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News of Local Interest

BORN
GRUNDY—In Erin, on Thursday, March 25, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Grundy, a son—George Bruce.

RUDY—In Georgetown, on Saturday, March 27th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rudy, a daughter—Shirley Marie.

MACDONALD—At Acton, on Wednesday, March 31, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Macdonald, of Buffalo, a daughter.

MEYERS—At Mendota, Illinois, on Monday, March 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Meyers (nee J. Myrtle Young), a daughter—Elsie Margaret.

DIED
GRAHAM—At Inglewood, on Sunday, April 4th, 1926, James Graham, in his 90th year.

MAXTED—In Milton, on Thursday, April 1, 1926, Frederick W. Maxted, in his 61st year.

MARTHUR—On Tuesday, March 30, 1926, at Weston, Sask., Gilbert M. Marthur, late of Hillsburg, Ont.

McMILLAN—In Erin, on Wednesday, March 31, 1926, Mary McKee, widow of the late John McMILLAN, in her 90th year.

NEVINS—In Georgetown, on Thursday, March 25, 1926, Katharine McLaughlin, widow of the late Samuel Nevins, in her 62nd year.

GRAHAM—At Spantburg, South Carolina, on Monday, March 29, 1926, Mrs. E. C. Graham, of Burlington, aged 61 years.

GREEN—At her late residence, Freeport, on Sunday, March 27, 1926, Mrs. Charlotte E. Green, nee the late Chas. Green, Carleton, and mother of Rev. E. C. Green, B.A., of Arkwright, aged 60 years.

IN MEMORIAM
McLAUGHLIN—In loving memory of Olive, who passed away April 6th, 1924.

There was an angel born in Heaven, That was not quite complete; So I'll be sure to tell you, To all the vacant seat.

McL. AND MRS. N. McLAUGHLIN AND FAMILY
The Acton Free Press
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1926

Brief Local Items

—Spring is somewhat of a laggard.
—Now for real springtime weather.

—O sweet, wild April, come over the hills.
—The vagaries of this springtime weather are unusual.

—The month of April is so human— a smile and then a tear.
—April showers bring forth May flowers.
—Do not hurry, do not hurry. Nothing good is got by worry.

—While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest shall not fail.
—It's not often that we have a white Christmas and a white Easter also.

—Now the sunlight warms the trees, wake up, old elm, and don't you leave—
—Spring is about to make a drive for funds for the erection of a new rink.

—The School will re-open after the Easter holidays next Monday, 12th inst.

—Thirteen is an unlucky number for some people—when it happens to a judge and jury.

—The farmers have been hustling in the turnips, while the sleighing lasted during the week.
—Easter-tide was unprecedentedly wintry, with as much snow on the ground as at mid-winter.

—Thank goodness pedestrians don't have to wear hats and coats when riding a speeding motorist.

—Mortaring was not one of the prevailing activities during Easter-tide. The depth of snow prevented.

—The sap, that life-blood of the tree, is thick, and the noise of the budding process is in the midst of its industry.

—Candle got to be a premium during the big ice storm last week, when the Hydro power was off on Wednesday and Thursday.

—A great limb, about one-third of the fine apricot tree in Mr. James Mackie's garden, was blown off with its burden of ice last week.

—Cher up, Mr. Fisherman. The first of May comes on the same date every year, no matter what the weather may be like before.

—Mr. J. W. Jones, of the Red and White Chain Stores, has had an attractive new sign erected across the front of his store this week.

—The prices announced for hard coal in Toronto on the 31st of April were \$12.25 and \$13.75. These prices are 25c and 50c higher than the price a year ago.

—Snow lingers still in dell and glade; but the brooks have made narrow runways here and there, by which the surplus water escapes to the larger streams.

—The rural route mail carriers had two days of strenuous work in making their rounds on Wednesday and Thursday. They deserved their Good Friday holiday.

