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Church Services

United Church of Canada
ACTON
Minister—Rev. C. L. Poole, B. D.
Parsonage—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Searching for God."
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School. Lesson: "Job and the Sick."
7.00 p. m.—The Minister. Subject: "Our Photos in Three Settings."
Wednesday, 8.00 p. m.—Young People's Union Skating Party at the Rink.

Presbyterian
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister—Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A.
Manse—Willow Street

11.00 a. m.—Rev. L. Currie, of Toronto.
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—Rev. L. Currie, of Toronto.
Wednesday, 8.00 p. m.—Young People's Union Skating Party at the Rink.
Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.

Baptist Church
ACTON
Pastor—Wm. J. Baxter.

The painters are busy redecorating the interior of our building, therefore all the Sunday Services this week will be held in the Land Hall.
11.00 a. m.—The Pastor.
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m.—The Pastor.

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MR JECKELL,
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2,200 feet pine square timber suitable for driving shed or larger building.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
"Back to God's Country"
By James Oliver Curwood, starring Renee Adoree. Comedy "His Better Half." Fox News. Claude Wade Audition.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
"Tillie the Toiler"
With Marion Davies as Tillie and the others of the comedy strip, Mac Whipple and Mr Simpkins. Chapter 2 of Blake of Scotland Yard. Comedy Creation.

COMING
"Annie Laurie"

R. L. GREGORY & SON

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You Who Like to Save May Spend to Save

Spending will be saving when you can choose new wearables and new household needables for present and future requirements away below the regular prices.

These are stock-taking days, and every Department, anxious to reduce stocks to a minimum before inventory, is using price reductions to accomplish that result.

Drastic Reductions on Winter Goods, While Winter is Still Here, and Winter Needables and Wearables Still Have Many Weeks of Service Ahead!

Every Coat and Dress and Hat at Such a Small Price

THAT YOU'LL WANT TO FRESHEN UP YOUR WARDROBE RIGHT AWAY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE WINTER SEASON!

COATS AT $9.85, $12.85, $14.85, $18.85, $22.85, $28.85. Styles that will be smart for another season, too.

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In Smart All-Wool Tweeds and Navy Blues — In Four Clearance Groups, Reduced as Follows:

$14.85 for Overcoats that have been Regular $22.50.
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Boys' Overcoats — Staple Goods — Yard Goods — Wallpapers — Pictures — Curtains — Floor Coverings — Children's Coats, Hats and Dresses — Gift Goods — All Over This Big Store, Unusual Opportunities for Saving!

D. E. Macdonald & Bros., Ltd.
GUELPH'S LEADING AND LARGEST STORE

Specials For This Week!

MIXED NUTS per lb.	20c	Granulated Sugar 10 lbs. for	65c
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Orange Marmalade 3s, per glass	39c	Heinz Catsup large	25c
Strawberry and Raspberry Jam, 3s	55c	Eggs, storage firsts per dozen	45c

Extra Special
20 Bars P & G Soap
4 Bars Castile, all for **$1.00**

Chain **RED & WHITE** Stores
J. W. JONES Phone 26 ACTON, ONT.

This Week's Candy Specials

Marschino Chocolate Cherries regular 60c lb., for, lb. 49c
Assorted Chocolates regular 40c and 50c lb., for, lb. 32c

THE GUESSING CONTEST

This Week's Contest on the candy cane. He guessed the correct weight, 1½ lbs. He was given the cane and the candy.

HAROLD WILES, Acton

C. B. Swackhamer
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New, modern equipment, careful and efficient service at very moderate cost. You are cordially invited to visit our showroom.

AN AMBULANCE SERVICE DE LUXE
Sedan Ambulance, Stretcher Cot, equipped with Marshall Sanitary Mattress. Freshly laundered line for each patient.

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FURNITURE—ALL NEW STOCK
Dining Suites Living-room Suites Bedroom Suites, etc.

HARDWARE
Skates Hockey Sticks Sleighs, etc.

PHONES—Day, 168; Night, 98-41

The Neighboring Municipal Elections

Results in Municipalities in the Vicinity of Acton

In many places, in fact in a majority of places near here, the municipal elections are still held the last week in the year. The following are the successful candidates in the constituencies in this vicinity in which THE FREE PRESS readers will be interested.

