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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 Tragedy of Youth"

2.30 p. m. Sunday School. Lesson: "Jesus Misunderstood and Opposed".

7.00 p. m. The Minister. Subject: "Extending the Boundaries of Our Soul Life"

Monday, 8.00 p. m. Young People's League. Mutheal Night

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

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "God's Message to Men."

3.00 p. m.—Sunday School.

7.00 p. m. The Minister. Subject: "God's New Covenant with Men"

Monday, 8.00 p. m. Young People's Society.

Strangers leaving address with the ushers will be called upon by the Pastor.

Baptist Church
ACTON
Pastor—Wm. J. Baxter.

11.00 a. m.—Divine Worship. The Pastor

12.00 a. m.—Ordinance of the Lord's Supper and reception of new members

2.30 p. m. Sunday School. Men's Bible Class.

7.00 p. m.—Evening Service. The Pastor

Monday, 8.00 p. m. B. Y. P. U.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
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Taste and Try Before You Buy at the Demonstration on McLaren's Jelly Powders This Saturday

4 PACKETS for 25c

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Neighborhood News

DOLLY VARDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Terra Cotta.

Messrs. Cameron Dobbie and James Ross are teaming over at Terra Cotta.

LIMEHOUSE

The annual meeting of the Limehouse Presbyterian Church was held last Wednesday night at 8.00 p. m. when the financial report for 1927 was presented and the following officers elected:

Elders—G. W. Mino, I. N. Newton, T. Appleyard and T. H. Price.

Board of Managers—T. H. Price, A. Lawson, Dr. Sutherland, J. N. Newton, H. McDowell, T. Cross, Dr. Lindsay, G. V. Mino, J. W. Nickell.

Stewards—J. N. Newton and F. Benton.

Treasurer—T. H. Price

Budget Committee—Rev. R. McLean, Dr. Lindsay, Miss O. Marshall, Miss E. Mino, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. A. J. Smethurst.

The financial position of the church was found to be sound, with a balance of $205.85 carried over to another year.

LORNE SCHOOL REPORT

The following is Lorne School report for the month of January:

Sr. IV.—Laura Johnston, 84%; Thelma Graff, 83%; Harry Murray, 82%.

Jr. IV.—Wallace Swackhamer, 63%; Howard Graff, 61%.

Sr. III.—Wilma Stewart, 79%; Etta Swackhamer, 77%; Douglas Guthrie, 76%; Grace Graff, 58%.

Jr. III.—Edwards Miller, 68%; Hubert MacPherson, 66%; Robert Sterritt, 63%.

Sr. II.—Elwood Johnston, 83%; Dora Denny, 68%; Ross Swackhamer, 66%; Wilmer Davidson, 64%; Beatrice Graff, 60%; Lyle Cripps, 59%.

Jr. II.—Ruby MacPherson, 75%; Patricia Harrop, 73%; Mary Cripps, 68%; Norman Anderson and Clifford Sterritt, 44%.

Sr. I.—Billie Stewart, 76%.

Primer Class—Ward Graff, 70%; Billie Sterritt, 69%.

Vera M. Hurst, Teacher.

ROCKWOOD

Last Tuesday evening the grim reaper made itself felt in our midst, when Mrs. James Duffield suddenly expired at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Watson. Mrs. Duffield had not been in the best of health for some time, although able to be around the house as usual. The funeral was largely attended Friday afternoon. Rev. A. Donaldson conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. John Little, interment taking place in Friends' Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Jas. Watson, and Mrs. Alfred Watson, and one son, Harold, of Ashland, Oregon, also one sister, Mrs. Cummer, of Toronto, and a host of intimate friends and acquaintances. Six nephews acted as bearers, John Osburn, George Osburn, Fred and Howard Osburn, Roy Duffield and Enoch Statham.

At the regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of the United Church last week, which was largely attended, a special feature was the presentation of a life membership to Mrs. R. R. Rudd in appreciation of her work in behalf of the Society. Mr. and Mrs. Rudd are leaving Rockwood in the near future and their removal is much regretted by all.

