Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, 50c; Marriages, 50c; Deaths, 50c; Memorial Cards, 50c, 10c per line extra for poems.

BORN

HARRIS—At Erin, Ontario, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harris, on December 5, 1927, a son.

CREE—At the Manse, Arthur, on Sunday, December 18, 1927, to Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Cree, a daughter.

DIED

MURRAY—At the home of his son, Wesley Murray, lot 31, concession 2, Esquesing Township, on Wednesday, December 21, 1927, Andrew B. Murray, in his 88th year.

IN MEMORIAM

ORR—In loving memory of our brother, Adam, who passed away December 20, 1923.

He bade no one a last farewell,
He said good-bye to none,
The heavenly gates were opened wide,
A loving voice said, "Come."

BROTHER AND SISTERS.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1927

Brief Local News

—To-morrow.

—The next day.

—And then—Christmas.

—The Post Office is a busy place these days.

—The Community Christmas Tree was erected on Tuesday afternoon.

—It's too late to do your Christmas shopping early, but it can still be done locally.

—It's no trouble getting errands done promptly this week by the younger boys and girls.

—A splendid community gathering is anticipated at the Christmas Tree on Christmas eve.

—Reeve Mason and Mr. W. J. Akins attended the Warden's Dinner at Milton on Tuesday evening.

—There has been real Christmas weather the past week and the jingling of sleigh bells has added to the charm.

—The store windows, up and down the street, give many a Christmas suggestion and have been most attractive.

—Next to the thrill of waking up on Christmas morning comes the delight of delivering those gaily wrapped Christmas packages.

—The Post Office employees need your help these days. Don't be impatient if mails are late or delivery not as prompt as usual.

—From Mr. Stuart Lowrie, in far off Yokahama, Japan, THE FREE PRESS received a Christmas card, bearing his Christmas message, the past week.

—One big difference between a screen door and a storm door is that climatic conditions are usually more favorable for the hanging of the screen door.

—There are other pleasant words which we appreciate at this time besides "Merry Christmas." They are "Enclosed please find my renewal for another year."

—The announcement of the construction of a new road from Ottawa, connecting with the No. 7 Highway to Barnia, will mean largely increased traffic through here.

—Even the rigors of a Christmas eve snow fall are endurable when there's a chance of catching a glimpse of Santa Claus on his route, most of the juveniles think.

—The minister began, "As I look about me this morning, I see a great many bright and shining faces——." Immediately a multitude of powder puffs made their appearance.

—The Christmas tree harvest has been engaged in by neveral farmers in this section. A couple of car loads were shipped and truck loads to the cities have been numerous.

—The money that pays for occasional advertising is money spent, but the funds put into continuous advertising is money invested—and it pays its dividends in sales and good will.

—Be a sport, Santa! And answer the prayers revealed by those intimate peeps into the Christmas mail of good little girls and boys, who are sure to hang up their socks on Saturday night.

—We are not weather prognosticators, but have observed closely the weather of the past week. First it friz, an' then it blew, an' then it snew, an' then it thew, an' then we'd rain; an' then it friz an' blew an' snew an' thew all over again. That should surely settle things for real old-fashioned Christmas weather for the coming week.

A CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

For the Scholars, Teachers and Parents of the United Church Sunday School

On Monday evening the annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the United Church Sunday School was held in the auditorium of the church. A splendid programme was given by the pupils and older members of the school, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The entertainment opened with the singing of a Christmas carol and was followed by a prayer by Mr. Alex. McDonald. Superintendent A. T. Brown, who was the guiding hand in the affair, addressed a few remarks to the audience.

The following other numbers composed the programme:

Recitation, "A Christmas Wish," by Herbie Cook and Charlie Floyd; recitation, "Christmas Bells," by Jean Evans; motion song, by two Primary Classes, "Christmas Time is Near," recitation, "Santa Claus' Reporter," Gordon McKeown, recitation, "The Christmas Stockings," Alayna Gibson; Primary Boys, "When David was a Shepherd Boy," Good-Night Drill, Girls' Primary Class, dialogue, "Spirit of Christmas," Mrs Gardiner's Class; recitation, "Christmas in the Heart," Laverne Smith, recitation, "Kitty's Christmas," Erma Wilderspin; recitation, "A Funny Tale," Norman Scarrow; carol, Hymn 314; pantomime, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Mrs Cleave's Class, recitation, "Christmas Shopping," Norman Gibson; recitation, "Writing to Santa Claus," George Switzer, recitation, "Awful Luck," Gordon Cook; recitation, "Uncle Skinflint's Christmas Gift," Velma Blair, pantomime, "Silent Night," Miss Vida Ramshaw's Class; solo, "The Birthday of a King," Ruth Gibson; dialogue, two members of the Home Department, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore, "Christmas on the Sunset Slope." This final number made a very appropriate close for the programme. A quartette rendered Christmas songs during the portraying of this number.

