Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, 50c; Marriages, 50; Deaths, 50c; Memorial Cards, 50c, 100 per line extra for poems.

DIED

FALCONER—In Hillsburg, on Wednesday, December 1, 1926, James Falconer, in his 93rd year.

PLANK—At his home, lot 2, townline, Eramosa, on Tuesday, December 7, 1926, William Plank, in his 73rd year.

McNALLY—At Georgetown, on November 19, Minnie Sours, widow of the late Thomas McNally, in her 62nd year.

LAWSON—In Georgetown, on Tuesday, December 7, 1926, Margaret Mabel Grant, widow of the late H. P. Lawson, in her 51st year.

RICE—At the home of her son, Wm. Rice, Portsmouth, Kingston, on Sunday, December 5th, Margaret Kain, wife of E. S. Rice, formerly of Acton, aged 78 years.

RICE—At the home of his son, Wm. Rice, Portsmouth, Kingston, on Monday, December 6th, E. S. Rice, formerly of Acton, aged 78 years.

SPEAR—At the home of his parents, lot 1, con. 6, Erin, on Friday, November 24, 1926, Roy Allen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Spear, aged 8 months.

HUNTER—At his late residence, Campbellville road, Halton County, on Saturday, November 27, 1926, Neil Hunter, son of the late Dennis Hunter, aged 64 years.

DAVIS—At Mitchell, on Wednesday, December 1, 1926, Tabitha Lang, widow of the late W. R. Davis, J.P., and mother of Harold Davis, editor of the Advocate, in her eighty-first year.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1926

Brief Local News

—Christmas is rapidly approaching.

—Christmas makes children of us all.

—The snow came in a hurry last Friday.

—There's still time to do your shopping early.

—Short days and long evenings are with us now.

—The search for Christmas gifts goes on apace.

—Between one and two feet of snow fell on Sunday.

—Make your slogan, "Mail Christmas parcels early."

—Do your Christmas thinking early and avoid the rush.

—Christmas saving funds are about ripe enough to pick.

—Anybody ever head a flapper sing, "Home Sweet Home."

—The first taste of zero weather came last Friday night.

—Make an effort to have a Christmas tree for the kiddies.

—"Jingle bells!" commenced the season's merry music on Sunday.

—Spare an evening this week to write Christmas letters to the home folks.

—Select your personal greeting cards to-day. The printers are ready for you.

—The ponds are frozen up again and the young folks have enjoyed good skating.

—Christmas decorations are coming into commission on all sides. They are always attractive.

—The winter's first snow drifts came on Sunday morning and the first north-easterly blizzard.

—Mr. Hillyard, Wilson has exchanged his fine farm near Milton for a flour mill in Smithville.

—The next meeting of Esquesing Council will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, at 10 a.m.

—Order your personal greeting cards without delay. They are distinct and always acceptable.

—The farmers have been coming in freely with their sleighs the past two days and report fair sleighing.

—Snow fences are being erected along the highways and railways, preparatory for the winter season.

—Acton has less than $1,000 of taxes for 1926 now in arrears. Few municipalities have so happy an experience.

—Esquesing Township Council has granted $50.00 toward the cost of a new roof on the hall at Glenwilliams.

—In the election for the Reeveship in Georgetown, on Monday, Martin Near was elected with a substantial majority.

—Now that the elections are over—two in a week—the people can turn their attention to Christmas thoughts and deeds.

—Sunday's heavy storm and deep snow interfered with the attendance at the churches. The congregations were small.

—Thin is the morning air, thin and clear—and brittle as fine glass, the light wind tinkles as it flits along the frozen grass.

—Christmas parties for the birds are now in order. Now that the snow has come there's no need to wait until Christmas.

—The village of Drayton is consideration the installation of a $15,000 waterworks plant. Drayton's population is about 750.

—There was snow-shovelling in earnest on Monday morning. Most everybody was at it, and who weren't should have been.