—The quantity of snow on the level after the storm from the east on Wednesday and another from the West on Thursday was equal to the largest volume during the winter.

—Run, wind, run! You can't keep still; dash across the meadow, hurry up the hill, hurry across the bridge, crossing April Fool! Wink like a lake and river, ripple brook and pool.

—The High Court of Toronto has been asked to construe the will of the late Dr. Peter Stuart, of Guelph. The will provides for the distribution of about a quarter of a million dollars.

—What can I do to help improve the town, help it grow and make it a better place to live in? Each loyal citizen should ask himself that question. Population does not make a great community. It's the spirit of those who live in it.

—It may be fact or only fancy that the seasons are now later than they used to be. When we read of teams driving from Milton, Acton with loaded sleighs on the 10th of April, we wonder how the season doesn't seem to be so late after all.

—The proposed amalgamation of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters will be the subject of a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the former order at a meeting to be held in Toronto on May 11th.

—The various guard of the various summer camps is being organized. The warble of the bluebird now fills the air on the banks of the highway where shepherds are busy through the woodlands.

—Mrs. E. M. Macdonald, of Toronto, formerly Mrs. L. M. Macdonald, of the 45 Knox, Ontario, on the evening of April 23rd, died at her home.

WELCOME TO ACTON

Editor Acton Free Press
Dear Sir:

Upon entering Acton for the Easter holidays, we observed the sign, "Welcome to Acton." When we arrived in the town we had to wait while our friend to come in about five miles with his family to take us to the farm. We tried to find a place to go in of the city streets, and entered the Post Office, which we knew was a public building, to wait there, but we had seen there only a few "inmates" when the janitor, Mr. Anderson, respectfully ordered us out, saying, "This is no waiting room, etc." So we were obliged to go back to the car and wait again and wait around for our friend and his sleigh to come.

Could you please point out through your columns a comfortable place where visitors similarly situated could stay while waiting in your town.

We are pleased to find that our friends and family do all their buying in Acton.

Yours respectfully,
TWO VISITING LADIES

Citizens generally will regret the unpleasant experience of two ladies visitors, whose letter appears above. Of course the Government Building is not a public waiting room; and of course no one would think of the janitor being disrespectful to anyone, especially ladies, and about this there must have been some misunderstanding.

This letter, however, shows that the municipality has a clear duty if it welcome signs are to be taken in real earnest by visitors. Some time ago this matter of a public rest room was given to the Chamber of Commerce, and a committee was appointed to investigate how such a convenience could be secured and maintained. The report has not yet been presented.

It is in Acton's interests that visitors and customers coming to our stores should have a comfortable place in which to rest when waiting in town is necessary.—The Editor.

ACCOMMODATION THE LIFE OF TRADE

It was an overcast, indeterminate sort of a day, but the drag clock cheerful as he whistled behind the prescription desk and chatted with a friend in the front shop. Presently the customer came in and made a small purchase.

"Fine day," he remarked.

"Great!" replied the clerk, enthusiastically.

The customer went out and was followed by another. He made a small purchase and commented on the weather.

"Mean weather," he remarked.

"Really?" said the clerk, dolefully.

"Getting warmer," remarked a third customer.

"What?" said the clerk.

Ten minutes passed. Another individual drifted in from the outside world and made a purchase.

"Chilly, isn't it?" he said to the clerk.

"Cold as the pole!" agreed the clerk, with a shiver.

"His friend had listened to these exchanges with interest.

"See here," he demanded, "what kind of weather do you think this is, anyway?"

"Glad to be kind as the customer," replied the drug clerk.

LESSONS IN SMILING

The course of instruction in smiling which is proposed in the public schools of one of the large cities of the country ought to be popular. Will it be given by the teacher of general psychology? Will it be compulsory for girls and elective for boys? Will it be given by the mother, or by passing a satisfactory examination?

