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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: "The Gospel of the Eleventh Hour."
2.30 p. m. Sunday School. Lesson "Jesus and Sinners." Georgetown Community Orchestra of 25 pieces.
7.00 p. m. The Minister. Subject: "The Value of the Other Fellow".
Monday 8.00 p. m. Young People's League.

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

11.00 a. m. The Minister. Subject: "Trust and Obedience"
3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.00 p. m. The Minister. Subject: "The Love of Christ"
Monday, 8.00 p. m. Young People's Guild.
Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.

Baptist Church
ACTON
Pastor—Wm. J. Baxter.

Services will be held in the Band Hall at 11.00 a. m. 2.30 and 7.00 p. m. Mr Baxter will preach morning and evening.
On January 22 we will hold Anniversary and Re-opening Services in our church building in the morning and in the Presbyterian Church at night. The speaker will be Dr. A. L. McCrimmon, former Chancellor of Mr. Baxter will preach morning and evening.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
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Splendid Address by Judge H. S. Mott

At the Inaugural Banquet of the Men's Club of the Acton United Church

If the first meeting of the Men's Club of the United Church here is a sample of what each monthly meeting is to be, the members of this organization have indeed some rare treats in store for them.

The first meeting was in the form of a banquet and tables were prepared in the Strand Room, with seating for 140 members. Every place was filled by the men and their guests. And just as every place was filled so was every table filled to capacity with the delicious menu provided. This important part was, however, served not by the men, but by members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, and the banquet provided was indeed a credit to this organization.

During the banquet the Sunday School Orchestra furnished an excellent programme of musical numbers. All were provided with song sheets and Mr. H. G. Mele, of Georgetown, had charge of the community singing, and he was able to get the whole company to join heartily in this part of the programme and make all enjoy it. Dr. E. J. Nelson, pianist of the club, presided at the piano. During the programme and the toast list which followed the banquet, the orchestra furnished selections and a quartette, composed of Messrs. Geo. T. Old, choirmaster, Grenville Masales, Rudolph Spelvogel and J. C. Matthews, contributed several splendid numbers. Mr. R. J. Kerr, in his inimitable style, gave an elocutionary number in which he recited the troubles he invariably encountered in erecting stove pipes.

President John R. Kennedy was toastmaster. In his opening remarks he spoke briefly of the aims of the club in the church work and presided over the evening's programme in real toastmaster style.

After honoring the toast to "The King," the toast to "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Duncan McTavish, and responded to by Rev. C. L. Poole. Both these speakers gave splendid outlines of the work the church stood for, and the part the Men's Club would play in church activity and expansion. After proposing the toast the members joined in singing a verse of that familiar hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

The toast to "Our Guest" was ably proposed by Mr. H. P. Moore, Judge of the Children's Court. It was a coincident that two arms of the law were connected with this toast. Judge H. S. Mott and Mrs. Mott were the honored guests of the evening. Mr. Moore outlined the work that Judge Mott was doing in helping the boys and girls who had gone astray, by his Juvenile Court work, and eulogized the capabilities of the Judge in this respect and in the thoughts and suggestions he was sure to offer in his address. In responding to this toast all joined in singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," ad three cheers and a tiger, which made the rafters ring.

When Judge Mott got launched into his theme and gave of his wealth of experience, it was felt that his introduction by Judge Moore was none too flowery, and, even after his intimate acquaintanceship with him, he had not given the Judge and his address all the eulogy it was worthy of.

Judge Mott expressed his pleasure at being at this men's banquet. It gave an opportunity of getting together and understanding each other. We do not understand each other well enough, he said, and it is this lack of knowledge and misunderstandings that are the great drawbacks to our accomplishment of desired results. Life and action are of more supreme importance than any other sphere of life. The Men's Club could do great things in their get together meetings. We need intelligent research work in all our life, social and religious, a studying of the raw material, and a knowledge of how to make the finished product satisfactory. Science, by its research, has increased the span of life. By intelligently meeting out daily problems man will find a new life, if studied deeply.

He urged all to study the beautiful, in art, poetry, music and asserted that the daily life would be improved by this study of all that is beautiful. He urged parents to study their children. Find something for your children to do, instead of telling them what not to do. Do not try to always repress the instincts and urges of childhood, or the constant repression will make revolt in the child life. He urged parents to make pals of their children, listen to their troubles sympathetically, and try to understand from their viewpoint. He pointed out the opportunities for the young man of to-day. The past generation had seen great progress, but the present generation were living in an age that it was great to be alive in.

