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Col. Steve Marshall In High S. A. Position

Takes a Complete Headquarters Staff from New York to Boston

The Boston Globe says:

"Col. Stephen Marshall who succeeds Commissioner W. A. McIntyre as commander of the Salvation Army in New England has arrived in Boston with his headquarters staff to take over his duties here. Commissioner McIntyre has gone to Atlanta, Ga., as head of the new Southern division of the army.

Col. Marshall comes to re-organize the Yankee province and develop a programme of revivals. Although the announcement of the change sounds like the movements of an invading army, Col. Marshall prefers to think of himself as an officer of a church rather than a soldier, although he has spent 41 years crusading in the Salvation Army. He compares his position to that of a Methodist Bishop and that of his individual chiefs as elders in the church.

The new hierarchy of the church includes besides Col. Marshall, his wife, Major and Mrs. William Hammond, Adjt. and Mrs. William Fox and Brig. and Mrs. T. W. Hargreaves. Mrs. Marshall is a "Sally" Officer, aide-de-camp, associate bishop and Lieut.-Col. of her husband's.

The Marshalls have six children, five sons and a daughter. The girl and three of the sons are officers in the army and are married so that the total enlistments in the Colonel's family number 10. One of the sons went South with Col. McIntyre to organize young people's work from Atlanta.

Another son is a young people's secretary in Florida. The other children are scattered through the country in various activities of the army.

The Colonel has brought his staff from the command of the Metropolitan New York province where he was for six years. He has done work in New England before. He was commander for Western Massachusetts with headquarters in Worcester 23 years ago.

And this is our own Steve Marshall, born in Limehouse, and engaged in business in Acton, until his enlistment here in the Salvation Army forty-one years ago.

At that time Steve Marshall and H. W. Edmondson were in the grocery and cookery business in the old Post Office store, which stood where the Government Building now stands. The firm name was Marshall & Edmondson. When Steve went into the army the business was sold out.

Col. Marshall is a brother of Mr. Thos. Marshall, Acton, and Mr. Richard Marshall, Limehouse.

Wonder what the United States would do without some of our bright Canadian boys to help them take charge of religious and reform work. Here is a remarkable co-incidence: Steve Marshall, who has command of all the Salvation Army work in the New England. Superintendent William M. Forgrave, who is in charge of the Anti-Saloon League work in the great state of Massachusetts, came from Georgetown, and Albert E. Laing, Superintendent of the League work in New York State, who is now in charge of Sunday School and Young People's work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Some worth-while aims and ideals for which to strive were set before the young people. An earnest appeal was made that all become more familiar with the Bible and the Shorter Catechism. Dr. Kannawin is always welcome to the home of his boyhood and to Knox Church. Musical numbers were contributed by Mr. Victor Rumley and a ladies' quartette composed of Misses Laura Akins and Isabel Anderson and Mesdames Armstrong and Moore. A special offering was taken to aid a Korean girl in whom the Guild is interested.

Acton L. O. L. Officers Installed

Last Thursday night the officers of Acton L. O. L. No. 467 were installed by Bros. Robt. McCartney, County Master and Fred Norton, District Master, as follows:

W. M.—Bro. George Hall.
D. M.—Bro. John R. Scarrow.
Chaplain—Bro. V. Wheeler.
Recording Secretary—Bro. H. L. Ritchie.
Financial Secretary and Treasurer—Bro. H. Smethurst.
Marshal—Bro. Wm. Turner.
Lecturer—Bro. Robert Dunbar.
District Lecturer—Bro. Robert Turner.
Committee—Bros. W. Smith, F. Kennedy, G. McFaddan, F. Rooney, J. Massey.
Tylers—Bros. W. Hall and G. Masales.

After the ceremony of installation lunch was served and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

Maddock-Moodie Marriage

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in Knox College Chapel on Saturday, January 15, when Gladys Louise, eldest daughter of Rev. R. T. and Mrs. Moodie, of Toronto, was married to Frederick O. Maddock, son of the late Mr. P. Maddock and Mrs. Maddock, of Acton. The bride wore a dress of orchid rose georgette trimmed with silver net and velvet, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of butterfly roses and lily of the valley. She was given away by her brother, Ernest W. Moodie, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Vera Matthews, who wore a dress of delphinium blue chiffon and a ribbon hat of pastel shades, and carried a bouquet of Columbia roses. Mr. Douglas Seton, of Toronto, acted as best man. The bride's father conducted the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. John Stenhouse, of Toronto. During the signing of the register a solo was beautifully sung by Mrs. Arnold Kirkup. The newly married couple left immediately after the ceremony for New York and other points.