Milton

At Milton the contest was for Reeve, between E. Syer and J. Blain, and Mr. Syer was the successful candidate. Other offices were filled by acclamation.

Brant:

Council—M. E. Shelton, L. M. Bray, H. B. McDonald.

Oakville

A light vote was polled in Oakville, when elections were held to appoint a Council. It is estimated that there was only about 35 per cent. of the possible vote cast.

Council—J. R. Byers, L. L. Hewson, Thomas Bain, Ed. Stansbury, Eric Scott and T. R. Jarvis.

The other offices were filled by acclamation except for School Trustees in Ward 1, where another nomination will be required, because the original nominees failed to qualify for election.

Burlington

Mayor—J. S. Allen.
Reeve—Edmund Holtby.
Deputy Reeve—J. W. Breckon.
Councillors—E. W. Vanstriver, Robt. Gray, Ernest C. Puck, John A. Emerson, D. McCullan, Cameron Johnston.

High School By-law to provide for $31,150 was defeated by 16 votes.

Port Credit

Port Credit elections for Council showed a keen fight when James McMahon secured the highest vote polled by only one count. The by-law, which was placed before the electors for the purpose of securing their sanction to create a Board of Education in place of the School Trustee system, was accorded a vote of 347 for and 63 against.

Council — James McMahon, 206; Fred Milligan, 205; R. A. Allan, 183.

Esquesing Township

Reeve—Thomas Leslie.
Deputy Reeve—M. J. Carton.
Council—D. George Cleave, W. G. Appelbe and George Curry.

In Esquesing Township the following vote was polled:

For Deputy Reeve—M. J. Carton, 662, W. Gowdy, 405.

Councillors—G. Cleave, 554, G. Appelbe, 461, G. Curtle, 451, Alex. Joe, 433, J. L. Standish, 338.

Nassagaweya Township

Reeve—F. McNiven.
Council—L. Crawford, G. Lamb, T. Near, W. King.

In Nassagaweya the candidates received votes thus:

For Reeve—Frank McNiven, 227, Donald Campbell, 204.

For Councillors—Lloyd Crawford, 280, George Lamb, 218, Thos. Near, 198, W. King, 170, Wm. Dredge, 157.

Nelson Township

Reeve—H. F. Foster.
Deputy Reeve—H. M. Pettit.
Council—E. M. Readhead, Leslie Peer and Enoch Gunby.
(All by acclamation.)

Trafalgar Township

Reeve—W. H. Morden.
Deputy Reeve—A. A. Galbraith.
Council—James Waldebrook, Victor Hall and Austin Buck.
Utilities Commission—Mervin Armstrong.

Eramosa Township

Reeve—Arch. McNabb.
Council—Joseph Rutherford, Nathan McKerstle, Sims McLean, Joseph Stovel.

Erin Village

Reeve—James Justice.

Erin Township

Reeve—D. J. Sinclair.
Deputy Reeve—James McKinnon.

Peel

Reeve—C. G. Stickney.
Deputy Reeve—J. Jackson.

Caledon Township

Reeve—W. J. Wilson.
Deputy Reeve—John Willis.
Council—James McDonald, R. J. Speers and William J. McKinley.

Chinguacousy Township

Reeve—W. W. Little.
Deputy Reeve—A. W. Fleming.
Council—Hugh Smith, J. M. Dobson and David Moran.

Guelph

Beverly Robson was elected Chief Magistrate again for the third consecutive time, when he headed the poll in a field of four, his plurality over his nearest opponent, Ald. Alex. G. Bain, being 1,111. Dr. F. C. Grenside can third, and Ald. R. H. Grundy a good fourth. The three leading candidates staged an interesting battle for the coveted office, and the efforts of their workers resulted in the largest vote ever recorded in a Mayoralty fight in Guelph being polled. Mayor Robson's total vote was 2,680, Ald. Bain got 1,569, Dr. Grenside 1,181, and Ald. Grundy 244. Twelve citizens made a bid for the six vacant seats on the Aldermanic body. Ald. W. A. Stuart heading the poll with the splendid vote of 2,561. Ex-Ald. C. W. Bempson ran a close second, with 2,505, and the other four successful candidates were: Ald. David Bentley, 2,064, H. T. Hammersley, 1,981, A. J. Frank, 1,841, and Ald. George J. Mcldrum, 1,819. Those defeated were: W. P. Evans, Sam Acker, Morris Coady, W. G. Taylor, William Herley and Frank Simpson.