Throughout his address the Judge had a wealth of illustration taken from his wide experience in handling children and their parents in the Juvenile Court. His eloquence and ability in carrying his audience to the extreme sympathetic point, and his wit that at times made the audience laugh with laughter, and the tears flow, carried all through his theme, made it indeed a rare treat for an audience. His Tuesday evening one appreciated every bit of it.

The final toast on the list was to "The Ladies," and the proposer and seconder of this were Mr. W. J. Akins and Reeve Mason. Both these gentlemen made excellent addresses, eulogizing the ladies for their efforts in church and other work and their help to man in all his endeavors. They tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided the excellent banquet and judging by the vociferous applause accorded the motion, everyone agreed with the expressions of these two gentlemen.

Mr. M. Poole moved, and Mr. A. E. Nicklin, K. P., seconded a vote of thanks to Judge and Mrs. Mott and the other artists who had helped make the meeting such a success. The Men's Club feel highly elated over the success of this first function and are already planning for their next meeting to be held in February.

Worthless Cheques Passed in Guelph

Victimizing four Guelph merchants to the extent of a few hundred dollars, a stranger who went to Guelph with a large family late in December has suddenly vanished after a short but profitable period of residence. As a result of complaints made by the business men upon whom he paid visits, police are seeking a man giving the name of Edward Clause, who is alleged to have obtained not only a sum of money, but a radio outfit, clothing, groceries and furniture by tendering worthless cheques. In each instance in which goods were purchased, Clause presented cheques above the value of the articles, receiving cash from the merchants in addition to the merchandise.

Various News Items

Community Orchestra to Visit Acton

Mr. A. T. Brown, Superintendent of the United Church Sunday School, has arranged with Mr. H. G. Mele, of Georgetown, to have the Community Orchestra, of which he is the leader, visit Acton on Sunday afternoon. The Orchestra has about twenty-five members and they will take part in the service and play at the session of the Sunday School next Sunday afternoon.

Judge Mott on Securing Recreation Centres

Judge Mott, in his lecture here on Tuesday evening said men would be better if they gave their help to community enterprises. To help secure a playground for children would make a man better for the help he had given to secure a recreation centre for childhood. The proposition here isn't a playground just now but a new covered rink for the community. We believe the Judge's philosophy would rule on this same point though. It's just a difference of object, that's all.

Aberfoyle Lad Killed Sleigh Riding

George Hall, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, Aberfoyle, was fatally injured in a sleighing accident in the Village of Aberfoyle last Friday evening. The young lad, who was sleigh-riding with some playmates on a slight grade leading into the Guelph-Hamilton Highway, apparently failed to notice an approaching motor car driven by Walter Westlake, of Morriston, and his sled ran head-on into the wheels of the car. His neck was broken by the impact, and he died instantly. An inquest will be held.

Norval Car Stolen

When Rev. P. W. McInnes, Presbyterian minister answered the door bell at his home at the Manse, at Hornby, he was confronted by two strangers who told him that their sedan, which was on the side of the road on the base-line, had a flat tire, and they would be obliged if he would lend them a lantern. Mr. McInnes did so. The sedan was still on the road on Tuesday following, and Mr. McInnes telephoned to Chief Constable Chapman, of Milton, who found that it had been stolen from Edwin Black, of Norval Milton Reformer.

Kind Words from Former Home

In reporting the entry of Mr. J. Milne into the butcher business in Acton, the Lake Johnston Star, published at Mossbank, Sask., where Mr. Milne was in business, has the following kindly comment to make: "During his two years residence in Mossbank, where he was in the employ of R. H. Foote, he made many friends, who will regret to learn that he is not coming West again, wish him every success in his new enterprise. 'Jimmy' will be missed in the local baseball field, where he was always a steady, reliable pitcher, as well as a good all-round player."