—The cars had considerable difficulty navigating through the loose snow on Monday. Most of them got through, however.

—The provincial government has kept its promise and announces a $5.00 reduction in license fees to all Ontario motor owners.

—The farmer eagerly looking for sleighing is not now so general. Most of the people prefer roads favorable for continuous motoring.

—I know a little boy of four or more, who almost always slams the door; or else he leaves it open wide; which is the worst, I can't decide!

—May, the first, will seem a long time for some folks to wait for what they thought would come almost the next day.—Guelph Mercury.

—The intensity which characterized the provincial election last Wednesday was entirely lacking in the municipal election on Monday.

—Wonder what has become of the old-fashioned girl who, at this time of year, had a dresser drawer full of doilies and fancy work prepared for her Christmas giving.

—Rev. Mr. Stewart was critic at the last meeting of Acton High School Literary Society. He was complimentary rather than critical. There was a good programme.

—Now watch how suddenly the terrible bootleggers will diminish. Most of them were creatures of the imagination, or invented for political purposes.—Winchester Press.

—A generous shower of miscellaneous articles was presented to Miss Sarah Cross, a bride-to-be, at her parents' home, last Tuesday evening, by her girl friends. A jolly evening was spent, and the bride-to-be was showered with many useful and beautiful articles.

—Prohibition has eliminated much of the election excitement. Formerly the contest was accompanied by the loose talk of irresponsibles who would bet on anything from the number of majority to the colour of the horses that would be used in the victorious candidate's celebration. Such talk is now confined to the liquor traffic, and is heard less and less as the days go by.

Acton and District

Christmas Concert

Woodside School, S. S. No. 11, Erin, Christmas concert, December 17. Keep this date open. Admission 25c. and 15c. Wilma MacMillan, teacher.

Look! Christmas Concert

A concert by the children and play, "A Perplexing Situation," by the young people will be given at Leslie's School on Friday, December 17th. Admission 25c. and 15c.

Christmas Concert

"Don't forget the Christmas concert to be held at Lorne School on December 22, at 8.15 p.m. Proceeds are to be used for the improvement of school sports. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c. Everyone welcome.

Committed to Asylum

Provincial Constable Oliver drove to a farm in Erin Township yesterday and took into custody a young farmer who was apparently demented. The man was brought to Guelph where he was examined by two physicians, who adjudged him insane. He was committed to Hamilton Asylum, to which institution he was removed Friday afternoon.—Guelph Mercury.

Children and Their Care

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Band Hall last Friday. A special invitation was given to the mothers of the community. Mrs. M. R. Moore gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the "Characteristics of Children and Co-Operation of Parent and Teachers," which was thoroughly enjoyed. After a dainty lunch, the meeting adjourned.

A Sprightly Church Paper

Rev. C. D. Draper, of Morrison St. United Church, Niagara Falls, is Hon. Editor of a very interesting monthly publication of eight pages, setting forth the activities of the church in its various departments. Its name is "The Reflector." The dissemination of the very concise and informational matter it contains, throughout the congregation, must be of very great benefit and advantage.

Death of Miss Mary McDonald

Mr. Alexander McDonald was at Port Elgin last week attending the funeral of his sister Miss Mary McDonald, who had been an invalid for several years. She died in Toronto after treatment in the hospital there. Miss McDonald was a frequent visitor in Acton during the residence here of her brother Mr. Neil McDonald and his family. She was a lady of sterling Christian character and an active worker in church and Sunday School.

Interesting Missionary Tea

The missionary tea at Mrs. Malcolm McLean's last Friday afternoon was a gratifying success. There was a fine attendance and a very interesting meeting. The address of Mrs. Thomas Goldie, Guelph, was much enjoyed. A missionary reading was contributed by Mrs. H. P. Moore. A dainty buffet luncheon was served by Misses Minnie Z. Bennett, Clara E. Moore, Bertie Speight and Pearl Smith. Mrs. McLean's welcome to her home was very cordial to all.