WALKER LODGE OFFICERS

Installed by W. Bro. J. A. McNiven at Meeting on Monday Evening

The officers of Walker Lodge, A. F. & A. M. were installed in their respective offices on Monday evening at the regular meeting. Those who will guide the lodge in 1928 are as follows:

I. P. M.—W. Bro. C. W. Wilson.
W. M.—W. Bro. W. H. Horton.
S. W.—Bro. N. H. Black.
J. W.—Bro. J. E. Doble.
Chaplain—W. Bro. W. M. Cooper.
Treasurer—Bro. C. A. Conway.
Secretary—W. Bro. R. M. McDonald.
S. D.—Bro. W. R. E. Blair.
J. D.—Bro. Sims McLean.
I. G.—Bro. Archie McNabb.
D. of C.—W. Bro. D. N. McTavish.
Organist—Bro. E. J. Nelson.
Sd. Std.—Bro. H. L. Ritchie.
Jr. Std.—Bro. C. A. Darby.
Tyler—Bro. John Jennings.

W. Bro. J. A. McNiven was installing master and with the assistance of other brethren of the lodge conducted these impressive ceremonies very creditably.

Auditors—Bros. J. C. Matthews and J. M. McDonald.

Exam. Com.—W. Bros. J. Leslie, John Kenney and D. N. McTavish.

Watch for the announcement of Milne's Meat Market next week.

Various News Items

Auction Sales Going Well

One of the best sales of the season was held for Wm. Douglas, Erin, on Tuesday. The stock was in A1 condition and brought high prices. R. J. Kerr wielded the hammer.

U. F. V. P. O. Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the U. F. V. P. O. will be held at the Parish Hall on Friday evening, January 6, at 8.30 o'clock sharp. The members of the U. F. O. and U. F. W. O. are cordially invited.

Wellington County Council

Wellington County Council, which meets according to statute on January 24, will have only one member without municipal experience this year. He is Wm. MacKinnon, who was elected Deputy Reeve of Erin Township. All the other Councillors will return to office with the exception of two, who are replaced by E. Boyd, Reeve-elect of West Luther, and I. Jackson, Deputy of Peel. Both these men have served previously in the county body.

Reformatory Crowded

The population at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph has grown considerably in the past few weeks, and a total of 624 inmates are now confined in the institution. Of these 514 are in the regular wards and 110 in the Ontario Hospital, as the phychiatric section is known. More prisoners are being brought to Guelph in preference to Burwash, owing to extensive work which is being carried on in the industrial department at "The farm."

Watch Your Label

At the end of December a considerable number of THE FREE PRESS subscriptions become due. Accounts, as usual, have been sent out for the month. We appreciate the promptness with which our subscribers are answering these statements and renewing. The mailing lists of THE FREE PRESS are corrected each week on Tuesday. If you have remitted and your label does not bear the proper date, please notify us at once so that we may trace the error immediately.

$50,000 for a Milton Accident

The action against the C. P. R., arising out of the accident when an automobile, driven by Albert E. Jones, and containing Mrs. Jones, A. H. Couch and J. Kipps, and which resulted in the death of the three men and severe injuries to Mrs. Jones, was struck by a westbound passenger train at Milton on October 27, 1926, has been settled out of court. It is understood that the defendant company has agreed to pay the plaintiffs $50,000, including costs.

Acton Girls Ball Players in Demand

We have learned that scouts from Toronto have their eyes on two or three of our lady ball players. One of the players chiefly sought after is the peerless first baseman, "Blink" Smith, her work around the initial sack having brought forth the admiration of more than one wise ball fan. It is to be hoped that Manager McComb will be able to hold the team together next year, as the fans are looking forward to seeing some more games of the calibre of the one between Kodaks and the Halton Ladies.

Employment in 1927 was "Best Since 1921"

That 1927 was the best year since 1921 from the point of view of employment, was the statement made yesterday by officials of the Toronto office of the Employment Service of Canada, who were engaged in preparing annual reports. "Conditions last year were the best since 1921," said one of the clerks. "Our reports will show this when they are completed. It appears that 1928 should be another good year, although at the present time the opportunities for employment are not great. Of course, the latter part of December and the early part of January are usually very quiet."