Judges at Wellesley Carnival

Messrs. Charles Symon and Howard McCumb had the pleasure of officiating as judges at the ice carnival at Wellesley on Friday night. The covered rink of that town is now owned and operated by an old boy of this district, Mr. Ellis McLaughlin, son of Mr. Nelson McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin is having a very successful season and the carnival on Friday night was largely attended. There was a long list of entries in the various events and a large crowd of spectators. The evening's entertainment was augmented by a seven-piece orchestra from Kitchener, which had to make a two and a half hour drive by horse and sleigh to fill their engagement, owing to the heavy snow storm which prevented motoring. The nine mile drive from Baden to Wellesley was safely made by the judges due to the skillful driving of Mr. McLaughlin in his large touring car. Messrs. McCumb and Symon speak highly of the splendid reception they received at the hands of the hospitable Wellesley folk.

Acton and District

The Public School Principal

Miss Minnie Z. Bennett, Principal of Acton Public School, was taken ill in school on Friday, and was unable to teach for several days. She has suffered from a severe attack of the grippe.

Improvements at the United Church

At a meeting of the Trustee Board of the United Church last week it was decided to put a fine new metallic ceiling in the auditorium. The matter of re-decorating and painting is also under consideration.

Fell and Broke an Arm

Last Wednesday Mrs. Harry Atkinson, Agnes Street, had the misfortune to slip on the ice at her back door, and in falling fractured her left arm. The wounded member has been very painful, but is doing as well as could be looked for.

Assisted Kitchener Ladies' Band

Misses Lottie and Hazel Mason were in Kitchener on Sunday evening assisting the Kitchener Ladies' Band at the splendid concert they provided there in Capitol Theatre. About seventy-five ladies were in the band on this occasion.

A. E. Cripps in Business Again

Mr. A. E. Cripps has re-purchased the express and cartage business from Messrs. George Mann & Sons, who have been conducting the business the past few months. The Messrs. Mann were obliging and attentive to business, but the work did not appeal to them. Mr. Cripps has had long experience in the cartage business.

Carnival on February 2

The Acton Rink Committee are now arranging the annual carnival which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday evening, February 2. New and novel entertainment and events are being planned. And the carnival should draw the patronage of the community for miles about. The posters and advertisements will give the details of the event.

The Wallace-Wilson Wedding

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Knox Church Manse on Monday afternoon at four o'clock, when Miss Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mill Street, became the bride of William D. Wallace, of London. Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. The bride who was becomingly crowned in her travelling outfit of grey Spanish cut plush coat and grey and silver hat, wore a corsage bouquet of bride's roses and lily-of-the-valley. After the ceremony a dainty lunch was served at the home of the bride's parents. Later the happy couple left amid showers of confetti and good wishes for Toronto and other points.

Official Visit of Dr. Kannawin

On Monday evening an excellent meeting of the Young People's Guild of Knox Church was held. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. Kannawin, of Toronto, who is now in charge of Sunday School and Young People's work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Some worth-while aims and ideals for which to strive were set before the young people. An earnest appeal was made that all become more familiar with the Bible and the Shorter Catechism. Dr. Kannawin is always welcome to the home of his boyhood and to Knox Church. Musical numbers were contributed by Mr. Victor Rumley and a ladies' quartette composed of Misses Laura Akins and Isabel Anderson and Mesdames Armstrong and Moore. A special offering was taken to aid a Korean girl in whom the Guild is interested.

AUTHENTIC DATE OF SETTLEMENT

Information Showing that the Adams's Settled in Acton in 1826

Last year was Acton's centennial year of its founding by the Adams family, and the event was fittingly celebrated. Some people had doubts as to Acton being founded prior to Guelph, which celebrates its centennial year in July next. Acton's natal year is, however, 1826, without doubt as authentic data proves.

