

Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, \$5; Marriages, \$5; Deaths, \$5; Memorial Cards, \$5; 50c per line extra for poems.

BORN
HANSEN—On Saturday, April 11, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hansen, a daughter.
DUNBAR—At the Guelph General Hospital, on Thursday, April 2, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Dunbar, a daughter.
FALLIS—At the Private Patients' Pavilion, General Hospital, Toronto, April 10, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Fallis, Brampton, a daughter.

MARRIED
McGEE-BARNETT—At Rockwood, on Wednesday, April 8, 1926, by the Rev. John Little, Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnett, to George P. McGee.

DIED
BROWN—Suddenly, at her home, lot 27, concession 4, Esqueping, on Wednesday, April 7, 1926, Margaret A. Stacey, wife of Richard N. Brown.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1926

Brief Local Items

Building materials are now much in demand.
Good Friday was a great day for the motorists.
There were many glad some Easteride home-comings.
Now that April has fallen, May flowers may be expected.
Repairs and improvements to the homes are in progress all over town.
Farm work on the land is now being pushed forward with real enterprise.
The robins are nesting already—ten days or two weeks earlier than usual.
The singing of the birds these early spring mornings is delightful and inspiring.
Niagara Falls will hold a Civic reception and Old Boys' Re-Union July 12-14.
The Easter flowers in the churches were beautiful symbols of the reality of the resurrection.
Trout fishing commences two weeks from to-morrow. The boys are getting ready for it.
It was a glorious Easter morning, quite characteristic of the wondrous anniversary celebrated.
The tendency of the price of wheat is upward again. It has just passed the \$1.60 mark for May delivery.
The first rain of the month of any importance, which fell on Monday night, was a great benefit to vegetation.
A little rooster, a little cur and a powder horn—pretty gifts. A bit of rain, away it goes, a homely girl with a freckled nose.
The green is coming back to the trees, and the impulse to be out of doors becomes stronger with every lengthening day.
Impressive Easter services were held in St. Alban's Church. The Easter lilies and other flowers lent an Easterlike flavor.
Don't cut corners over someone else's lawn—keep to the sidewalk and help the town with civic pride keep his grass green.
It was worth while that the celebration of Easter comes with every spring. The spirit of Easterlike is helpful and inspiring always.
One kind of people we will always have with us are the kind who are busy telling how much they have to do that they haven't time to do anything much.
Several rabbits have been running about the gardens in the centre of the town lately. They are very destructive and already have consumed some prized plants.
This Free Press will supply your printing needs of any kind. Mr. Marchant is pleased to give your order to a house out of town which pays no part of Acton's taxes.
Home surroundings are being cleaned up nicely in many places about town and the general appearance of the town is assuming the usual summer attractiveness.
The Kingsville Reporter devoted a full page last week to the story of a millionaire class of business men of the campaign for birds in that town the week before.
When you see a man deep in thought studying his garden, don't go too quickly into that he is planning his gardening operations. He is planning his garden, and the lawnmower is going to pan out.
In compliance with a by-law passed by the Council on Monday all restaurants must close not later than 10 o'clock. Heavy penalties for violation will be imposed at the discretion of the magistrates.
I hate my woolen underwear. It makes me itchy everywhere and wastes my energy; it seems to crawl, and when I scratch, it itches here and itches there, the tickle when I scratch, that ain't the place at all!
The merchant who doesn't use the local papers to invite business is on the march for further encroachment of the mail order houses, and has no right to expect co-operation from the press, in urging the people to buy at home.
A local man was fined last week for driving his car over the fire hose at a recent fire. The Council hopes that this practice will be discontinued in the future, and if not, the firemen have been instructed to secure all offenders' names who will be prosecuted.—Tillsonburg News.

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News of Local Import

Forjus Stores Robbed by Bandits

Early Thursday morning the two general stores of Forjus, Russell and Steele, in Forjus, were broken into by thieves who worked with a motor-car, and goods valued at between three and four thousand dollars were taken.

Last Communion Before Union

On Sunday, April 26, the last Communion service to be held in the Methodist Church prior to the consummation of the Union will be held. Rev. Culp will conduct the service. The sacrament will be administered at the morning service.

Nelson Telephone Co. Sells Out

The Bell Telephone Company has taken over the Nelson Telephone Co's lines, which had its headquarters at Lowville for years. A gang of experts and linemen are at work overhauling the system with the objective of bringing the subscribers an up-to-date service.

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Inspector Denyes' Twelfth Report

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"I have pleasure in presenting my twelfth report on the work of the Public Schools of this joint Inspectorate under the conditions under which the schools are taught and administered, the qualifications of teachers, and other matters pertaining to my duties, questions which I trust will merit your earnest consideration."

This was the preliminary paragraph of the annual report of T. M. Denyes, B.A., Inspector of Public Schools to the Council of the Board of Education.