Fortieth Wedding Anniversary

On Monday, New Year's Day, the family and a few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid celebrated with them, at their home on Young Street, the fortieth anniversary of their wedding. Fifteen guests sat around the festive board that fairly creaked with the weight of good things to eat. In the centre of the table stood a beautiful three-storey wedding cake, brilliantly lighted with candles, one for each year. Following the dinner, the guests adjourned to the parlor and spent an enjoyable hour or so playing jackstraws and tiddley-winks. Mr. and Mrs. Reid received many useful and beautiful gifts. Each was presented with a handsomely upholstered easy chair, the gifts of the family. Congratulations and good wishes were showered on the veteran bride and groom.

Driver of Car Not Blamed for Accident

At the inquest resumed last Thursday afternoon to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of David Bell, who was killed a few days before Christmas on the Dundas Highway, near Nelson Village, where he had come to spend the holiday with his brother, George A. Bell, an open verdict was returned by the jury, attaching no blame to any one. Coroner Dr. T. W. Peart, presided, and the only witnesses heard were Samuel Canning, of Brantford, driver of the car which struck Mr. Bell, and his father. The evidence showed that Canning had done everything he could to avoid striking Bell, the latter had become confused and stepped right in front of the car. The inquest was conducted at the Township Hall, Nelson.

Removing Telegraph Poles

For some time the corporation has been endeavoring to have the telegraph poles on Mill Street removed as they are not now operating a downtown office. A couple of Georgetown young chaps removed one of them last Friday evening but rather damaged their car in the achievement. They were coming west down Mill Street when their car skidded into the pole and broke it off level with the ground, and carried it, upright, into the middle of the sidewalk. The car was caught between a tree on the lawn at Mrs. M. Hollinger's residence, and the pole. The headlights and windshield were broken but when the machine was extricated from its position the young chaps were able to drive it away under its own power. The pole is now sitting on top of the ground, held in an upright position by the wires on it, but it is a menace to the public safety and should be removed at once.

December Results at Public School

Pupils Who Took the Highest Standing in Their Classes for the Month

Senior Fourth

Olive Hookes, 116, Jim McGeachie, 389, Lorena Lashbrook, 357.

Junior Fourth

Esther Taylor, 366, William Near, 337, Clara Baurc, 329. Total 450.
M. Z. Bennett, Principal.

Senior Third

Ted Elliott, 507, Tommy Coole, 489, Harvey Hassard, 470. Total 600.
D. Polster, Teacher.

Junior Third

Margaret Arnold, 403, Harold Skilling, 402, Helen Campbell, 393. Total 550.
M. Orr, Teacher.

Junior Third

Annie Gibbons, 529, Jessie Trotter, 471, Frances Kelly, 452. Total 650.
G. Clarridge, Teacher.

Senior Second

Herbert Price, 604, Kathleen Huard, 539, Neil McNabb, 524. Total 650.
G. Clarridge, Teacher.

Second Class

Helen Lamb and Thelma Cripps, 381, Wilma Hansen, 360, Roy Hansen and Bella Roszell, 354. Total 400.

First Class

Betty Littley, 357, Reside Vickers, 343, Jimmie Jones, 337. Total 400.
A. MacDonald, Teacher.

Senior First

Norman Bralda, 223, Hazel McDowell, 204, Grace Stewart, 200.

Junior First

Helen Mooney, 211, Donald Brown, 194, Billie Mainprize, 193. Total 250.
Mrs. C. E. Reidy, Teacher.

Primary Room

Senior Primer—Merna Rawson, George Williams, Elmeda Hauck.
Intermediate—Jack Blow, Robert Footitt, Daisy Buchanan.
Junior—Paul Lavallee, Frank Van Wyck, Elmer Mainprize.
A. W. MacMillan, Teacher.

Junior Primary Room

Senior Class—Frances Dills, Beatrice Cripps, Walter Lamb.
Intermediate Class—Helen Simpson, Isabel Crewson, Frances Chinholm.
M. R. Moord, Teacher.

HALTON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 1928

Only Three New Members to Take Seats at County Board This Year

The County Council of Halton for 1928 is as follows: Acton, A. Mason, Reeve; Burlington, E. Holtby, Reeve, W. J. Breckon, Deputy Reeve; Georgetown, M. L. Near, Reeve; Milton, E. Syer, Reeve; Oakville, T. A. Blackbeck, Reeve; J. H. Moat, Deputy Reeve; Esquesing Township, T. L. Leslie, Reeve; M. J. Carton, Deputy Reeve; Nassagaweya Township, F. McNiven, Reeve; Nelson Township, H. T. Foster, Reeve; H. M. Pettit, Deputy Reeve; Trafalgar Township, W. H. Morden, Reeve; A. A. Galbraith, Deputy Reeve.