This Free Press has just received from Mrs. G. W. Cook (Minnie Adams) of Grand Rapids, Mich., a copy of the genealogical history of Robert Adams of Newbury, Mass., and his descendants from 1635 to 1900. This volume of nearly 500 pages was compiled by Andrew N. Adams, formerly a member of the Senate of Vermont, after years of research.

In recording the Acton branch of the Adams family this record says that Rev. Zera Adams and his wife Ina Proctor, who had lived in Cambridge, Mass., and Lundy's Lane, Canada, settled in Acton, Esquesing, Canada, in 1826.

On July 23, 1828, Jane Maria Adams was born in Acton. In 1852 she married Archibald McCallum, a teacher.

On May 14, 1832, Hilas Roxana was born in Acton. She married Rev. Matthew Swann on March 21, 1855. Rev. Mr. Swann was minister of the Methodist Church, in Fergus, Acton and Georgetown.

George Washington Adams was born in Acton July 4, 1830. On August 23, 1852, he married Isabella Jane Lowes, and shortly after went to Grand Rapids, Mich., to reside.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Two cases of violation of the Ontario Temperance Act by residents of Milton will come up for hearing on Saturday afternoon.

George Thomas Coburn, of Toronto, was fined $2.00 and costs for driving past a "Stop" sign in Georgetown, by Police Magistrate Moore.

As the outcome of a charge of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling against Giacomo Carese, William Symson, Alice Street, Guelph was fined $100 and costs by Magistrate Watt in Police Court Saturday morning, when he pleaded guilty, through his counsel, Mr. Nicol Jeffrey, K. C.

Three Milton lads came before Magistrate Moore at the Court House, Milton, on Monday, charged by Dr. Martin with trespassing over a muskrat marsh by skating past notices to trespassers. The boys were given fatherly counsel respecting the observance of the rights of others, and allowed to go upon payment of the court costs.

—Next June will see the opening of the new Union Station, so Toronto Terminal officials say. The old station will not be torn down, but will be used as an office building.

Sequel to the New Year's Frolic

Ward Van Alen, United States Citizen Pays Dearly for Contempt of Canadian law

On September 20, Ward Van Alen, of New York State, who came to Canada a few months earlier to conduct a road house in the Albertonian Hotel, on the Toronto-Hamilton highway, east of Port Credit, was charged by Inspector Beevers with having liquor for sale in his hotel. The case came up for hearing in the Court House, Brampton, before Magistrate H. P. Moore. Van Alen was convicted and fined $200.00 and costs.

He appealed the case. The evidence and other necessary papers were put in, but no further action was taken.

Subsequent charges were laid against Van Alen for selling and unlawfully having liquor on October 23, October 28 and November 27. In the meantime Van Alen went to Preston Springs for treatment for rheumatism and at the request of his solicitor, the charges against him were from time to time remanded, until December 14, when his counsel, when requesting a further remand, entered an undertaking that if the cases were remanded until January 14, 1927, Van Alen would come up for hearing without peradventure, to which Magistrate Moore and the Crown Counsel agreed.

All this time Van Alen was out on bail of $2,000.00. Late in December he was sufficiently recovered to return to his hotel and make arrangements for a big celebration of New Year's. The celebration came off and was reported to have been accompanied with open house privileges in the way of liquors. So boisterous was the celebration that the Hon. Mr. Ferguson, the Premier, took the matter up and sent Provincial officers to investigate. The result was that further charges were laid, and Van Alen was arrested and lodged in Brampton Jail.

When the Court opened at Brampton last Friday morning at 10 o'clock Magistrate Moore had four charges pending against Van Alen and one against his bartender, a Scotchman named Jack McPherson.

The seventy-year-old defendant was assisted by Provincial Constable Owens from the Jail to the Court House, and presented rather a pitiful appearance. Through his counsel Mr. Roy Lent, after the several charges had been read, he agreed to plead guilty as to the cases of October 23 and New Year's Day, as second or subsequent offences, and to drop the appeal against the conviction of September 20, and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

Special Prosecutor Walsh, of Hamilton, Crown Attorney Murphy and Special Officer Allen agreed under the circumstances to withdraw the other charges and also the charge against Van Alen's bartender. Prosecutor Walsh, however, demanded that severe penalties be inflicted.

