

Births, Marriages and Deaths are now classified free on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Cards, 50c per line extra for poems.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Police Magistrate Moore had a busy day in Court at Milton on Monday. Four cases came up for hearing. John H. Maud, of Georgetown, who was arrested last Saturday for having a supply of liquor and who had been in the County Jail awaiting trial, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$50.00 and costs of three months' jail at hard labor. He has not paid the fine so readily as he did last summer when fined \$20.00 for having a still; and was still in jail when last heard from. Tom Masco, storekeeper at Milton Heights, who was charged with selling liquor on the 20th inst., requested an adjournment of the hearing for a week. The case was remanded until Tuesday, January 6.

MARRIED
CROFT-MILLS—in the Presbyterian Church, Stratford, on Saturday, December 5, 1926, Stephen Croft, to Mrs. Milla, both of Durham, now of Goderich.

MARR-SNYDER—On 26th December, 1926, at 635 Victoria Avenue, St. Lambert, Que., by Rev. George Dewey, assisted by Rev. W. A. Hamilton, Evelyne Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Snyder, to Ernest Clifford Marr, of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Marr, of Shefford, Ont.

DIED
CARTWRIGHT—At Milton, on Saturday, December 26, 1926, Elizabeth Cartwright, wife of James Cartwright, in her seventy-sixth year.

MITCHELL—At her home, lot 11, corner Eramosa, on Tuesday, December 29, 1926, Grace, Isidore Thomson, widow of the late George Mitchell, in her 86th year.

IN MEMORIAM
LAMBERT—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Lambert, who passed away December 27, 1926. It was hard to lose you mother dear, but God, who knows best, held out his loving arms and said, "Come unto me and rest."

Sadly missed by
Sons and Daughter.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1926

Brief Local Items

- 1926 tomorrow.
- Happy New Year.
- The last day of 1926.
- School re-opens next Monday.
- The year is dead; the dear old year.
- Good-bye old year 1926; you've been a good one.
- Calendars for the New Year are now in demand.
- Snow shovelling has been quite in vogue during the week.
- The year 1926—You have not passed this way before.
- Even Toronto had it fourteen below on Sunday evening.
- Nobody's sorry that the holiday cold snap was of short duration.
- Report the names of your holiday visitors to the Free Press, please.
- Sunday's snow storm resulted in late trains from northern points.
- The holiday week has been favored with very fine moonlight nights.
- The low temperatures of the week rendered motoring rather less popular.
- When a man starts on the down-grade he always expects his brakes to work.
- The turnip market is still open here. Shipments have been made this week.
- Who litters on an errand will be able to hurry if his sapper's on the table.
- The merchants of Acton report the best volume of Christmas sales for years.
- Speak to all more kindly than the year before; think a little often, love a little more.
- Santa Claus rather wrecked the Christmas stocks in the stores here on Christmas eve.
- The low temperatures gave the plumbers a busy time for a few days with frozen water pipes.
- Make up your mind to take the "ice" out of service during the year which opens to-morrow.
- The dear old year, we loved him well, greetings he brought us, and now he hath said farewell.
- Men's trousers, slickers a local philosopher, seldom has at the knees and pockets at the same time.
- The skating rink is now in fine condition, and the young folks are enjoying its smooth surfaces greatly.
- Any free citizen can do just as he pleases, except for his conscience, his wife, his landlord and the neighbors.
- The County of Peel will end the year with a credit balance of \$5,777.46, as against a debit balance of \$12,822.47 in 1924.
- Fergus Creamery Company was fined \$25, or \$25 on each of nine cases, for violating the egg grading regulations.
- Pleures may not lie, but sometimes we think that it is guilty of at least a slight exaggeration—Toronto Telegram.
- Oftentimes there is heroism in being willing to play one's own simple part in the game. Try it during the New Year.
- Some men go through life thinking that they are express trains whereas they are only engines, running light.
- A mere mortal man never realizes how weak he is until he tries to quit smoking as a result of his New Year resolutions.
- J. E. Mitchell, the retiring Mayor of Acton, was presented with the gold-headed cane by his fellow-councillors.
- Let us make this New Year happier, better, more profitable and more virtuous than all other years we have known.
- New Year's eve is always a popular time for a family or house party. Watching the old year out never fails to have an interest.
- Radio: An instrument that makes a noise like a baby with the colic, but which you can turn off without having to walk the floor with.
- New Year's Resolutions are like the resolutions of every other day, except that they have the advantage which comes from a fresh start.
- Increase your business, save worry, save leather, tempo and time by giving folks the news about your store through Free Press advertisements.
- Some of the invitations to the New Year parties to-night bear this phrase, "Please come at ten and stay to hear the bells ring out the dying year."
- Combined pre-communications and watch-night services will be held in Knox Church to-night (New Year's eve). The organ and choir for the service.
- An impudent, ill-mannered tramp visited a number of homes in town on Monday, demanding money from the women, when he found there were no men about.