E. Syer, M. J. Carton and W. McNiven are the new members of this year's County Council. Messrs. Syer and Carton are, however, former members of the Council, who are returning after several years' absence.

Acton and District

Barn and Stock Destroyed

Thirty-two hogs, 50 hens, all the farm implements with the exception of one hay mower and the total season's crop of hay and grain were destroyed by fire when the bank barn owned by William Reeves, about four miles east of Mount Forest, was burned late Monday night. The fire started by the explosion of an oil lantern in the hay mow, which was used while Mr. Reeves was putting down the hay for the stock. The loss is estimated at $5,000, which was partly covered by insurance.

Guelph Electors Set Record when 61.45 Per Cent. Use Vote

Guelph electors are believed to have set an Ontario record on Monday, when 61.45 per cent. of those eligible to vote in the municipal election turned out at the polls to cast their ballots. Official figures given out at the City Hall on Tuesday show that 5,610 persons voted out of a possible total of 9,128. This is a better showing than at any federal, provincial or municipal election in history, so far as the Royal City is concerned. The previous high mark was 56.8 per cent., polled in 1924, when Geo. A. Drew was elected Mayor.

Resigns Guelph Council Seat When Defeated for Mayor

A vacancy in Guelph's City Council was announced by City Clerk Lemlley on Tuesday, on the receipt of Dr. F. C. Grensides resignation from the civic body. Dr. Grensides was an unsuccessful candidate in Monday's mayoralty contest and had been one of the city's outstanding aldermen for four years. He had just completed one year of his three-year term, and his decision to retire from public office means that W. G. Taylor, who finished seventh in the 1928 aldermanic contest, will automatically fall in for the vacant seat.

Huttonville Woman Dies Motoring to Brampton

While motoring from her home in Huttonville to visit relatives in Brampton on Monday, Mrs. William Troyer complained of being ill and died while being carried into a neighbor's house. She had apparently been in her usual health and death was due to heart trouble. Deceased was Mary Jane Caldwell, daughter of the late John Caldwell, Meadowvale, where she was born 53 years ago. Her husband died six weeks ago and she is survived by one son, W. Allan, Toronto, and four daughters, Mrs. A. McMurchy, Mrs. Colin Trimble, Misses Isabel and Irene, all of Huttonville. She was a member of Huttonville United Church.

Election of Officers of L. T. B.

At the last regular meeting of the Loyal True Blue Lodge, 390, Miss Long, D. D. G. M., of Georgetown, also Mrs. Long and Mrs. Semple, of Georgetown, installed the following officers:

Past W. M.—Sister Edith Gamble.
W. M.—Sister Emma Lappin.
D. M.—Sister Ena Roney.
R. S.—Sister Elsie Johnston.
F. S.—Sister Emily Dunbar.
Treasurer—Sister Rose Tyler.
Chaplain—Sister Elizabeth Collier.
D. of C.—Sister Thelma Gamble.
Conductor—Sister Minnie Blair.
Standing Committee—Sister Margaret Smith, Birdie Hall, Edith Gamble, Elizabeth Turner, Ada Simpson.
Inside Tyler—Sister Lillian Wilda.
Outside Tyler—Sister Rose Browne.
Organist—Sister Annie Collier.
Auditors—Sisters Collier and Smith.

Acton and District

I. O. D. E. Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Johnstone, Mill Street, on Tuesday evening, January 10, at 8.00 p. m.

Young People's Skating Party

Next Wednesday evening the usual joint skating party of the Young People's Societies of the United and Knox Churches will be held on the rink here. It is expected Acton Citizens' Band will furnish music for the skaters. After the skating lunch will be served in the United Church and a social time spent by the young people.

Won a Twelve-Pound Candy Cane

Tom Troop was the lucky winner of the guessing contest on the candy cane in Wiles' Store window. He guessed the correct weight, exactly 12¼ pounds. He had his choice as a prize of either the candy cane or a box of chocolates. But Tom preferred quantity and will endeavor to masticate the twelve-pound candy cane.