In his judgment Magistrate Moore said at the outset that he had exercised clemency when the first case was up in September in the hope that the defendant would thereafter obey our laws. He had then considered his age and possible infirmities and fixed the penalty at as low a figure as possible in the case of a person conducting a public house. This clemency was evidently misplaced, for within a month a second charge was laid for selling, and a few days later another for unlawfully having liquor. He was arrested, but released on bail, pending the hearing of the appeal. On November 27 officers found the law was again being violated and laid a third charge.

But the climax came on New Year's Eve when his hotel was thrown open to all and sundry and a notorious night was spent. The daily papers referred to it; the general public talked about it; Premier Ferguson heard about it and sent Provincial Officers to investigate, with the result that further charges were laid.

In his judgment, addressing the accused, Magistrate Moore said: "Ward Van Alen, you came to this country with citizenship under another flag. Your actions have proven that you deliberately proceeded to violate the laws of this province, even after being once convicted and fined you proceeded to treat the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act with contempt and when released on bail you repeated these offences. Canada has a welcome for people who come here to enjoy the fine opportunities we offer, and the superior natural resources of this country. But we reprobate the settlement here of people who come to disobey our laws and treat our statutes with contempt. You are fined $750.00 and costs for the offence you confess having committed on the 23rd October, with imprisonment for three months in default of immediate payment of the fine and costs, and four months additional; and you are fined $500.00 and costs for the offence you admit having committed on New Year's Day, with imprisonment for three months in default of immediate payment of this fine and costs, and four months additional. You will spend your term of imprisonment in the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph. Your terms of imprisonment for default of payment will run consecutively, but your additional terms will run concurrently. I will not be surprised if, at the completion of your term of imprisonment, the authorities of our country take steps for your deportation."

THE HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY

A Good Programme and an Enjoyable Address by Rev. Mr. Sawyer

The Literary Society of the Acton Continuation School, held their first meeting since the New Year on Friday, January 14.

President Gamble conducted the meeting in a delightful manner and the programme for the meeting was conducted by the Third Form pupils.

Following the reading of the Secretary's report, Gladys Scarrow favored the school pupils with a piano solo, which won great applause. Then the Third—Form girls rendered a vocal selection.

After a humorous reading by Neville Harrop, George Mason played a saxophone selection which was pleasing and creditable.

A dialogue was given by some of the Third Form pupils and this excited great laughter.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer, who acted as critic was greatly pleased with the programme. He expressed his delight in being able to speak to the students and everyone enjoyed his remarks.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.—Reporter.

—Will you prove this, Mrs. Sybilla Sparh's Tonsilitis treats Catarrah, Bronchitis, Sore Throat and Cough, Tonsil ills with success, or money back. At Hassard's Drug Store 20-2

Life's Social Side

Miss Bessie Woodhall visited friends in Toronto over Sunday.

Miss Clara Lantz was home from Hamilton over the week-end.

Miss Clara Ebbage, of Toronto, spent the week-end in the old home.

Mr. Thompson Miller, of Kitchener, visited friends here last week.

Miss Ethel Quinn, of the Ryerson School staff, Hamilton, spent the week-end with Acton friends.

Mrs. Orwell Johnston, who was so critically ill last week, is now making progress slowly toward recovery.

Mr. C. F. Barr, of Keifield, Sask., spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. G. H. Switzer during the week.

Miss Ross, of Beardmore & Co's office, was too ill for several days during the week to attend her duties.

Miss Hattie Lindsay was called home last week owing to the illness of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lindsay.

Miss Margaret Macdonald, Principal of the Acton High School spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Archie McTavish left on Thursday to spend the rest of the winter with her sister, Mrs. Park, at Seaforth.

Deputy-Reeve W. Gowdy, J. P., was a guest at the banquet to Lieut.-Governor Cockshutt, at Toronto, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Coles spent the week-end in Goderich with the latter's brother. Mrs. Coles is staying for a week or so there.

Mr. Peter Smith was one of the guests at the banquet to Hon. Harry Cockshutt at the Coliseum, Toronto, on Tuesday evening.

Owing to a very severe cold Miss Fern Brown, Deputy Postmistress was unable to be in her place at the Post Office for several days.

Misses Lottie and Hazel Mason spent the week-end with relatives in Kitchener and took in a special musical service there on Sunday.

