." Baptism of children at morning service.
2:30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7:00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Marks of the New Birth."

PRESBYTERIAN KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Parsonage—Willow Street

11:00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "An Outline of the Earthly Life of Jesus."
2:30 p. m.—Bible Class. Studies in Matthew, Chapter 23.
7:00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "The Penalty of Loyalty."

Strangers leaving addresses with the usher will be called upon by the Pastor.

Special Notices

Advertisements in this column at cost per word. Minimum charge, 50c per insertion.

HOUSE TO RENT
On Seeno Street. Enquire of
MRS. WATERHOUSE,
Last House on Seeno St.

WANTED
Bargain table in the round, 37" or 55" long, 1" and up top. Advise
KEENE BROTHERS, LTD.,
26-4 Owen Sound

WANTED AT ONCE
To do general housework. Apply to
MRS. J. B. MacKENZIE,
Georgetown.

COW FOR SALE
Durham grade, due January 14.
Test 4.2. Apply to
J. B. LESLIE,
Lot 5, first line, Erin

FOR SALE
A quantity of Primulas, all in bloom.
35c per plant, in pots. Apply to
H. BISHOP,
Fairview Ave.

TENDERS WANTED
For six cords of wood, four of maple and two of beech or all maple, two-foot lengths, for Lovers School. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be received by the undersigned until January 20.
A. A. WORDEN, Secretary.

AUCTION SALE
Paul G. Kennedy will hold an auction sale of 100 sheep and 15 lambs at 10 o'clock, following the morning of the sale, at Acton, near Stop 79, on Thursday, January 22 at two o'clock. Terms nine months.
R. J. KERR, Auctioneer,
29-2 Phone 36, Acton.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of the late James Matthews desire to express sincere thanks for the kind sympathy of their many friends on the occasion of the sorrow which has been sent to them in the loss of their beloved father. They also wish to voice their appreciation of the floral tokens being given at half past, and respect paid by the merchants in town in closing their business places during the funeral services.

FARM FOR SALE
45 Farms in the counties of Elton and Wellington, varying from 40 to 200 acres. List and map sent you on request. A number of homes and business places in Acton for sale. Money to Loan. Life and Fire Insurance. Money to Loan.
J. A. SMITH, Real Estate Agent, Acton, Ont.
Phone 105.

Week-End Specials

COCOANUT CREAMS
Cocoanut Creams in Vanilla, Maple and Strawberry flavor, dipped in chocolate. Regular 40c lb. Week-end Special, 32c lb.

ASSORTED CHOCOLATES
Assorted Chocolates in soft and hard centres. Regular 40c and 50c lb. Week-end Special, 32c lb.

A LARGE VARIETY OF BISCUITS
Try a pound of our Biscuits. We have sixteen kinds to choose from.

We carry a full line of Ice Cream Bricks.

Mill Street - H. WILES

We Close Every Wednesday Afternoon

HARRISON'S

Bargains

SLIPPERS
\$2.00 for \$1.60 \$1.50 for \$1.20 \$1.25 for \$1.00
About 50 pairs. All sizes in the lot

Heavy Rubbers, Lumberman's
At \$3.35, \$3.75 and \$4.00. Easily 50c to 75c below the regular prices.

Men's Goodyear Weltd Boots
\$5.50 for \$4.85. Thirty pairs, all sizes.

Women's Patent Slippers
Regular \$6.50 for \$4.50. Sizes 3 to 5.
Tan Slippers, \$5.00 for \$2.95.
\$3.75 Kid Slippers for \$2.95 to clear.

HARRY HARRISON, the Shoe Man
Bring us All Your Shoe Repairing—We will Guarantee You a Good Job

WONDERLAND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
"Shadows of the East"
Story by E. M. Hull, starring Norman Kerry and Mildred Harris. Comedy. "Three Foolish Weeks." Fox News.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
"The Sea Hawk"
By Rafael Sabatini, a romantic sea drama with Milton Sills and an all star cast. Comedy. "Midnight Blues." Hodges-Podge. Matinee at 2 p. m. Night at 7 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
"Broad"
A Metro picture. Chapter 5 of "The Sign of the Cross." Comedy. "Behind the Veil."

COMING
"The Side Show of Life"
Adapted from "The Monte-hank."

R. L. GREGORY & SON

News of Local Import.

"The Sea Hawk" on Saturday.