Mr. Wm. Swanston was able to be brought home the early part of last week from the Hospital in Toronto.

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

The ice harvest commenced last week, and is of a fair quality and thickness, considering the weather conditions of the past few weeks.

As a result of the snow storm last week, the river valley down past the woollen mills is one of scenic beauty, with the evergreen trees clothed in a garment of the beautiful, making it a picture beyond any human artist's ability to equal. Surely Nature is lavish in her artistic efforts to produce anything worth while for the human eye to behold.

Congratulations to Richard Hewat and his bride of last week.

On Monday evening, in the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. H. N. Konkle, of Toronto, gave an illustrated lecture in connection with the Mission to Lepers.

NEW DEPARTMENT ADDED

At the Plant of the Acton Tanning Company for Manufacturing Leather Straps, Etc.

To keep in close touch with the growth of the plant of the Acton Tanning Company here it seems to be imperative to pay frequent visits to this manufacturing establishment.

Starting last week another new department was added to the plant here. And on a visit to the plant THE FREE PRESS found that the new department was just getting here. This new part of the plant will manufacture from the leather produced at the tannery, skate straps, slicker straps, and in fact any description of straps in quantities, pump washers and valves, from the largest to the smallest. It is a sort of department for manufacturing the multitude of things that can best be made from leather, such as suitcase handles and corners. In fact, we were shown so many of these articles which will be produced in this department that we cannot enumerate them.

In the equipment are included innumerable dies for cutting these articles, stamping machines, punching and sewing machines and a number of small machines to take care of the individual operations required on each class of work. Mr. Bethune, of Montreal, is in charge of this department and is getting it rounded into shape for big production. To the layman it would appear that the function of this department was to manufacture anything from leather that could be produced, although no attempt will be made, we understand, to manufacture fancy leather goods.

In the past two years or so there have been many changes at the plant. An entire floor with a new addition built at that time, is now devoted to the manufacture of lines that were formerly produced in the Toronto plant. Other new lines have been added, such as welting, belts for small machines, and large belts. These have all been gradually added until this one department has the value to a town of securing an additional industry.

Now this latest addition has been added and if it grows to the extent of the other departments it will soon be filling an important part in the plant here.

The Chevrolet demonstration by J. N. O'Neil & Son in Acton next Tuesday will be an event few will care to miss.

The Community's Social Side of Life

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

Mrs. J. R. Kennedy visited friends in Toronto this week.

Mrs. Malcolm McLean is visiting her sister at Athens this week.

Dr. Elmer Henderson, of Aurora, was home for the week-end.

Mr. Chas. E. Bailey, of Guelph, visited Acton friends last Thursday.

Mrs. Jas. Symon is visiting friends and relatives in Toronto this week.

Miss Dorothy McPherson visited friends in Toronto over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matheson, of Hillsburg, visited Acton friends this week.

Mrs. L. G. King and Dorothy are spending the week visiting friends in Paris.

Mrs. Sanderson, of Oakville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Stewart, this week.

Mr. Fred Shaw, of Buffalo, N. Y., was visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Currie over the week-end.

Mrs. A. Imrie and Mrs. Johnston, of Toronto, are guests this week at the home of Reeve and Mrs. Mason.

Mrs. G. Mills who has been ill for several weeks, is now making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

President R. J. Kerr and Secretary W. J. Akins of Acton Fall Fair Board attended the Fairs Convention in Toronto yesterday and to-day.

Mr. Joseph Leatham of Saskatoon is visiting relatives here. He spent last week in Chatham, Detroit, and other towns in Western Ontario.

Misses Marion Sinclair and Beatrice Mellon, nurses-in-training in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, also Mr. J. Peplow, spent Sunday at Mr. John Mellon's.