Oakville Council's First Meeting

At the inaugural meeting of Oakville Council Chairmen of the Standing Committees were allocated as follows: Financial, Eric Scott; Sewers, Reeve T. A. Blakelock; Streets and Sidewalks, Deputy Reeve J. H. Mout; Fire, Water and Light, Thomas Bain; Public Buildings and Cemetery, Ed. Stansbury; Publicity, T. R. Jarvis; Harbor and Land, J. R. Byers; Police and Public Order, J. L. Hewson. The following were appointed to the Court of Revision: Councillors Hewson, Byers, Bain and Jarvis and Deputy Reve Mout. At the close of the inaugural meeting, the Council, ex-Mayors, heads of the civic departments and other prominent citizens were the guests of Mayor W. N. Robinson at the annual luncheon given by the Chief Magistrate at the Gibson House.

Fined for Adulterating Spices

Charges against a Georgetown grocery house were heard on Friday by Police Magistrate Moore for having for sale white pepper and cloves which had been adulterated. The evidence showed that the spices were bought from wholesalers in good faith, and were dismissed as against the Georgetown firm. Inspector Cooke, who laid the charges, then laid charges against spice manufacturers in Vancouver, and a wholesale grocery company, Toronto. Pleas of guilty were entered by representatives of these concerns, who were present, and they were each fined $25.00 and costs. The charges were laid under the Food and Drug Act of Canada. Mr. A. W. Cooke, the inspector, is a son of the late Rev. G. W. Cooke, who died in Acton fifty seven years ago last week, when he was rector of St. Alban's Church. He was born in Acton.

Played Hockey in New Haven

Mr. D. V. Ritchie, of Brooklyn, N. Y., kindly forwarded The Free Press a clipping of the New York Times, which gives an account of the Toronto Varsity-Yale match at New Haven, which was won by Toronto, 4-3. The article contains many allusions to Stewart, of the Toronto team. "Stewart baffled Blue. Stewart's all-round game baffled the Yale secondary line. . . Yale took the aggressive and maintained it until the middle of the period, when Stewart caught the puck on a pass from behind the net and hammered it into the Yale goal, tying the count again. Toronto's offensive, headed by Stewart, kept Warner's kicking foot active in opening the final period. Stewart played centre for Toronto Varsity team, and is none other than Billy Stewart, son of Inspector and Mrs. W. H. Stewart, now of Milton. He received his first hockey lessons on Corporation Pond here.

A Week of Fervent, Helpful Services

The Week of Prayer Services concluded on Friday evening, with a very fine meeting in which the splendid spirit of Christian unity and effort which characterized the services earlier in the week was very manifest. On Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Sawyer gave a very helpful discourse on Christian activity, giving living examples from incidents in the lives of St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assiz, and Joan Bunyon. In each case the grace of God had rescued the person named from a life of sin and built him up in a life of Christian effort and example. Friday evening Rev. Mr. Poole based an impressive address on Moses' entreaty to God, as recorded in Exodus 33: 15: "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence." He showed the presence of God's spirit in the activities of the New Year, 1928. If the good desired is to be accomplished Rev. Mr. Baxter had charge of the Thursday evening meeting, and Rev. Mr. Sawyer on Friday evening. Fervent appeal and earnest exhortation characterized each of these very helpful services.

Inaugural Session of 1928 Council

Plans for New Covered Rink Discussed by the Council at This Meeting

The inaugural session of the 1928 Council was held on Monday evening. The Council was all present, Councillors Atkinson, Thetford, Nicol and Hansen and Reeve Mason presided.

The striking committee recommended the following appointments for the year:

FINANCE COMMITTEE—E. T. Thetford, Chairman; and L. E. Atkinson.

FIRE AND LIGHT, TOWN HALL AND PARK COMMITTEE—C. Hansen, Chairman, and E. T. Thetford.

STREETS AND WALKS COMMITTEE—L. E. Atkinson, Chairman, and C. Hansen.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE—J. Nicol, Chairman, and L. E. Atkinson.

The report of this committee was adopted.

In their first report the Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Georgetown Lumber Co., supplies	$ 60.33
G. W. Masales, milk for charity	9.20
Acton Free Library, annual grant	396.44
Gordon Jocques, refund of poll tax	5.00
Bell Telephone Co., services	9.55
Public Utilities Commission, power at fire pumps	18.75
Public Utilities Commission, Town Hall lighting	5.00
Public Utilities Commission, street lighting	156.25
Municipal World, supplies	24.62
J. H. Kurtz, refund of check	150.00
Bell Telephone Co., half cost of of removing poles from Mill and Main Street corner	167.68
	$1,002.22

The report was adopted.