The New Wonderland with characteristic enterprise has arranged for the production of the romantic sea drama, "The Sea Hawk" by Rafael Sabatini, to be shown here on Saturday. There will be a matinee and the usual two performances at night. This film runs with high prices for some time and drew large crowds in Toronto.

A Snow Motor and a Snow Motorcycle

Acton can now boast of a snow motor and a snow motorcycle. Mr. Charles Parker of the East-end Garage has constructed the former and the Municipal Engineers the latter. Both have substituted runners for the front wheels. Mr. Parker's snow motor has a lengthened axle and two wheels on each side in the rear. They drive very well though, if the drifts are not too deep.

Ontario Good Enough for Them

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Speight, who motored to California, and then on to Vancouver last fall, are on their way back to Georgetown by train. About the first of December while at the coast for a "vacation" they had a "condition" on the coast for a skilled mechanic, who found not to be wanting. Mr. Speight's car was out of his outfit and on Tuesday wired his father, Mr. T. J. Speight, Georgetown, that he was about ready to leave for home. Their life on the coast had been full of interest and did not seem to regret his health.

Women's Institute Meeting

The January meeting of the Women's Institute will hold last Friday afternoon. A discussion on different lines of work was interesting. The roll was called and each member presented a New Year resolution. A duet was given by Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Graham which was appreciated. Mrs. J. C. Nelson gave a paper on "Day Work in an Indian Industrial School," which was helpful and interesting. Mrs. E. Blow rendered an instrumental number which was enjoyed by all. A half hour was spent in social intercourse while the men are keeping the Whales, Johnny the President, presided.

An Enjoyable Outdoor Skating Party

The members of the Young Peoples League of the Methodist Church and of the Young Peoples' Guild of Knox Church had a very pleasant evening skating on the rink at ten o'clock and enjoyed themselves very much. The evening was most enjoyable and the skating was very good. The rink was on the north side of the rink. At ten o'clock the rink was closed. The skating party was most enjoyable and the skating was very good. The rink was on the north side of the rink. At ten o'clock the rink was closed. The skating party was most enjoyable and the skating was very good.

Keeping the Highway Roads Open

A local resident whose business takes him into the country a great deal in winter in the County Roads Superintendent and his men are keeping the country and suburban roads open to horse traffic. He states that, notwithstanding the weather conditions, the Orangeville road is in good shape, and also the Orangeville road. The Orangeville road is in good shape, and also the Orangeville road. The Orangeville road is in good shape, and also the Orangeville road.

Commenced its Fiftieth Volume

The Central Canadian has begun its fiftieth volume with the New Year. The Central Canadian is one of Ontario's oldest newspapers, and its editor and publisher, Mr. P. A. J. Davis is a journalist of ability and a business man of wide experience. He has been with the paper in its long history, and has seen it through many vicissitudes. The paper is to-day manifestly thriving, and from week to week presents an edition of which the owners and readers are justly proud. The paper is to-day manifestly thriving, and from week to week presents an edition of which the owners and readers are justly proud.

Guish Minister Strong for Union

In a straightforward manner and without a shadow of bitterness, Rev. A. McKenzie, before a congregation that filled the church to capacity Sunday night, stated that it was his intention, if God spared him, to go into the United Church. He said further, that if Chalmers Church should decide to remain out of the union that the only honorable course he, as pastor, could follow was to hand in his resignation. Mr. McKenzie voiced his decision during the delivery of his sermon on "The Union 'In Church Union Honest'" for which he took for his text the 10th verse, chapter 5, 11 Corinthians: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body according to that which he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Guish Mercury, Rev. Mr. McKenzie preached an impressive sermon at the pre-communion service in Knox Church on the evening of the 2nd inst.

Kindly Words from the Old Land

The following kindly note was received at the office on Tuesday, December 24, 1924:
Dear Sir:
I have to thank you or a member of the Free Press for the courtesy of sending me a copy of your excellent and appreciative review of "Clarys Down Gingham." It is pleasant to think that my little volume has thus been brought to the notice of some of my fellow Country boys in Ontario, and I am deeply indebted to you for the writer of the review for the sympathetic and kindly notice of my book.
Perhaps you will allow me to congratulate you upon your paper. The special article by "The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower" is one of the most charming things I have read for a long time.
With many thanks and good wishes for the New Year, believe me, Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
RICHARD ROWLEY
H. P. Moore, Esq.,
Editor Free Press
Acton, Ontario.