Social and Personal

Mr. W. Nicol was home from New York.

Mr. Ray Gamble was home from Detroit.

Mr. Charles Gibbons was home from Detroit.

Mr. Allan Leishman was home from Toronto.

Miss Bertie Smith was home from Toronto.

Miss Mamie Masales is home for the holidays.

Miss Clara Stewart was home from Toronto.

Miss Clara Lantz is visiting friends in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Halton Leishman, of Kitchener.

Mr. D. Taylor spent the week-end in Toronto.

Miss Merita Kirkness is home for the holidays.

Mr. Hector Macdonald was home from Detroit.

Mr. George Anderson was home from Oshawa.

Miss Bertha Brown is holidaying at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hynds, of Detroit, were here.

Mrs. R. E. Nelson, of Toronto, was with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barbaroo visited friends in Toronto.

Mr. Earl Vincent of Chatham, was here for Christmas.

Misses Ettie and Myrtle Dills were home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbons and children, of Detroit.

Mr. Austin Reid, of Toronto, was home for the holiday.

Mr. Thos. Morton, Jr., of Toronto, was a holiday visitor.

Mr. George Agnew, of Detroit, visited the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bignell, of Toronto, were at Mr. James Reid's.

Mr. H. E. Stutler, of Detroit, spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliza McLaughlin were at Mr. Nelson McLaughlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. John McEachern and sons were here from Guelph.

Mr. William Miller visited friends at Midway on the holiday.

Mr. Leachan McMillan was home from Detroit for the holidays.

Mr. Gordon Brown, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Acton friends.

Miss Margaret Stewart, of Toronto, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mcintosh and Grant were here from Oshawa.

Miss Olive Mowat is home from Toronto for the school holidays.

Mr. Jack Kentner, of Windsor, spent the holidays with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, of Kingston, were with their friends here.

Mr. Harold Kennedy and his friend, Mr. Kelly, were here from Detroit.

Master Jack Russell, of Oshawa, is visiting his grandparents in town.

Messrs. Roy and Ernest Brown, of Toronto, were home over Christmas.

Mr. Joseph Gehan spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. A. C. Currie.

Mrs. William Malone and family, of Toronto, visited the parental home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. McEachern, of Hespeler, are visiting at Mr. William Mullin's.

Miss Ena Taylor, of Toronto, spent the holidays with her aunt Mrs. (Dr.) Gray.

Mr. Charles Davidson spent the Christmas holidays with friends at Oshawa.

Mrs. James L. Warren and Mr. Fred Warren, of Toronto, were with Acton friends.

Mr. Stanley Russell, of Oakville, spent Wednesday with his father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cole and family, of Toronto, were at Mr. and Mrs. Noble McLain's.

Was She Commonplace?

"I know that I cannot write papers," a charming woman said, when asked to join a very popular club, "and if I could, I should say so. I think talents were left out of my make-up. You know that I am not a frigid person. I never see a progressive bridge and Sunday school passionately interested in frocks. I am just a looker-on of society."

"Oh, I am such a commonplace person," she said, laughing, and the next club reader, searching for a title, named it "The Glory of the Commonplace."