Clerks should be the first patrons of such instruction. What is there about the task of selling buttons or ribbons or milk-pans which casts a gloom over the countenance of the seller? It is a curious sight that "dramatic" smiling race, and clerks, a sad one.

Yet one would suppose that begging for a smile is a necessary part of an occupation that being extorted to sell.

Can the general housework girl be taught to smile when used to a company car to dinner? Can the trolley-car conductor beam on the mother with three babies under her arms?

Can the farmer's boy reply to the question of the summer visitor with a grin instead of a scowl?

The school board may well consider whether there is not some scheme by which a telephone girl can project a smile into the voice as she announces, "Double one four two, ring three—line busy." When the Sunshinette Society can supply a smiling attachment for telephones and cash-registers and phonographs and door-bells and automobiles horns, they will command a market, and meanwhile, may the countenance of the smiling, even if it has to be catalogued under the head of ethics.

NOT ONE WAS LOST

The teacher was trying to explain to the class the indistinguishable matter. "Nothing is ever wholly annihilated," she said. "It may change its form, so that you see it no longer, but it still exists. A solid body becomes a liquid, and a liquid changes to vapor, but it is just as much a part of creation as ever before. Not a particle of it has been lost."

"It is so, as I believe, in the world of mind. No spoken word, no thought, ever fades away into utter nothingness. It lives on, whether for good or bad. A minister may preach a sermon and see no effect from it, but that sermon is not lost. No sermon is ever lost."

"I know papa never loses any of his," spoke up a little girl, the daughter of one of the local pastors. "I know where he keeps 'em. They're in a barrel in the back attic."

A Dollar's Day and Comforts

The merchants of Elora have decided to hold their second Dollar Day Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th. These two days promise to be busy days in Elora, and a large attendance is predicted. A feature will be a rest room for ladies and children in the Carnegie Hall.

Fatally Kicked by Horse

The funeral of the late Matthew Harris, who was fatally kicked by a horse on his farm in Nelson township, took place on Monday afternoon, and was one of the largest seen in that district for many years. Deceased was in his 60th year on Good Friday when he was kicked by a horse, striking him in the side. He leaves his wife and three sons: Hoy, of Toronto; Evan, of Moffatt and Morley at home, and two sons, James and Della, attending public school.

The Easter-tide Weather

Seidom it ever, in this latitude, had such a mild winter, except in the two or three years that were, however, bright and springlike. The snow-storms that preceded each day really identified the brightness of the early days. But the winter depth of the snow was not so deep as it was in the two months' rest and appearance of spring was not discernible. April is now full of promise of a very early and in a few days the snow will have disappeared.

The awakening earth will be a very different one from the one of the winter months. The snow will be gone, and the earth will be a very different one from the one of the winter months.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

NASSAGAWEYA

Many home-comers spent Easter under the home roof. This church services on Easter Sunday were largely attended.

In the death of James Shorwood, who passed away Sunday night after a lingering illness, Nassaga-weya Township has lost a well-known resident. Deceased was in his 86th year. He was a Conservative, in religion an Anglican. He is survived by a family.