Canada's Oldest Postmaster

Called to Rest After Seventy-two Years of Service

JAMES MATTHEWS DIES EXACTLY TEN MONTHS AFTER MRS. MATTHEWS DEPARTS THIS LIFE

HE WAS IN HIS NINETIETH YEAR; EIGHTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE BEING SPENT IN ACTON

Seldom has this whole community been so deeply moved by any death as that of Postmaster Matthews, the venerable postmaster of Acton. Generation after generation have come and gone, but for eighty years he has been a constant resident in Acton for seventy-two years continuously he has been behind the wicket of Acton Post Office. Those who know him best feel that this community is incomparably the poorer for his departure.

Until six weeks ago Postmaster Matthews was daily in his office taking a share of the work with his staff. About the first of December while at his desk in the office, he was stricken with apoplexy, and fell from his chair. For some days he was in a comatose state, but a week or so before Christmas he rallied, both mentally and physically. On Christmas Day he sat at the table with his family at the Christmas dinner and appeared to enjoy the opportunity very much. This was the last time he sat up. Gradually he failed from this time, and the week prior to his death his sufferings were intense. He died Saturday morning, 10th of January, exactly ten months after the death of his devoted partner in life, who had shared the usual experience of home life with him for sixty-six years. It is a somewhat interesting coincidence that Mrs. Matthews with the family was on Christmas Day, 1923. Rarely has been the happy experience in these modern days for husband and wife to spend their last seventy years together. The whole of their devoted wedded life was lived together in Acton. They were both grandchildren to the third generation and called them bleated.

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An appropriate and very kindly incident in connection with this very interesting wedding anniversary was the passing of the following resolution by an unanimous standing vote at the morning service of the united congregations of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches then worshipping together in Knox Church on the Sunday previous:

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THE LATE POSTMASTER AND MRS. JAMES MATTHEWS

Lived together for Sixty-Six Years and Separated Only Ten Months

born in the same year, and their respective birthplaces was within twenty-five miles of the town which was their home for nearly three score years and ten.

Mr. Matthews was born in Elora, on April 6, 1835, and Maria Graham, his wife, had her birthplace at Strathville, on June 15, 1835. They were married in 1854. James Matthews was the son of the late Abraham Matthews, who was born near Niagara Falls, in 1774, and was the son of the first man of the name of Matthews to cross the Atlantic from England.

The Matthews family were pioneer settlers of the Elora and Guish districts. Russell Matthews, grandfather of the deceased, is reputed to have cut the first tree on the townsite of Elora, and his son Abram acted as a settler in the first homestead in Guish, which is still standing. Toward Matthews met an accident and was killed in 1854. He was buried in the first cemetery in Guish.

Postmaster Matthews came to Acton with his father, who had the family settled on the farm on Main Street, which Mr. Switzer now owns. In 1852, when acting as clerk with his father, he was appointed Acton's first Postmaster, and who named the place for his old home west-end suburb of London, England. He succeeded his father in his post for seventy-two years in continuous and faithful service as Postmaster of Acton. This record exceeds that of any other postmaster in America. Documentarily evidence has been secured from the Post Office Department, both at Ottawa and London, that he has held the office of Postmaster of Acton for seventy-two years. Sixty-four years ago he was appointed agent of the Montreal and Ottawa Railway, and who held the record for service in this capacity.

James Matthews and Maria Graham were married in Acton on March 24, 1854, by Rev. Samuel C. Philip, Sr. Both spent here an unusually active life, enjoyed exceptionally good health, and lived in the highest esteem of all. Their children and grandchildren regard their memory with the most filial affection and the community has honored and esteemed them for their upright Christian character and good citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were members of the Methodist Church here during their whole married life, and were regular attendants, and workers as long as their health permitted. Mr. Matthews was in his own right a Sunday school teacher, and he was a member of the church for many years. He was a member of the church for many years. He was a member of the church for many years. He was a member of the church for many years.