Then, at the close, Santa Claus came in and from the Christmas tree each child belonging to any department of the school, from the Cradle Roll up, received a treat of Christmas candies, nuts and oranges. The jolly St. Nicholas was impersonatd by none other than Mr. C. H. Harrison, and he proved up to the standard set for the old chap.

Neighborhood News

NASSAGAWEYA

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Ebenezer Church Sunday School was held on Monday evening and was enjoyed by the large gathering present.

Mr. Joseph Moore held a very successful auction sale on Monday, 19th inst. Good prices were realized.

The annual school meeting of the various school sections in the Township will be held next Wednesday afternoon. We hope the ratepayers will be interested enough to attend.

Mrs. C. A. Darby, of Knatchbull, returned home from Dundas last Saturday.

We wish THE FREE PRESS and all its readers a very merry Christmas.

LORNE SCHOOL

Last night a well-filled schoolroom enjoyed the splendid Christmas concert put on by Lorne School. Mr. H. O. Johnston, the able chairman, opened the enjoyable evening by calling upon Knox Church Sunday School Orchestra, which rendered several selections. Choruses, recitations, drills and drills held the audience in great interest until Santa Claus arrived to give out the presents from the tree. The programme, enjoyed by all, showed much work by the teacher, Miss Vera Hurst, and the pupils. Two silver cups, which are now held by the school, give a challenge to others and vouch for the good work carried on there by pupils and teacher.

GREENOCK SCHOOL

The following is the report of S. S. No. 8, Erin.

Sr. IV.—Bessie Forestell (a), Annie Aitken (a).

Jr. IV.—Evelyn Pearen, Lois Forestell (a), James McCaig (a).

III.—Lloyd McKeown, Robert Allan, John Forestell, Elsie Nelson, Eveline Lambert, Marjorie McCaig (a), Kenneth McDonald (a).

II.—Jean Mann, Jean Burt, Marion Leslie, Jack Ayles, Lawson McCutcheon, Elsie Maude.

I.—Rae West, Jean Aitken, Gordon McKeown, Grant Allan.

Pr.—Thelma Morrison, Tommy Forestell, Irene Aitken, Lorne Nelson, Douglas McDonald, Helen McCaig.

G. M. Gray, Teacher.

DUBLIN

An enjoyable time was spent at Dublin School on Friday evening, although owing to unfavorable weather conditions, the attendance was not large. Mr. Lorne Mullin very ably fulfilled the duties of chairman for a pleasing programme of choruses, dialogues, recitations, drills and pantomimes, by the pupils, generously interspersed with fine musical numbers by the junior and senior Dublin Orchestras. At the close of the programme, Santa Claus appeared, to dismantle the well-laden Christmas tree. The most generally appreciated gift of all, however, was not on the tree, being in the form of a fine, neat platform presented to the school by the secretary, Mr. Mullin.

CHURCHILL

Churchill United Church gave their Christmas concert on Tuesday night. A large audience showed keen interest and lent confidence to the children and older ones, as they presented their talented programme, the fruit of much work, such as choruses, recitations, dialogues, and plays of great merit. Churchill Concert Orchestra provided selections during the evening. "The White Christmas," an impressive Christmas scene, of how our Saviour came to us, as a babe, in a manger in Bethlehem; how the bright star guided the wise men to the Child to worship Him. This was the concluding number. Santa Claus arrived and gave his presents from off the bending boughs of the Christmas tree. Mr. R. W. Lowrie, an old hand at being chairman, called a closing with the singing of the hymn, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Miss Edith Graff, of Powassan, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home on Wednesday. Miss Ethel Graff went with her for a visit in Powassan.

ROCKWOOD

The annual supper and Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Church Sunday School is being held in the church on Thursday evening, and the United Church Sunday School entertainment on Friday evening in the Town Hall.

The many friends of Mrs. George H. Pearen will be pleased to hear that she was somewhat improved during the week-end, suffering from a bad attack of erysipelas. Her daughter, Edna, of Dundas, was up for the week-end.

Mr. Wm. Burns was also confined to the house for a few days with a bad cold.

Mr. Johnston Hewat, of Simcoe, was home for the week-end.

Nomination meetings next Monday for the Township and Police Village.