S. S. No. 4, NASSAGAWEYA
The March report of S. S. No. 4, Nassaga-weya, is as follows:
Sr. IV—Kenneth Wallace, William Key, Alex. Wallace, Malcolm Moffat.
Sr. III—Walter Wallace, Marion Anderson, Wilma Storey, Anna McGregor, Rita Thompson.
Class I—Catherine Anderson, Chas. Heenan, Ed. Brown.
Primary—James Wallace, Harold Barber, Emily Thompson.
DUBLIN
The following is the report of Dublin school for the month of March:
Sr. IV—John Stover.
Sr. III—Stewart Rudick, Walter Fryer, Lawrence Webster, Rachel Kelly, Wilma Fryer, Billy McFadden, Henry Kelly, Wilfred Wallace.
Sr. II—Signa Webster, Annie Black, Hazel Atkinson.
Sr. I—Viola Robertson.
Those marked with an asterisk missed an examination.
Martha Orr, Teacher.
S. S. No. 10, ERIN
The following is the report for the month of March for School Section No. 10, Erin:
Class V—Edward Duggan.
Class IV—David Swackhamer.
Sr. III—Daley Gray, Hon. Daley Foster, Edith Russell.
Sr. II—Louis Swackhamer, hon.; Sr. II—Kathleen Faray, Jack Cole, Stewart Russell.
Sr. I—Frank Swackhamer, hon.; Vera McLaughlin, Teacher.
LORNE SCHOOL
The following is the rank of the three pupils in each grade, having the highest percentage since Christmas at Lorne School:
Sr. IV—Leona Waller, George Grant, Leslie Swackhamer.
Sr. III—Verna Murray, Christie Swackhamer, Harry Swackhamer.
Sr. II—Corinne MacDonald, Harry Murray, Ruby Murray.
Sr. I—Ella Swackhamer, Grace Grant, Doris Grant, Florence Palmer—Dora Denney, Beatrice Grant, Ross Swackhamer.
Labelle Anderson, Teacher.

BALLINAFAD

Mrs. A. Glen is spending the Easter holidays with her parents at Clinton. Mr. F. Birmingham, of Saskatchewan, is visiting with Mr. John Miller.

Mr. Robert Dwyer, of Guelph, spent Easter Sunday with his friend, Mr. Fred Ferguson.

Mr. Albert Kirk, of Toronto, is spending the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John McKechnie.

Mrs. C. Fossoli and little daughter, Margaret, are visiting at the Manor. Mr. Peter Cole is able to be out again, after being laid up some time after a dislocated ankle.

Mr. Oakes and friend, of Toronto, spent Good Friday with the former's sister, Mrs. K. Shortall.

Mrs. Peter Ferguson is visiting with friends in Kitchener.

Mr. John McLean, who has been seriously ill in somewhat improved. The ice storm last week put all the telephones in the community out of commission.

ROCKWOOD

Easter services in the different churches were well attended, and the day was such as to stir anyone out of a disengaged day as Saturday turned out to be. At the Presbyterian services, Rev. Mr. McElroy, of Toronto, was very cordially welcomed in the morning and evening, while at St. John's Church in the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Waterloo, conducted the services, also officiating in Holy communion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maw, who spent the winter months at Acton, returned to their home recently. Fred is now engaged in the business of the limestone grit business.

Our teachers are away for the holidays, and Miss E. M. Fearn, of Amherst, and Miss M. Miller, of Toronto, are home for the holidays.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hinchman and daughter, Frances, of Vineland, were pleased to see them again. Frances is staying over during the holidays.

Mr. Strachan Croft, of Goderich, visited his mother, Mrs. J. E. Croft, on Sunday. Mrs. Croft keeps about the same.

Everett Lovines, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, was in the village over the week-end.

Miss Jean Terrance, Miss Margaret Locker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Royce, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Croft, of Simcoe, were home for the holidays.

Kathleen Oakes, of Preston, was also home for the holiday.

Robert Henderson, who has been in Simcoe for the past year, is remaining home at present, having severed his connection with the woolen mills in that town.

Fred Passmore, of Toronto, visited at home over Sunday. Fred is now engaged in the business of the Presbyterian congregation had a successful sale of home-made baking candy, vegetables and fruit in the basement of Knox Church, Guelph, last Thursday, and despite the inclement weather, they realized a handsome sum of money for their undertaking.

Miss Bessie Gardiner left on Monday morning to visit friends near Hamilton.

AN ANNUAL GIFT

Although the Rev. Mr. Carter knew that the "deacon" decision of his church was a fairly heavy blow, he was not entirely prepared for some of the evidence of Deacon Getchell's peculiarities. He did not know as I favor your exchanging with the Harberville minister more than once a year," said the deacon, smiling his approval of Mr. Carter's suggestion of a second change.