Messrs. N. H. Garden and J. M. McDonald were present on invitation of the Council to discuss with the Council details of a closed rink for Acton. Plans of rinks were submitted and points of interest discussed at length. The Council decided to secure plans and get estimates of the cost so that they could lay the proposition in detail before the public if they should decide to have it voted upon.

A by-law appointing auditors for the year 1928 was given the required number of readings and passed by the Council. Messrs. C. R. Knapp and R. R. Arnold were appointed auditors at a salary of $75.00 each.

Another by-law appointing an assessor and tax collector for the year was also passed. R. J. McPherson was appointed for this office.

And a third by-law authorizing the borrowing of $25,000 for current expenditures for the year 1928 was also passed by the Council at this meeting after the required number of readings was given.

Moved by L. E. Atkinson, seconded by E. T. Thetford that the Municipal Board of Health for 1928 be composed of the following: Dr. J. A. McNiven, Medical Officer of Health, the Reeve and Henry Awrey, and that R. J. McPherson be Sanitary Inspector. Carried.

The Clerk handed the Council a statement of arrears of taxes as they were at present. It was decided not to go into detail on this at this meeting.

It was decided to hold the regular meetings on Tuesday evenings. The next regular meeting will be held on January 17.

The Reeve and Councillor Nicol were appointed representatives of the Council on the Rink Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Holds Inaugural Meeting Tuesday—Mr. E. J. Hassard Chairman for 1928

All the Commissioners were present at the first session of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening, Commissioners L. H. King, K. J. Hassard and Reeve Mason.

Mr. King expressed his appreciation of the splendid support he had had in the past year as chairman and moved that Mr. Hassard be chairman for 1928.

Reeve Mason complimented Mr. King on the way he had presided the past year and thought the honor should be passed around. He therefore seconded Mr. Hassard's nomination for the chairmanship.

Mr. Hassard then took charge of the meeting.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:

Hydro Account

Bell Telephone Co., services	$ 5.00
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Rose & O'Hearn, supplies	13.57
Corporation of Acton, debenture and coupons	682.07
West End Garage, supplies	8.26
Jas. Symon, supplies	.40
A. E. Cripps, freight and cartage	1.75
A. E. Cripps, freight and cartage	.20
Commonwealth Electric Co., supplies	20.55
	$744.83

Waterworks Account

Neptune Meter Co., supplies	$41.51
Acton Public Utilities, power at spring and heating	65.30
	$106.81

The Commission made arrangements to supply light to Esquesing Township for lighting the streets in Beardmore Crescent, which were in the Township. Five lights will be supplied and the arrangements are subject to the approval of the Ontario Hydro Commission.

The details of arrangements were given in a letter from the Ontario Commission for Acton to supply power to rural consumers adjacent to Acton. The Acton system will benefit by the diversity of this load.

The removal of telegraph poles was again brought up and action requested through the Council. One pole was endangering the lines of the Hydro and its removal was imperative.

The meetings will this year as in the past be held on Tuesday evenings and the next meeting will be on January 24.

Moved by A. Mason, seconded by L. G. King, and resolved that since it has been proven by our investigation that Dr. Cove's water meter was not tampered with, the trouble arising from an error in calculation, his meter be re-installed and his bill be rendered according to the reading thereon. Carried.

One of the biggest stock sales to be held in this neighbourhood for some time will be that of A. J. Murray, forty head of cattle and sixty hogs will be offered for sale at his Cloverdale Farm on Monday next, January 16.

Acton and District

Boy Scout Saves Infant from Drowning

Quick action on the part of 15-year-old Jack Trussler, Lakeview Boy Scout, resulted last Tuesday in the rescue from drowning of Harold, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Monk, of Lakeview. It is understood that official recognition will be taken of the Scout's work. A few minutes after Mrs. Monk had drawn water from the well behind her home, the screams of Edith Graves, aged seven, gave token that the little boy had slipped between the boards covering the well. Trussler rushed from the house, seized a clothes pole, pushed it into the well, which contained about six feet of water, and slid down. He clutched the drowning infant and, after several attempts in which both were nearly immersed again, succeeded in pushing the child within reach of the frantic mother. He then clambered out, unaided. Artificial respiration soon revived little Harold, who is now none the worse for his icy plunge.