Baptist Church Re-opening and Anniversary

The re-decoration and renovation of the Baptist Church, it is expected, will be completed within a couple of weeks. The anniversary and re-opening services have been arranged for Sunday, January 22. Dr. A. L. McCrimmon, ex-Chancellor of McMaster University, will be the special speaker for this auspicious occasion.

Butcher Shop Changes Ownership

Mr. E. J. Pettler, who purchased the butcher shop of Mr. W. J. Patterson last May, has disposed of his business to Mr. J. C. Milne, of Moosbank, Sask., formerly of Fergus. Mr. Milne has taken possession of the shop and with his father and mother will remove shortly from Fergus and take up residence here in Mr. Pettler's residence on Brock Avenue. Mr. Pettler will remove to Toronto shortly.

The Illness of Mrs. (Rev.) Stewart

Much sympathy is felt in the community for Rev. and Mrs. Stewart, owing to the serious illness of the latter. For several months Mrs. Stewart has been in poor health. The development of an inward goitre and a nervous breakdown have necessitated special treatment and Rev. Mr. Stewart had her removed to Toronto General Hospital on Wednesday. The hope is general that the special treatment of skilled surgeons there will result in complete recovery in a short time.

Injured in Fall Down Stairs

While visiting his grandparents in Brantford during Christmas time, Master Jack Blow, the seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Blow, fell on the stair steps and struck the back of his head. The little lad was brought home after the accident, but the injury proved more serious than at first thought. For several days he lay in a semi-unconscious condition, too ill to take notice of anything. On Friday he took a turn for the better and has been steadily improving ever since and it is hoped will soon be able to be about again.

No Slack Season at This Mill

Usually in knitting factories the season's work is pretty well completed at the end of the year and a cessation of operations takes place until new orders start to come in a month or so in the new year. This is not the case at the Mason Knitting Plant. All hands started into work on Tuesday on regular time. The demand for the products of this mill has so increased that it must be operated the full year to keep pace with orders. Mr. Mason informed THE FREE PRESS that a considerable percentage of his output for 1928 is now already sold and prospects for the year are of the best.

Original Subscribers

Last week Mr. and Mrs. David Williamson called at THE FREE PRESS Office to renew their subscription and Mr. Williamson remarked that he had been a subscriber to the paper ever since its first issue, nearly fifty-three years ago, and had continued his subscription through these years. Mr. John Cameron, in renewing, was asked if he too had started the paper from the first issue turned out by the late J. H. Hacking in 1875, and he replied that he had. We have been wondering how many of the original subscribers are still left and would be pleased to hear if there are others who have taken the paper ever since it was established.

McKinnon Farm Passes Out of Name

For over a hundred years that farm lot 5, concession 6, Nassagaweya has been known as the McKinnon farm. Last week it passed into possession of a new name, a strange name in the neighborhood. Three Veldhuis brothers from Holland purchased this fine farm and have taken possession. Mrs. J. McKinnon, who now resides on Main Street, disposed of this farm last week. It having been in the family name so long Mrs. McKinnon was loathe to part with the homestead. It was settled over a hundred years ago by her father in-law and handed down to her husband, the late John McKinnon. In all the years the homestead had never carried a mortgage against it.

Week of Prayer Services

A very fine community interest is being taken in the national Week of Prayer Services in town. The attendance is large and the spirit of unity manifested is helpful and commendable. The first service was held in the United Church on Tuesday evening. Owing to Mrs. Stewart's illness necessitating arrangements being made for her removal to a hospital in Toronto on Wednesday, Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A., of Knox Church, addressed the congregation on Tuesday evening, instead of Pastor Baxter, of the Baptist Church. He gave a very spirited and helpful discourse on "Faith as fundamental to Christian life, influence and progress." On Wednesday evening, the large congregation in St. Alban's Church was addressed by Rev. Mr. Baxter, who emphasized the sayings of Jesus to those directly concerned after the working of certain miracles of healing of body and soul. On each evening the minister of the church took charge of the service and the choir of the church rendered very acceptable assistance in the service of song. The service this evening will be held in Knox Church. Rev. Mr. Sawyer will deliver the address, and Mr. Baxter will have charge. The Friday evening meeting will also be held in Knox Church, and Rev. Mr. Poole will speak.