A friend stopped at her house one afternoon for a cup of tea just as her husband came in and joined her. Conversation turned on a lecture she had heard that morning on vocation and she said, "I am turning to my friend, she said: 'I do not know any better example of a woman who could neither write nor read a club paper, her characteristics and phrases are often included in those of others.'"

"I should like to go with you better than to do anything else this afternoon," she said to some of her friends who proposed a pleasant excursion, "but I have these two uncles in the hospital, and has asked to see me; and after that I have two nephews to make in that neighborhood. People have been so kind about inviting me to go to the hospital, but I appreciate it. Oh, by the way, I heard such a nice thing about you."

"Is not that all characteristic of Alice?" said one of them to the other after she had gone. "She thinks she has no talents or accomplishments, but if every thing there was a velvet soul, it is her wistful attitude not to hurt her considerations of speech, her eagerness to give help and pleasure are more potent than any talents we have. Social genius, I call it."

Printer Was Peeved

Charley Harris, in the printing business, got slightly peeved at a letterhead from a doctor who wanted bids on several thousand letterheads, different grades and different colors, and wanted the printing done in a hurry. So Charley took his typewriter in hand and wrote the following advertisement:

A QUEER ADVERTISEMENT
"Anything but a compliment to some one is included in the following advertisement, which a French provincial journal publishes: 'You are monkey, two pointer dogs and a parrot. Mademoiselle L., being about to get married, has no further use for these animals.'"

City Engineer H. S. Nicklin, Mrs. Nicklin and Mrs. G. C. Guelph, spent Christmas at the old home here.

Miss Letitia Dobbie, and Miss Beatrice Fisher, of Kitchener, visited at Mr. Andrew Dobbie's, Dolly Vardon.

Mr. W. D. Forbes and Mrs. Marjory and Mrs. Brunet, of Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Forbes.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

CHURCHILL

Miss Violet Smith was home from Windsor for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Russell Johnson was here last week in the death of his mother, Mrs. James Johnson, of Trafalgar. Mrs. Johnson died in Hamilton Hospital, after a lingering illness. She was well-known in Trafalgar Township. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. E. Diebold, of Belle River, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, of West Lorne, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, of Milton and three sons, Harry of Bayton, Russell of Erie Township and Ira of Oakville.

WOODSIDE SCHOOL

The following is the standing of the pupils in order of merit for the fall term of the Woodside School, No. 16, Erin: Class V—Edward Ferguson, Sr. IV—Jean Cree and David Swackhamer (equal); Tushingham, Sr. III—Edwin Faroy, Daisy Foster, Edith Russell, Jr. II—Louise Swackhamer, Mildred Foster, Jr. I—Kathleen Faroy, Jack Cole, Stewart Russell, Sr. I—Frank Swackhamer, Vera McEachern, Roy Foster.

The report of School No. 8, Eramosa for December, 1926, is as follows: Sr. IV—Lloyd McPhail, Edward Maule, E. C. Vanarsdale, Earl McPhail, George Day, Russell Peterson, Gordon Nelson, Harvey Bayne. Sr. III—Marion Miller, Doris Watson, Sr. II—Marion Day, Pansy Troup, Jr. I—Marjorie Miller, Charlie McNeil, Edna Miller, Margaret Lenfesty, Duncan MacEachern, Class II—Roy Day, Gertrude Crowson, Tom Maule, Vera Lenfesty. Class I—Neil Miller, Edna Maule. Those marked * missed examinations.

The entertainment and Christmas party held at the Commercial Hotel on the 18th inst. was a decided success. Miss Beaulieu, teacher, of Toronto, is spending the holidays with her parents here. Miss Marion Reid is visiting with her brother, Dr. Peter Reid, Spokane, Washington.