Congratulations to the editor and staff THE FREE PRESS for the neat and attractive appearance of the Christmas number of the paper last week.

The Continuation and Public Schools close this week for a brief holiday. Best wishes to one and all, young and old, for a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Presbyterian congregation are now in full possession of the church, recently purchased from the Friends, the necessary papers and documents having been duly signed by trustees of both parties. A new furnace is being installed in place of the old one, which has done duty since the church was erected in 1897-8.

THE WARDEN'S DINNER

Warden Agnew Entertains About 125 Guests at This Annual Function

That big event in the wind-up of the County Council year, the Warden's dinner, was held at Milton on Friday evening last. Warden Agnew was host to about 125 guests, County Councillors, officials and friends from this and neighboring counties. The Milton Inn, at which the feast was served, put on an elaborate menu, and Warden Agnew proved an hospitable host.

Following the banquet Mr. J. Little acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were proposed and responded to:

The King—"God Save the King."

Canada, Our Country. Proposed by Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire, responded to by Dr. R. K. Anderson, M. P.

Our Country Proposed by Mr. D. Campbell, ex-Warden of Halton, responded to by Warden Agnew, ex-Warden Blain, Milton, Mr. T. Foster, Nelson, and Mr. Wm. Morden, Trafalgar.

Our Guests—Proposed by Judge Elliot, responded to by Police Magistrate Crawford, of Brampton, ex-Warden Biddell, of Peel County, and Mr. W. J. Akins, of Acton.

Our Host—Proposed by Mr. John Marshall, Clerk of Nassagaweya Township Council. In replying to this Mr. Agnew thanked his guests, who had honored him by attending this banquet.

The gathering broke up by all joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Reeve Mason and Mr. W. J. Akins attended this interesting function from Acton.

TRACE IT TO ITS SOURCE

When you feel like saying something disagreeable, it would generally pay you to stop long enough to trace that impulse to its source. Perhaps you remember how hard your employer was to please after that recent slump in securities. Your work was as good as it had ever been, but his nerves were less steady than usual, and when he was unreasonable, you made allowances because you understood what was back of it.

If you feel like making a disagreeable remark about the breakfast coffee, ask yourself whether you would feel like sputtering if you had not eaten Welsh rarebit at midnight. If you are tempted to make a perfectly withering reply to your friend who wishes to borrow something, trace that impulse to its source, and you will find that your history teacher's caustic criticism of your last week's theme is responsible.

The instinct to pass on to some one else any unpleasantness we have encountered is rooted deep in human nature. The small boy, bullied by an older companion, goes his way and takes it out on some younger child. When you feel like making some stinging speech, follow it back to its source, and the probability is that you will be ashamed to make it.

POPULAR PICTURE COMING TO WONDERLAND

Syd Chaplin as Old Bill!

To those who know Syd Chaplin only through the amusing female impersonations in "Charley's Aunt," we recommend a visit to Wonderland, where he is to play the screen version of "The Better 'Ole" next Tuesday night. There they will see Syd Chaplin transformed; fairly living the role of Old Bill.

His impersonations of the famous old soldier of the Bruce Bairnsfather cartoons will astonish you first by the sheer perfection of his makeup. There is Private William Busby, in his British uniform, with his trusty knitted muffler around his neck, a recalcitrant forelock straying down beneath his lumpy fatigue cap whose visor inclines rakishly over his right ear, his lips ambushed behind a full-grown walrus moustache, and the famous stub of his briar pipe peeking forth timidly from the brush.

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No. 3. Contralto Solo and choir, "The Stranger Star." Soloists, Miss Jean Kennedy and Mr. George Poole.
No. 4. Soprano and Tenor Duett, "The Angel's Song." Miss R. Gibson and Mr. W. Macales.
No. 5. Baritone Solo, "Hope in God"—choir response. Soloists, Mr. Geo. Old and Miss Hazel Mason.
No. 6. Soprano Solo, "The Beautiful Star." Miss Bertie Smith.
No. 7. "Awake, Put on Thy Strength." Soloist, Miss Jean Kennedy.
No. 8. "Bethlehem." Ladies' Quartette and choir.
No. 9. Baritone Solo, "Lead Thou Me On." Mr. Geo. T. Old.
No. 10. Contralto Solo and Quartette. Soloist, Miss Hazel Mason.
No. 11. "Rejoice Greatly." Tenor Solo and choir. Soloist, Mr. J. Whittam.

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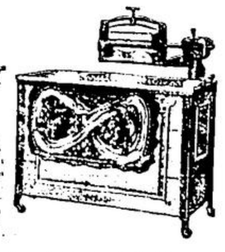

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