Meeting of the Women's Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. S. Wilson on Wednesday of last week, with about thirty ladies present. The meeting opened with the Institute Carol, followed by prayer. After the roll call the business part of the programme was carried out, the ladies deciding to have a concert in the near future. The following was the programme at the meeting: Paper on Institute work in Scotland, by Mrs. George Lantz, which was enjoyed by all, and which demonstrated the good work which can be done by Institute workers, community singing. The main feature on the programme was a spelling match, Mrs. James Dobbie's side being the winners. The meeting closed with the Institute anthem, after which a social half hour was spent. The next meeting is to be held at Mrs. Alex Bell's and will take the form of a Grandmothers' Meeting, where the programme will be provided by the grandmothers who are members of the Institute.

More Continuous Subscribers of Free Press Since 1875

It divulges that there are several persons still on our mailing lists who were original subscribers when The Free Press started publication in 1875. In addition to Mr. David Williamson and Mr. John Cameron, mentioned previously Mr. W. H. Walker and Mr. J. W. Leslie were among the first to encourage the new paper by their subscription when it was first launched, and have continued their patronage throughout all the years. Mr. Leslie has preserved nearly every copy of The Free Press through all the years, and has them filed away. While he has not the first copy, he has the copy of the second edition issued. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Marshall have been subscribers for forty-five years, and they, as well as we, have a record to be proud of in the fact that in all that time they have never missed once receiving their paper. We would indeed be pleased to hear if there are any other subscribers still on our lists who have taken The Free Press since its inception.

U. F. Y. P. O. First Meeting This Year

The first meeting of the Actondale U. F. Y. P. O. for the year 1928 was held in the Parish Hall on Friday evening last. There was an attendance quite encouraging to the young people, who are this winter under the guidance of Mr. R. N. Brown. With Mr. Louis Brownlow in the chair the evening's proceedings opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf," after which a report of the annual convention was presented by Miss Evelyn McLaughlin, delegate to the convention. The club is divided into two groups, "The Merrymakers," and "The Happy Hustlers," under the leadership of Roy McKeown and Wilma Watson, respectively. The programme of many interesting numbers, which followed the report, was the work of "The Merrymakers" group. Miss Annie McDonald, Mrs. Robert Kerr and Mr. D. A. Andrew, the Agricultural Representative for Halton, kindly consented to judge a debate, "Resolved that the Pioneer Woman Contributed More to Home and Community than Does the Modern Woman," in which the affirmative side proved itself the stronger. Mr. Andrew, as critic of the programme, held out several helpful hints to the young folks. The ladies provided lunch and the meeting closed with the "National Anthem."

WINTERING IN ENGLAND

Dr. Farmer Sends News Items Showing Cold Weather Being Experienced There

Dr. T. D. J. Farmer who is wintering in England has kindly sent The Free Press clippings from papers there showing the severe winter weather the old Country is experiencing this year. They say in part:

Over a Britain snowbound, frost-bound and swept by an icy north-east wind, the sky yesterday was brilliantly fine. At Brighton the sun shone for seven and three-quarter hours, the maximum possible at this time of year, and more than seven hours were registered at many places in the South.

Yet despite this, the day was bitterly cold. At such differently situated places as Croydon and Malvern the thermometer stayed at freezing point, while further North 9 and 10 degrees of frost were recorded. The highest temperature at many South Coast spots was only a degree above freezing, and even in full sunshine there was hardly any melting of the snow.

The result is that with huge drifts everywhere and road transport largely held up, still many places remain cut off, and railway services though steadily improving had not achieved normal.

In the English Channel a north-east gale of a violence unequalled for many years has been raging steadily since Christmas night, and cross-Channel services have practically ceased. One steamer which crossed yesterday got such a battering that she had to be dry docked at once.

The weather forecast offers little there are no signs of present conditions breaking, and that frost will end to become more severe.

Other headings of articles read: "Houses Buried," "Family Marooned for Two Days," "Hedges Disappear." It is somewhat different from our Canadian winter. Here at Acton there is just a skimmer of snow, while in the lower part of the county there is no snow at all. The weather has not been cold enough to operate the skating rink only about three nights.