Miss M. M. Young, nurse, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the parental home. Miss Annie Shortill left last week for a three month visit with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Vanarsdale, of Oshawa, and Mrs. A. S. Walters, of New Orleans, La. She will attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Virginia Vanarsdale, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farnell and son Graham spent Christmas with Mrs. Farnell's father, Mr. R. Graham, of Norfolk. Mr. Jerry Kentner spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Thos. Hughes, of Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Forbes and Mrs. Marjory and Mrs. Brunet, of Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burt and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Watson and children spent Christmas at Ferguson's.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNeil and Mrs. McNeil, of Toronto, were Christmas visitors.

CREWSON'S CORNERS

A number from this community attended the municipal nominations at Toronto on Monday. Mr. Archie McNeil was honored with the Heavenship of Eramosa, to succeed Revo a few years ago. Mr. Fred Day will succeed Mr. McNeil as councillor. Both these appointments were by acclamation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finner, of Paisley Block, were guests of friends here on Sunday. Mr. Murray Kitchener, who has been spending two weeks with Erin friends, returned home on Monday. It was gratifying to the members of this community to learn that the rumor that the redial was being stopped was unfounded.

Despite the severe weather on Sunday morning, a goodly number attended service at Rockwood Union Church from here. Messrs. George Balle and Frank Day assisted materially with the rendering of the Heavenship of the Church. The choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe and children, of Eramosa, were guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and Miss Lauretta and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burns motored to Detroit and spent the holidays with friends there.

There was a fairly good attendance at the midnight carnyon in St. John's Church. This is the first time such a service has been held. It is hoped the habit may grow. Last Wednesday evening Col. and Mrs. Murtlo had a few friends in to spend a social time with Rev. Mr. Simpson before he left for his home in California. Owing to the cold spell on Sunday, the morning and evening services were somewhat at a disadvantage, as several were absent and missed hearing Mr. Simpson deliver his farewell sermons. At the close of the evening service Col. Murtlo addressed a few words, appreciative of Rev. Mr. Simpson's stay-in-our-midst-and-his earnest efforts in behalf of the congregation. During dispersing of their homes, the choir took the lead in singing "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. Simpson left on Monday morning for his home on the Pacific Coast.

Among the holiday visitors here were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, of Niagara Falls and their son Gordon of Toronto University; Mr. and Mrs. D. Barrie and son of Milton; and the Rockwood people from Simcoe, who were obliged to return Sunday morning in order to be ready for their work on Monday.

Miss Mary Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCallough and daughter, Nellie, spent Christmas at the home of Chas. Hill in Stratford. Richard Harris spent the holiday with his aunt, Miss Treacy in Norfolk. The friends of Mr. Bayne, who went to the West—4,000 miles ago—were pleased to see him back again. He looks as well as ever, and seems to be able to enjoy life as well as the younger people of the day.

Mr. S. R. Peart was able to return home last week from the hospital, and his Christmas with the rest of her family. It is hoped that the operation she underwent recently will be beneficial to her.

Strict devotion to the truth is always commendable, but it sometimes leads to curious situations. A young man who was paying court to a young lady was thus addressed by her mother, who was perhaps the most aggressive person in the world: "And so you want me for a mother-in-law?"

"Ah, it's not exactly that," stammered the young man, "but I don't see how I can marry your daughter without your being my mother-in-law."

A little girl who does not understand encodes found fault with the audience at a recent children's concert, in which she helped to sing a chorale.

"I know we didn't make one mistake," she exclaimed, on the way home, "and yet they made us sing it all over again."

We Wish that One and All may have A Happy and Prosperous 1926



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We Wish All Our Friends and Customers a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Rumley Tractor School

Start at Toronto Jan. 12th, 1926 One week of Wonderful Training in one of the Best Schools of the kind held in America. FREE to Farmers, Millers and Thrashers. Over 5000 attended these schools last year. If you would like to come, Write Today or Phone 1129.

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VILLAGE OF ACTON NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF BY-LAW

Notice is hereby given that a by-law was passed by the Municipal Council of the Village of Acton on the eighth day of December, 1926, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$24,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of certain sidewalk on the north-easterly side of Lincoln Street between the residence of R. G. Arnold and Mill Street, and that such by-law was registered in the Registry Office in the County of Halton on the 10th day of December, 1926.

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