In making any estimate of our progress in Public School education it is of first importance that we should be reasonably clear as to what our objective is. The main thing to remember, however, is that during the Public School years the main influences of life are exerted and the child's welfare is largely fashioned.

To the teacher this means that he should realize that character-moulding should at all times be the big objective of the school. Every subject of study that is taught should be so planned that it should be maintained at a standard equal to that of the best homes in the neighbourhood.

The examination of 1924 there were 375 candidates for writing at Acton 39 were successful, at Burlington 62 out of 76, at Georgetown 64 out of 76, at Milton 66 out of 81, and at Oakville 62 out of 73. The percentage in the County was 83, as compared with 86 per cent. the previous year.

It is unfortunate that the whole county is not covered by the School Nursing system. Boards are slow to see the prime importance of it. Why should we allow one boy or girl to grow up handicapped by one physical defect, which early attention might have removed or remedied, if every community may be found warning ample of what this means. We owe it to the children to see that the most effective measures are taken to guard their physical welfare which is not less important than their mental welfare.

The organized system of supervision is very small and the results will repay any expenditure.

Of the 132 teachers in the Inspectorate last year ten were men. Eighty held first class certificates, 122 second class certificates and two kindergarten certificates.

The enrollment of pupils in Halton was 24,302, an increase of 22, but in Wentworth the average fell from 350 to 347. This is not in proportion of the Inspectorate as a whole, but it is a fact to be noted.

Attendance Officers will find room for more active supervision in the enforcement of the School Attendance Act.

The total paid for salaries to teachers was \$1,437,075.00, as compared with \$1,378,750.00 in 1924. The average salary in rural schools was \$1,080 the previous year.

Salaries in urban schools averaged \$1,915. The total grants apportioned to the Inspectorate amounted to \$32,671.50 paid on the same basis as in 1924, including \$14,140 as equipment and accommodation grants.

It may be a truism to say that the future of our country depends upon the efficient education of its youth. It is a truism that it needs to be said again. Hundreds of boys and girls are passing through the primary (and secondary) schools. Take a few years of that and you have the whole community in that generation.

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Neighborhood News—Town and Country

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Mr. David Stevenson, of Shelburne, has been notified by the Ontario Railway Commission that he has been awarded the right to bury his mother in Eden Mills Cemetery.

BALLINAFAD

Mrs. Ira Hill returned to her home last week after being quite seriously ill at her daughter's, Mrs. Joseph Allyn, eighth line, for several weeks.

A number of the friends and neighbors gathered last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Angus McClelland, sixth line and spent a very pleasant evening.

Mr. McLean has moved to her new home in Ballinafad.

WOODSIDE SCHOOL

The following is the standing of each pupil in School Section No. 10, under the supervision of Mr. J. W. Duggan, (hon.), Jean Cree, Doreen Duggan, and Tushingham Foster.

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LAST LITERARY MEETING FOR YEAR

An Excellent Programme and a Jolly Social Time

The ninth and last meeting of the Literary Society for the school year was held on Wednesday 8th inst.

It was an all preceding meeting of the year have been an success. The programme was provided by Form II.

The meeting was opened by a song and a brief address by the President, Miss Olive Cooper.

Mrs. W. H. Hill thanked the officers of the Society for the various duties they had so ably performed.

Miss Helen McDonald and Olive Cooper rendered a piano number very acceptably. Miss Adelle Hurst gave an interesting recitation.

Richardson gave an instrumental solo and Miss Adelle Hurst gave an interesting recitation.

The "Holy Jubilee Club" sang several popular songs, broken here and there by a joke and the humorous part of this was the President's talk, which he made talk, sing, chew gum and do all the usual things bad boys are wont to do.

Following this was an item everyone enjoyed, but those who were called "stump" speeches, Miss Clara Savage gave a play, "The Law Court."

Mr. A. T. Brown was the critic, and a very kind one indeed. He gave us a wordy but very interesting and funny story and old ones of his school days. Mr. Brown was in a reminiscent mood, telling of the memories associated with his mother who taught school in Acton.

Then there was a musical contest of which Miss Annie Allison and Olive Cooper were the winners.

At the conclusion of the programme a social time was enjoyed by all. All regretted that this was the last time they would meet together for this year.

The staff and pupils wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for the success of the evening.

Notes—Marilyn M. Lawson, Reporter.

AN ACTON BOY'S EMINENT POSITION

Dr. Samuel Johnston, Chief Anaesthetist, of Toronto General Hospital

Last Tuesday the Toronto Telegram published a list of notable citizens who had been in the city for some time.

Among the names listed was that of Dr. Samuel Johnston, Chief Anaesthetist of the Toronto General Hospital.

Dr. Johnston is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and attended Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.