The Community's Social Side of Life

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

Mr. Robt. Scott was home from Kitchener for the week-end.

Miss Ida M. Beswick spent Sunday with friends at Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie spent the week-end with relatives in Milton.

Miss Jessie Graham, Rockwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Currie this week.

Mr. D. Robertson and Miss Robertson, of Toronto, spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Elliott and family visited friends in Woodstock over the week-end.

Mrs. C. C. Speight and Miss Bertie spent the week-end with friends in Kitchener.

Miss Florence Barr spent a few holidays visiting her sister Mrs. L. Snyder, in London last week.

Judge and Mrs. Mott were guests at Moorecroft during their stay in town this week.

Principal and Mrs. G. F. Sanderson, of Oakville, spent a day or two during the week at Knox Manse.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tolton, Guelph, and Mrs. T. Tolton, Eden Mills, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Barr.

Mr. Joseph Batt, of Toronto, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. John Barr, the past week, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamlin, Miss Evelyn and Mr. Lorne, of Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Daniels.

Mr. Stewart Williams, of Sault Ste. Marie, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Williams, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Fred Helm, sister of Mr. H. C. Hilborn, of Kitchener and Preston, is home now for three weeks in progressing favorably.

Mrs. Wm. Williams who has been ill for several weeks is still confined to the house. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery to her usual health.

Mr. John Kentner of the Stratford professional hockey team was home for over the week-end. Mr. Fred Brown, a player on the same team, visited here with him.

Mrs. Alex McPherson fell on the icy pavement on Mill Street last week and injured her left hip. She has been confined to bed since the fall, but is progressing favorably.

Mrs. John Smith, Erin Township, had the misfortune to have her hip fractured by a fall at their farm one day last week. The injury is very painful but she is making as good progress as can be expected toward recovery.

Miss Mae Williams, of Sault Ste. Marie, has been convalescing for the past two or three weeks from her serious operations at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, has recovered sufficiently to be able to return home.

The operation on Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Stewart for removal of an internal goitre, was successfully performed in Toronto General Hospital on Saturday. Mrs. Stewart's condition is very critical but reports for the most part have been encouraging. Much anxiety is felt here for her and a rapid recovery is hoped for.

General sympathy will be felt for Mrs. John Cameron in the death of her last surviving sister, Mrs. John McDermid, of Bruecfield, which took place last week. Of a family of eleven Mrs. Cameron is now the only surviving member. The late Mrs. David Black and Mr. Robert Campbell were sister and brother of the deceased. Mr. Cameron and Mr. John Black attended the funeral.

Short Course in Farm Mechanics

The short course in Farm Mechanics was completed here last Friday. The course was a splendid one and proved most helpful and instructive to those who took advantage of attending it. An open meeting on Thursday afternoon, with a lecture by Prof. R. H. Graham, proved a most interesting one. The work was in charge of Agricultural Representative Mr. D. A. Andrew, and he was untiring in his efforts to see that the students secured the most from their course.

Letters to the Editor

A SCHOOL REUNION

To the Editor of
THE FREE PRESS.

Dear Sir,

I am deeply interested in the proposal of Mr. Andrew O'Brien, of New York, for a re-union gathering next summer of the scholars of his period in Acton.

The success which crowned the studious habits and faithful teachers of this lad coming "green" from Ireland with his father whose avowed arrival was due to an opportunity to get employment, is surely an object lesson to all whether more favorably circumstanced or not. He and the others of his home improved their chances and it is admirable that such a suggestion comes from him.

Although not of the class at all to whom he appeals, I certainly would be glad to be there for the years on the School Board, followed by nine as janitor, put me in deep touch with the school's interest, and in association with its boys and girls, and their teachers. Indeed one of the first acts of the Board after my election was the selection of the Principal to whom he so loyally refers and he remained as such all through my subsequent connection and before.

Memory is my pleasure in writing. School is to me now widely scattered boys and girls of Acton Schools of the period of say the first fifteen or eighteen years of the present century. The editor, being himself one of them, has also asked for it, now go to it!"

While it is likely distance and cost will prevent my attendance, I hope to watch the proposition and its accomplishment through The Free Press.

Yours, nearly thirty years and left,

J. S. COLEMAN.

Stevens Point, Wis.