Death of Mrs. (Rev.) James Hamilton

The Grand Rapids, Mich., Press gives particulars of the death at her son's home at Tampa, Florida, on November 30th, of Mrs. Alice Hamilton, widow of Rev. James Hamilton, who was pastor of Trinity M. E. church in Grand Rapids about 5 years ago. Mrs. Hamilton is survived by three sons, James P. Hamilton, Tampa; W. A. Hamilton, of Kalamazoo and Fred Hamilton, in Oklahoma. There are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Ransom, of Tampa and Mrs. James Redner, of Battle Creek. Rev. Mr. Hamilton died about three years ago in Tampa. He was a native of Acton, a brother of Mr. Richard Hamilton, contractor, who lived here for many years and then went to Erin. Rev. Dr. Hamilton was a frequent visitor to Acton and friends here.

Those Interesting "Ads."

We have been reading proofs of the Christmas shopping "ads" of Acton's stores that appear in the Free Press to-day. They are as interesting as anything that one may peruse these days, for they speak not only of the approaching Yuletide, with all that means, but they illustrate as well the rapid growth of Acton and its development. Sometimes we are apt to think of the modern town in terms only of population and of public improvement—street paving, parks, public playgrounds and a dozen other items of the kind. But the real earmark of the progressive town is its stores. The real badge of prosperity is the type of retail stores a town boasts. The advertising columns of the newspaper of to-day demonstrates that fact that Acton has stores of which any town may be proud. And the stores themselves are as interesting as the "ads."

Georgetown-Esquesing Humane Society

The annual report of this society shows the following summary of work done during the year: Cases investigated regarding starving, abused, neglected and abandoned animals, 32; warnings given, 10; number of horses examined, 34; and of these 9 were destroyed; 80—cattle were inspected and owners ordered to provide food and shelter for same within 24 hours; 24 pigs examined, owners ordered to provide proper food and shelter for same; cases of dogs investigated, 12; warnings given, 4; 1 dog restored to rightful owner; 2 dogs placed in homes; dogs destroyed, 3; cats humanely destroyed, 36. Total number of animals cared for, 189. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. H. G. Reid; Vice-President, Wm. Ashenhurst; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. G. O. Brown; Inspector, G. O. Brown; Executive, Mrs. D. L. Herbert, Miss L. Reid, Rev. Henry Caldwell, Mr. Ed. Townsend.

Making Christmas Sane

There are two bits of advice which it is folly to ignore in this season. The one is, "Do your Christmas Shopping Early," and "Send Your Christmas Mail Early" is the second. Careless people heed neither, but if the observance of both is proof of rare wisdom then the world is becoming wiser. It was but a few weeks ago that the major portion of the Christmas shopping was done during Christmas week and the Christmas rush in the mails did not begin until the eleventh hour. The result was that unfavorable shopping conditions and congested mails ruined Christmas Day for countless thousands. How much saner and how much more satisfactory for all concerned are the modern practices of starting the gift-buying season a month before Christmas, and of starting the gifts through the mails in ample time to ensure their prompt delivery. Whether one looks at the question from the parish or from personal points of view the advantages are all on one side. Early shopping, early mailing, Early Delivery, are one the pick of three E's that should be the watchwords of every Christmas season. Such practices eliminate much of the vexation, excitement, and consequent fatigue which accompanied the Christmas season of years gone by, and substitute in place thereof the calm, the quiet, the leisure and the satisfaction which should characterize the Christmas season. Such practices also ensure a more general observance of the Christmas spirit of peace and good will than has been possible in the past when the Christmas season was a period of feverish excitement and of strenuous hustle and bustle. Such practices are a contribution to the Christmas spirit and to the Christmas cheer of the community in which they are observed. Such practices are a tribute to the intelligence and to the Christmas spirit