"I thought you all enjoyed his preaching," he said to the minister, with surprise, "I had understood so."

"That's not the point, and the deacon's aim look on the look so familiar to me," said the minister. "The point is that we pay five dollars and twenty-five cents more a Sunday for our pulp than they do over to Harberville. So when you go over there it's just the same as making the Harberville church a present of that sum, and what I'm saying is that once a season's enough for us to contribute to their support."

BLOOMSBURY SCHOOL

The following is the Easter report of School Section No. 9, Erin:
Sr. IV—Loyla Forestell, Ilda Crisp, Viola Allan, Kathleen McKeown, Hector McKeown.
Sr. III—Willie Johnston, Joseph Forestell, Lulu McKeown, Gordon Forestell, Cath. Atkin, Thyrta Stone.
Sr. II—Mary McKeown, Tommie Cooke, Annie Atkin, Bessie Forestell, Cath. Loyal Forestell, Elsie Nelson, Evelyn Lambert.
Sr. I—John Forestell, Orval Stone, Bessie Allan, Cath. Forestell, Sr. Primer—Marion Leslie, Jean Barr, Elsie Maude, Lawson McCutcheon, Jean Mann.
M. McDonald, Teacher.

DOLLY VARDEN

Miss Lillie Dobbie, of Kitchener, spent a few days last week at the parental home here.

Mrs. C. Longstreet, of Erin, spent a few days last week at the home of her father, Mr. Jonathan Longstreet.

Misses Marjorie and Laura Hall, of Acton, visited friends at Dolly Varden over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Longstreet, of Erin, visited at Easter with friends in Guelph.

OKAVILLE

Walter, Oakland Smith returned on Wednesday after spending the winter in Florida.

Rev. Cranston preached his farewell sermon at Knox Church, Sixton, on Sunday.

S. J. Plant, a former resident of Dunbar Street, Acton, died in Toronto on Wednesday, aged seventy-seven years. Mr. Plant had been interested in the manufacture of cigar products.

The Fire Brigade had a call on Wednesday afternoon to the residence of Mrs. C. A. Bradbury, Church Street. It was only a small fire and it was quickly extinguished before much damage could be done.

The Ladies' Aid of St. John's Church will present the humorous play, "The Country School Master," in Lusk Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 12th and 13th.

Robert McDowell, Centre Avenue, in the Toronto Hospital, died as a result of being kicked by a horse on Friday last. As he jumped from his wagon he was struck in the side by the horse's feet and sustained painful scald wounds.

During Sunday night dogs got in under a door of thirty valuable sheep on W. A. Bueh's farm, north of the town. One sheep was killed outright and the others were in such condition that their recovery was doubtful.

Kliff Hillmer was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Acton Free Press on Monday. A small number of the paper were sold, and the paper was turned over to the new management.

It is possible that in a few months the Acton Free Press will again be in operation. A largely attended meeting of the shareholders was held in Waterloo on Monday, and in a few days of all preferred stock, which was formerly \$100, was reduced to \$50, and common stock from \$10 to \$5.

W. J. PATTERSON

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McLean & Co.
Mill Street, Acton

Headquarters for Ladies' Hose

HOLEPROOF SILK HOSE—Do you know of any better make of hose than Holeproof? We stock this line as they are the best in the market. Ask to see the line we are selling at \$1.00 per pair. All sizes in stock in all the new shades. Regular price \$1.25. Special **\$1.00**

CIRCLE BAR—Another good make for boys, black rib, at a Special price **40c, 45c, and 50c.**

GIRLS' SCHOOL HOSE in sand shade, all sizes in stock at a Special Price, per pair **25c**

BOYS' WORSTED JERSEYS at reduced prices—These Jerseys are in sizes 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 and will give the boy any amount of good hard wear. Regular price \$2.00. **\$1.50**

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS AT REDUCED PRICES—For this week only we have 30 pairs in white and gray, large double bed sizes. Good value at \$2.60. This week only for per pair **\$2.38**

MEN'S WORK PANTS in stripe cotton tweeds. Will give good hard wear. Made up with or without cuff **\$2.25** at per pair

CARRHART OVERALLS in black or blue, with smock to match. If you want a good pair of overalls buy Carrhart's.