The Community's Social Side of Life

Visitors to and From Town During the Past Week, as Gleaned by The Free Press

Misses Jean and Anna Lindsay were home from Toronto.

Miss Lettie Scott visited friends in Galt over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pettler are visiting with friends in Chatham.

Mr. Stanley Mackie, of Toronto, was home over the holiday.

Miss Lorna Kennedy left this week to attend college in Belleville.

Mr. Arthur Lawson, of Toronto, spent the holidays with Acton friends.

Miss Ruth Gibson spent the New Year holidays with friends in Toronto.

Miss Marion Day, of Rockwood, spent a few days with friends here.

Mr. Harold Wansbrough, of Toronto, spent the holiday with his parents here.

Mrs. Lawrence King visited her mother, Mrs. S. G. Smith, over the holiday.

Miss Fern Brown spent a few days during the week with her brother at St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, Billy and Pauline, of Streetsville, were here for New Year's.

Messrs. Harold and Mervin Reid, of Toronto, spent the New Year holidays with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Cleave and Dorothy, of Georgetown, visited at Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson's.

Mr. Clinton McClubbony, of Toronto, spent the New Year holidays at the home of Mr. T. L. Kirkness.

Miss Genevieve Clarridge left this week to take up duties on the staff of Brampton Public Schools.

Messrs. Sydney Smith and George Coomb, of Toronto, visited the former's father, Mr. S. G. Smith.

Miss Marie Mowat left on Monday for Chatham where she is to take a position in the Collegiate there.

Mr. Robert W. Stewart of Weston, visited his sister Mrs. John Ruddick and other friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Huston, of Detroit, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills and Frances spent New Year's at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. J. Browning, in Toronto.

Master Gordon Cook spent the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hayward, in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown spent the New Year holidays with their two eldest sons and other friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tiplin and June Buchanan of Wingham, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Johnston, of Hamilton, spent the New Year holidays with Mrs. Robt. Sproul, Willow Street.

Miss Charlotte Mackie, of Toronto, spent the New Year's holiday at the home of Mr. James Mackie, Church Street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Battram, of Port William, visited during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Murray.

Mr. Augustus Reative, fruit dealer, leaves this week to visit friends in Italy and Sicily for a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McPherson and Mr. Eugene and Miss Dorothy spent the New Year holidays with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Swackhamer, of Lexington, Mich., were the guests of Mrs. Murray and Miss Florence over New Year's.

Mr. Edward Huffman of Pontiac, Mich., who was home for the Christmas and New Year holidays, returned this week.

Mr. L. G. Jackson of the Era, Newmarket, an old time friend of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore, spent New Year's at Mooreroft.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and babe, of Kitchener, also Mr. and Mrs. Sulumkosky were visitors of Mr. Andrew Dobbie, Dolly Varden.

Messrs. Edwin Roadknight and Ernest Keep, of St. Catharines, spent the holiday with the former's mother, Mrs. S. G. Smith.

Mrs. Charlotte MacDonald, Miss Corinne and Mr. Gordon Johnston, of Hamilton, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vincent.

Master Donald and Miss Jessie Croft, of Godrich, visited their grandmother, Mrs. P. McDonald, and aunts here over the New Year holiday.

Mrs. H. Roadknight, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, Jr., and Baby June, of Long Branch, visited over the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roadknight.

Mr. August Anderson who happened with an accident to his hand while at his work on the Beaudmore siding, some months ago necessitating the amputation of several fingers, returned to Guelph Hospital last week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Borland Conover, Erindale, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood, Mary and Wesley, of Alma, Mr. Isaac Bennett and Eileen of Georgetown, Mr. Ira Vanhatter, Mary and Earl, of Georgetown, Mrs. Wm. Bingham, of Alma, spent Christmas at Mrs. Robt. Bennett's.

EXPECTANCY

A country minister, who weighs over 250 lbs., and is large in proportion, was officiating the other Sunday for a brother circuit of rather small stature. He was delighted to find that the eyes of an enraptured congregation were fixed upon him the whole time, and that they listened to his sermon with out ceasing a limb or even an eyelid.

In the vestry at the close of the service he remarked to the leader: "I declare I never had a more attentive audience. John, Why thus never kept eyes on me the whole time?"

"Mama wanted to hear you," replied the leader. "You see the floor of the pulpit has been rotten for years, and they were expecting to see you going through every minute!"