Mrs. E. Harrop is ill in the General Hospital, Guelph. An operation was performed on Tuesday and Mrs. Harrop seems to be making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Geo. Osborne of Rensellear, N. Y., made a brief visit with Acton friends last week. He attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Jas. Duffield, at Rockwood on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Nicklin and Mary, of Guelph, and Miss Kinsman of Exeter, were guests of Mrs. Nicklin on Saturday. Miss Kinsman will remain for a time with Mrs. Nicklin.

Mrs. Justina Rittenhouse, Toronto, announces the engagement of her daughter, Anna, to John Albert Mowat, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mowat of Acton, the marriage to take place the middle of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sinclair, Georgetown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Irene to Mr. Stuart Smith, barrister, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Smith, Caledonia, the marriage to take place early in March.

Mr. E. J. Harry of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., called on Acton friends last Friday and made THE FREE PRESS a pleasant call. Mr. Harry has been attending the convention of the Master Cleaners and Dyers held recently at Washington, D. C.

Don't miss the demonstration of the Chevrolet car in Acton next Tuesday.

HOG SHIPMENTS IN HALTON

Interesting Figures Relative to This Important Industry in This County

The following figures should prove very interesting to the hog producing farmers of Halton County. The first figures show the trend of production for the past 5 years. It is interesting to note that Halton, in 1924, produced almost double the number of hogs that she did in 1927, and that gradually the quality of the hogs has risen during the 5 years.

Grading and total marketing of hogs for Halton County for 5 years is as follows.

1923 Total hogs shipped, 10,350, per cent selects, 30.7, per cent heavies 6.5, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 12.5

1924 Total hogs shipped, 13,297, per cent selects, 31.6, per cent heavies 2.6, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 10.1

1926 Total hogs shipped, 9,092, per cent selects, 37.3, per cent heavies 3.1, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 5.0

1926 Total hogs shipped, 3,502, per cent selects, 36.6, per cent heavies, 3.6, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 3.7

1927 Total hogs shipped, 7,011, per cent selects, 39.0, per cent heavies, 2.8, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 4.4

The following gives a summary of last year's shipments. It is quite noteworthy that the bulk of the hogs are produced in the north end of the County.

Acton Total hogs shipped, 3,718, per cent selects 48.1, per cent heavies 3.1, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 5.2

Bronte Total hogs shipped, 81, per cent selects 51.9

Campbellville Total hogs shipped 119, per cent selects 7.1, per cent heavies 2.5, per cent shops, lights and feeders 11.3

Freeman Total hogs shipped, 148, per cent selects 38.5, per cent heavies 2.7, per cent shops, lights and feeders 5.4

Georgetown Total hogs shipped, 1,180, per cent selects 36.9, per cent heavies, 4.3, per cent shops, lights and feeders 1.0

Hornby Total hogs shipped 486, per cent selects 48.7, per cent heavies 2.9, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 1.1

Milton Total hogs shipped 1,368, per cent selects, 41.9, per cent heavies, 2.5, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 3.7

Norval Total hogs shipped 57, per cent selects, 10.0

Oakville Total hogs shipped, 271, per cent selects, 45.7, per cent heavies, 1.1, per cent shops, lights and feeders, 7

Mason's Orchestra and moving pictures will form part of the programme at the Chevrolet demonstration here next Tuesday evening.

FELICITATIONS ON NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Somerville, on This Occasion, Has Enjoyable Day Surrounded by Her Family