McLean & Co.
MILL STREET ACTON, ONT.
Store Closed Wednesday Afternoon

Annual Report
Hydro-Electric Commission
ACTON -- 1925

Toronto, March 31st, 1926

Miss R. H. Speight, Secretary, Hydro-Electric Commission, Acton, Ont.

Dear Miss Speight:

We take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the balance sheet and operating report for the Acton Hydro-Electric System for 1925, as it will appear in our Annual Report. You will see a net surplus from the year's operation of \$3,358.12, after providing for depreciation to the extent of \$47.00, which should be very gratifying.

The annual cost of power on the books of this Commission was \$313.61 less than the amount of the interior bills, for which a credit memo. will be sent you in due time.

Yours truly,
R. C. McCALLUM,
Auditor Municipal Accounts

Auditors' Report of Acton Hydro-Electric System

REVENUE	
Domestic Lighting	\$ 6,696.33
Commercial Lighting	2,934.13
Commercial Power	11,099.67
Municipal Power	768.00
Street Lighting	11,242.00
Merchandise	938.03
	\$24,778.16

EXPENSES	
Power Purchased	\$16,693.99
Distributing System, operating and maintenance	1,820.29
Line Transformer Maintenance	43.64
Meter Maintenance	30.81
Consumers' Premises	656.11
Administration and General Expense	1,622.77
Undistributed Expenses	349.91
Debitures—Principal, Interest and Sinking Fund	539.68
Depreciation	\$24,373.82
	\$47.00
	\$21,220.82
Net Profit	\$3,557.34

ASSETS	
Land and Buildings	\$ 15,446.45
Substation, operating and maintenance	1,820.29
Distribution System	13,750.79
Line Transformers	7,826.20
The Old Plant	6,561.01
Street Lighting Equipment	1,151.35
Miscellaneous Equipment	2,187.26
The Old Plant	3,481.00
Bank Deposits and Cash	2,151.98
Securities and Investments	1,500.00
Accounts Receivable	139.79
Inventories	27.68
Equity in Hydro System	11,903.96
Other Assets	2,778.75
	\$66,123.33

LIABILITIES	
Balance Due on Debentures	\$ 4,188.38
Accounts Payable	204.33
Other Liabilities	236.78
Reserve for Equity in Hydro System	11,242.00
Reserve for Depreciation	7,322.33
Debitures Paid	\$10,111.82
Additional Operation Surplus	21,968.98
Total Surplus	\$2,977.61
	\$66,123.33

Amount paid as power accounts rendered monthly \$16,136.66
Actual charge for cost of power for year 15,232.05
Excess paid to Acton's credit \$1,113.61

R. C. McCALLUM,
Auditor Municipal Accounts

Acton now has 506 consumers of electric current—414 domestic; 76 commercial; 17 power. The average power load for the year was 485 horsepower.
We have 118 street lights.
There are 41 ranges on the system, 44 electric heaters and 13 electric grates.
The number of kilowatt hours consumed during 1925 was 1,388,350; of this total, domestic users took 287,204 kilowatt hours; commercial 102,178 hours, and power users 998,968 hours.

C. A. WILSON, Superintendent.

Brantford Roofing
W. F. MOONEY, Roofing Contractor

Is the authorized built-up roofing man for this community. He is prepared to supply roofing as follows:

Brantford Crystal Roofing
Red, Green, Blue or Black, 108 feet, 36 in. wide, per square **\$2.95**

Brantford Asphalt Slab Slate
Four in One, 32x16, 4 inches to the weather **\$7.45**
18 in wide, 116 square feet, 2 rolls to the square **\$3.40**</