Obituary

MRS. JAMES GRISCH

Her passing away at her residence, John Street, Harrison, on Wednesday, December 31, 1924, at the age of 70 years. Mrs. Grisch was the second wife of Joseph Grisch, in her seventh year. Mrs. Grisch was born in Guish and was married to her husband, who was a farmer, about forty-seven years ago. Besides her sorrowing husband she leaves to mourn her loss two sons and two daughters, Mrs. John Kennedy, Toronto; Mrs. John Duke, Burlington; Charles, of Harrison and William, of Detroit, and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Barnaby, Acton. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place at Harrison Cemetery and was conducted by Rev. Thomas H. Todd, pastor of the Methodist Church. Mrs. W. F. Jiggins acted the funeral of her husband.

John Douglas Barrister

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Finch Church Destroyed by Fire

The Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of Finch and Broad Streets, was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. The church, which was situated on the third line west, Chinguacousy, was of brick and contained twenty years ago. The church, which was situated on the third line west, Chinguacousy, was of brick and contained twenty years ago. The church, which was situated on the third line west, Chinguacousy, was of brick and contained twenty years ago.

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Wednesday, January 22—R. O. Smith, Nagsawaga, near Sayer's Mill, clearing of farm stock and implements.
Thursday, January 23—Paul H. Kennedy, Equus, 20 sheep.

C. B. Swackhamer

Acton Fall Fair President—1925

The Fair of 1924 a Gratifying Success with a Good Surplus

NEW FEATURES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE PRESENT YEAR

The annual meeting of the Acton Fall Fair Association, Wednesday afternoon, was gratifying in several respects. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was a success. All prize money and other outstanding accounts were reported in full. The surplus was \$1,000.00. The members were very much pleased to have Alex. Waidle, Esq., the veteran exhibitor and judge, present at the meeting.

President Woodhall and Secretary James both reported the spirit of co-operation which had characterized the administration of the Fair, and expressed thanks to the directors for the attention they gave during the days of the Fair.

The Secretary-Treasurer said, however, that he also reported the matter of the audit of his books and accounts by the failure of a few of the directors in making returns for membership tickets, and returning those unpaid. Bills will probably be sent to the delinquent ones and the directors will be required to return and pay for.

Owing to the serious illness of a member of his family, the Secretary-Treasurer asked if he could be excused from attending the next meeting. It was requested that a secretary be appointed pro tem for the meeting. The resolution was granted and H. P. Moore, Esq., was appointed. It was requested that the Police Magistrate, was requested by resolution to act.

The advisability of holding a spring horse show and also of arranging for a field crop competition was discussed. The following committee were appointed to investigate: H. P. Moore, Esq., Chairman; R. J. Kennedy, Esq., Secretary; W. R. Kenney, L. B. Shipey, R. K. Graham, George Havel, James R. Anderson, Dr. Cox, R. J. Kennedy, W. H. Lindsay, R. J. Kerr, W. A. Lahey.

For Field Crop Competition—Sims McLean, C. B. Swackhamer, and J. E. Pearson.

The Secretary was instructed to remit to the Treasurer of the Fair Association the annual fee of \$2.00.

The President and Secretary were appointed delegates to the convention of the Fair and Exhibitors at the Kings Hotel, Toronto, on February 1 and 2. Mr. William Johnstone was selected substitute delegate.

The officers for the year were elected as follows:

President—C. B. Swackhamer.
1st Vice-Pres.—William Johnstone.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Duncan McDougall.

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SELF-DENIAL

Mrs. Platto—"Did you see the doctor about your indigestion today?"
Mrs. Platto—"No, he asked me to give up anything!"
Mrs. Platto—"Yes, two dollars!"
Yuletide Entertainment.

Halton County Council

The Membership Now Increased to Fifteen by Oakville's New Second Deputy Reeve

The following Reeves and Deputy Reeves from the various municipalities of Halton will comprise the County Council this year:
ACTON—George Barber.
BURLINGTON—G. H. Nicholson and E. Halby.
GEORGETOWN—J. McIntyre.
MILTON—J. W. Blain.
OAKVILLE—C. H. Cross, Thomas Blacklock and J. E. Elliot.
ESQUESHING—W. G. Appleby and Col. G. O. Brown.
NABASAGAWA—W. E. Foster, G. Agnew.
WATERLOO—H. T. Edwards, G. J. McArthur.
TRAFALGAR—W. H. Morden and A. G. Blair.
Oakville being now entitled for the first time to elect a Reeve, Deputy Reeve and two Deputy Reeves, the Council will be increased to fifteen members. The first meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday, January 27, at 3 p. m., when the Warden will be elected.

It is understood that Mr. McIntyre, of Georgetown, will get the honor of the first meeting.