One oldest and most esteemed resident Mrs. Thomas Somerville, Mill Street, celebrated the completion of her ninetieth year with a very happy birthday party on Saturday. Her birthday was on Sunday, 29th January. It was a very enjoyable occasion to the elect and lady. Her two sons, William and Murray, from North Battleford, came to attend the auspicious event, and her younger son Richard, of London, with Mrs. Somerville, was also present. Miss Ada, her surviving daughter, who resides with her and is her constant companion was of course with her. It was a joy in having this family reunion to have all the members present. Mrs. William Brown, of Toronto, Mrs. Robert Brown, of Ethelhouse, and Mr. Cronsberg, of Stewarttown were also visitors. A goodly number of Acton relatives and citizens called during the afternoon to offer their felicitations. Miss Somerville and Mrs. A. T. Brown served refreshments to the callers and visitors. Mrs. Somerville is enjoying very fair health and entered very heartily into the pleasures of the occasion. The whole of her ninety years have been spent in Acton and vicinity. She was a daughter of the late Squire Alexander Brown, who settled on the farm now occupied by Mr. N. E. Lindsay and family, about an hundred years ago. Mr. Thomas Somerville, her husband, died at the opening of the present century. From her early girlhood Mrs. Somerville was an interested member of the Acton Methodist Church. Her father was the first Superintendent of the Sunday School and continued in office for seventeen years in succession. Her nephew, Mr. A. T. Brown, is the present Superintendent.

MRS. NANCY SOMERVILLE
Who Celebrated Her Ninetieth Birthday Last Saturday

JAIL BREAKER'S SENTENCE STANDS

Appeal to Minister of Justice for Clemency is Not Entertained

After John Woodcock, who broke out of the County Gaol at Milton was captured and sentenced to five years' additional in Kingston penitentiary, by Police Magistrate Moore in December, application was made to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa for clemency on the ground that the sentence was unduly severe.

The correspondence was referred to Magistrate Moore by the Remission Branch of the Department of Justice. He gave the history of the case, showed that Woodcock had been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for breaking and entering several stores in Burlington, a short time after he had been liberated from penitentiary for similar crimes; and that he had sawed his way out the Halton County Jail. For this last offence the Criminal Code gives the Magistrate discretionary power to send the prisoner to penitentiary for seven years. The term of imprisonment was made five years, however.

The following letter was received yesterday by Magistrate Moore from the Department of State.

Ottawa, January 30, 1928

H. F. Moore, Esq.,
Police Magistrate,
Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Referring to your report of the 14th instant to the Department of Justice upon the case of John Woodcock, convicted by you on the 15th ultimo, for breaking prison, I beg to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has reviewed this man's case but will not disturb the sentence of the court.

I have the honor to be,
sir, your obedient servant,
G. EDMOND,
for Under-Secretary of State

REV. FATHER McREAVY ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Of Acton Free Library Board at the Annual Meeting Monday

The annual meeting of Acton Free Library Board was held on Monday at ten o'clock, in the office of Police Magistrate Moore. Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A. Chairman presided.

The report for the year was presented by Harold N. Farmer, M. A. the Secretary-Treasurer. It showed that 12,182 books had been issued in 1927 to the readers. There are now 1,460 books in the library, valued at $1,287.15. New books to the number of 191 were added during the year. A "considerable number of badly worn books were removed from the library shelves during the year.

In the election of officers Rev. Father McReavy was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote.

Mr. H. N. Farmer, M. A. was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

It was decided to make a selection of about $200.00 worth of new books in February.

Rev. A. C. Stewart, Rev. Father McReavy, Reeve Mason and H. P. Moore, K. C. were appointed Book Committee and will make the selection of the books decided upon this month.

The Board acknowledged with much appreciation the donation of a set of twelve volumes of "The Makers of Canada," a gift from Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Prime Minister of Ontario.

A complimentary resolution was passed, thanking the retiring Chairman, Rev. A. C. Stewart, M. A. for his efficiency and courtesy in fulfilling the duties of the office during the past two years.

Brief Busy Session of Municipal Council

Council Favors Change of Highway No. 7 to Take in Northern Lake Shore Route

At the session of the Council on Tuesday evening Councillors Atkinson, Nicol, Hansen were present and Reeve Mason presided.