Miss Bertie Smith was home from Toronto for over Sunday. She sang a solo very effectively in the United Church at the evening service.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Zimmerman entertained the United Church Choir very hospitably at the Parsonage on Wednesday evening of last week.

Miss Bertie Speight, Secretary-Treasurer of the Public Utilities Commission, was confined to the house for several days during the week through an attack of the grippe.

Mr. Morris Sayers, of Church Street, a life-long resident of Acton, was taken suddenly ill on Sunday with a serious mental ailment. He was taken to the sanitarium at Hamilton for treatment.

Mrs. Fred Helm, who has been seriously ill for several months, became worse last week and was conveyed to the Sanitarium at Hamilton where it is hoped her condition may be improved.

$7,487.70 FOR ROADS IN 1926

G. W. Harris Re-Appointed Nassagaweya Road Superintendent for 1927

At the inaugural meeting of Nassagaweya Council the members took their declarations of office, and proceeded at once with the business before them.

Accounts were passed as follows:

Johnstone & Co., funeral expenses of Mrs. Clayton	$25 00
W. W. King, balance on bridge contract	150 00
Levi Elsley, goods for Mrs. Forbes	7 18
Georgetown Floral Co., wreath for Soldiers' Monument	6 00
R. Early, removing T. Scott to Brampton	10 00
A. McAlpine, gravel	8 25
E. Agnew, telephone account	8 45
J. Marshall, registering 87 births, 25 deaths and 4 marriages for 1926	16 50
ACTON FREE PRESS, for printing Minutes, By-laws and Financial Statement	137 65
A. O. Dutton, cutting brush	5 00
Albert Young, gravel	7 80
J. Jassamine, gravelling	1 00
Christie, Henderson Co., blasting material	9 63
C. Morton, culvert repair	5 50
Jos. Muffat, extra work and mileage	10 00

A by-law was passed appointing Township Officers for the year, viz: Assessor, L. W. McMillan; Collector, Wm. McPhail; B. O. H., Wesley Pickett; School Attendance Officer, W. J. Moore; Sanitary Inspector, Colin McPhail; Sheep Inspectors, D. Irving and Colin Kitching; Auditors, A. J. McPhedran and Chas. A. Darby.

The Reeve and Clerk were authorized to petition the Government for the grant on road and bridge expenditure of $7,487.10 during 1926.

A by-law was passed limiting the loads of motor trucks from November 1 to May 31.

G. W. Harris was re-appointed as Road Superintendent for 1927.

Council adjourned to meet February 14.

JOHN MARSHALL, Clerk.

HALTON PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Officers and Directors Elected for the Year 1927

The annual meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association was held in the Farmers' Club Room, Milton. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Hon. President—A. McGibbon, Milton.
President—H. Wills, Milton.
1st Vice-President—Ed. Harrop, Milton.
2nd Vice-President—O. Chisholm, Hornby.
Secretary—R. R. Fleming, Milton.
Treasurer—J. H. Willmott, Milton.
Auditor—John Irving.

Directors

Trafalgar—J. H. Wilson, Stanley Hall, R. Jarvis, A. Buck, Victor Hall, W. D. Shields.
Nelson—M. McArthur, Peter Hume, Wm. Hume.
Nassagaweya—John Carton, Archie Service, Ernest Dredge, Duncan Campbell.
Esquesing—Alex. Lawson, John Coulson, Geo. Wilson, Thos. Chisholm.
County Director—John Davidson.

It was decided to join the Provincial Association and send three delegates to the Annual Meeting. The Association has had a very successful year and is in good condition financially.

R. J. McPherson is Appointed Assessor

All Waterworks Accounts Handed Over to Public Utilities Commission

At the fortnightly session of the Council on Tuesday evening Councillors Holmes, Thetford, Atkinson and Nicol were present. In the absence of Reeve Mason Councillor Holmes presided.

Poll Tax had been collected from W. M. Kelly, Jr., in error as he was not yet twenty-one years of age. The Clerk was ordered to make a refund.

The Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts in their second report:

General Account

W. M. Kelly refund of poll tax	$5 00
Bell Telephone Co., services	4 10
Dr. J. A. McNiven, for Board of Health	16 50
R. J. Hassard, supplies for Town Hall	75
Public Utilities Commission, Town Hall lighting	18 35
Public Utilities Commission, Street Lighting	170 00
G. W. Masales, milk for Mrs. Taylor	12 20
Thos. Watson, bread for Mrs. Taylor	21 72
David Hutcheon, due on County rate	40
R. Sinclair, repairs to Council Chamber furniture	14 25
A. McCann, coal for Town Hall	49 85
	$319 22

Moved by E. T. Thetford, seconded by L. E. Atkinson, that the second report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the accounts as therein recommended be paid and that the waterworks accounts be handed to the Public Utilities Commission.—Carried.

Lieut. Chuskey, of Toronto, in charge of the Halton Rifles, pointed out that according to the statutes five men who were enlisted in the Battalion here were exempt from Poll Tax. They were requested to send in the proper certificate from the commanding officer and the case would be dealt with.

A by-law appointing an assessor and tax collector for the year 1927 was given the required number of readings and passed by the Council. R. J. McPherson was appointed to fill the office.

Only two applications were received for the office of assessor, from Messrs. A. E. Nicklin and A. E. Cripps, and the Council deemed it advisable to have the office under the supervision of Chief McPherson.

The Secretary of the Fire Brigade gave the result of their annual elections in the Brigade as follows: Assistant Chief and Captain of Hook and Ladder, J. McArthur; Captain of Fire Truck, N. McLeod, Lieutenants, W. Chisholm and S. Caxe; Secretary-Treasurer, F. McIntosh.

The Clerk reported that the Council had authority, according to the statutes to close up all wells in Acton if a proper by-law was passed.

The Clerk also reported that the Guelph Trust Co. had agreed to pay $100 for perpetual care for the plot of Mrs. Jennie B. Wood, and the Council agreed to accept this amount.

Reeve Mason arrived just as the session was closing.

A special meeting was arranged for Thursday evening.

FOUR SMALL CHILDREN BURNED

Children of Acton Mother Lost in Toronto Home Fire

Four small children were burned to death in their home in Toronto on Saturday night, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Geoffrey, were attending a party. Mrs. Geoffrey went to the party at a neighbor's house about half a block away at 10.30, leaving the children asleep in their home at 39 Poulette Street. She returned between eleven and twelve to see if they were all right, and while there her husband came home from his work in an Italian fruit store. The fire was fixed and the husband and wife went back to the party.

At 12.35 a neighbor discovered the fire, sounded an alarm and sent word to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey. By this time the inside of the house was a mass of flames. The father and a policeman made heroic efforts to get into the house to save the children, but without success.

When the firemen arrived the flames were soon overcome, but when they got into the house the children were discovered dead. The baby, Emerson, four months old, was in a basket near the kitchen stove. His little body was burned to a crisp. Loreen aged 15 months, Josephine, aged 3 years and Matthew, aged 4 years, were found upstairs suffocated.

Mrs. Geoffrey is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Anderson, Church Street, Acton. She was married about five years ago to Augustine Geoffrey, of Toronto, where they have lived ever since. Their baby boy was named for his grandfather, Emerson Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. George Evans went to Toronto on Monday to attend the funeral.

Much sympathy is felt here for Mrs. Geoffrey and the bereft family in the trying experience which has come to them.

TORONTO SWIMMER WINS $25,000

In a Contest with 101 Others, at Catalina, California

George Young, Toronto, the swimming world's hero, winner of the Wrigley $25,000 ocean marathon, told the Associated Press that he had staked on the race his most prized possession, his amateur standing, for his mother's sake. Other than her, he said, he has no relative, and she is dependent on him.

This Canadian boy is emphatically a mother's boy; and he is proud of it. He said:

"I put everything I had into this race for my mother. It was not much, perhaps, but it was my all, my amateur standing as Canadian champion. I wanted to bring her to California."

There were 101 contestants and Young was the only one to finish the race. Thirteen women entered the competition. Two of them, Mrs. Houser and Miss Steager were granted consolation prizes of $2,500 each for their courageous effort.

The official time of the Canadian amateur champion was 15 hours, 45 minutes. His average crawl stroke throughout was 54 to the minute. The race started at 11.21 a. m. Saturday and finished at 3.06 next morning. The distance he swam was 22 miles, from the main land to Catalina Island. This course was never swum before.

—Stop! Look! Listen! Stop and let the train go by. It only takes a minute, your car will start again intact, and better still, you're in it.