In the absence of Chairman of Finance Thetford, Councillor Atkinson fulfilled the duties of Chairman of Finance. The Finance Committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

General Account

A. H. Bishop, labor at cemetery	$ 2.65
G. Sucea, refund of Poll Tax	5.00
F. Lawson, refund of Poll Tax	5.00
P. Byarsld, refund of Poll Tax	5.00
J. Gallagher, refund of Poll Tax	5.00
Acton Produce and Grocery Co., groceries for charity	2.65
W. D. Anderson, plastering at Town Hall	26.00
H. N. Former, salary, fuse and supplies	223.27
Acton Public Utilities Commission, expenses re collecting taxes	36.00
	$310.61

The report was adopted.

In a letter, Mr. D. A. Andrew, Agricultural Representative, thanked the Council for the use of the Town Hall for the short course held in Acton.

More correspondence was received regarding the removal of the telegraph poles on Mill Street. The Clerk was instructed to request their removal by next summer and referred the Telegraph Company to previous correspondence.

The Department of Militia, in a letter, pointed out that the department could not sanction the use of the drill shed for rink purposes.

The Council went on record as favoring the plan of the Sarnia Chamber of Commerce to request the Provincial Government to have No. 7 Highway on the westerly route, instead of going south from the Thedford Corner to meet the Sarnia-London Road, and have it extended westerly through Forest, then to the Lake Shore Road and along it into Sarnia, and have it paved.

Conditions at the Bank of Nova Scotia, regarding the plumbing, were discussed. The Sanitary Inspector will again make investigations and if necessary order the water services discontinued until repairs and alterations are made satisfactory.

Various News Items

Vital Statistics for 1927

From Clerk Farmer we gathered the following vital statistics for Acton for the past year. There were 39 births registered in Acton last year, 20 marriages were recorded and 17 deaths. Clerk Farmer issued 19 marriage licenses.

Stole Firewood from Church

Stealing from the church is not a common practise, but the theft has just been reported of a large pine tree from St. Lukes churchyard, Burlington. Two historic giants of the pine variety were cut down because they had become dead wood, and were to be used as firewood for the church buildings. One of these is missing and no trace of it has, as yet, been found.

Protecting the Unthinking Girls

Chief McPherson is determined to put a stop to the unseemly and undesirable action of young men with motor cars who come to town, drive to the curb when young girls are passing, and accost them with unwarranted familiarity. Parents complain of this conduct toward their daughters. Two young chaps from outside points were brought before Magistrate Moore last week and fined for this behavior.

Wagon Struck by Bus

Richard Partridge and his son, while driving along Provincial Highway No. 7 had the wagon in which they were driving demolished, when the Kitch-ener bus of the Arrow Coach Line struck it near the gate of the Peel-Halton Old People's Home, of which Mr. Partridge is manager. Mr. Partridge was thrown from the wagon box onto the backs of the horses and suffered severe bruises of the arms and legs, while his son, Howard, escaped unhurt. Milton Reformer.

Mason Orchestra Dance

The Mason Orchestra have this year arranged for a dance to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. It will be held on Friday evening, February 10, in the Town Hall here. Novelty and prize dances have been arranged for and lunch will be served. Bert Bert Davidson is the floor manager. The posters promise a good time for young and old and the prizes will be allotted for old time as well as new time dance. The Mason Orchestra will of course provide the music, and Acton patrons of dances are well acquainted with their accomplishment in this line.

Enjoyable Euchre Party

The euchre party, under the auspices of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. last Thursday evening, was well patronized and a most enjoyable time was spent by all who attended. The prizes for ladies were won by Mrs. Snow and Miss Florence Murray. The gentlemen prize winners were Messrs. R. M. M. Donald and J. W. Jones. Following the games dainty refreshments were served and then music was provided by Dr. E. J. Nelson and Reeve Mason for dancing. The proceeds are used to help this organization in their charity work.

"Annie Laurie" at Wonderland on Friday

Lillian Gish ethereal and beautiful in the stern setting of the wars of Highland clans in the majestic splendors of ancient Scottish castles in settings that blend the legend and romance of Scotland with the grim details of its turbulent history, this is the Lillian Gish of "Annie Laurie," latest vehicle of the famous star, playing at Wonderland Theatre on Friday. It is a gigantic story of human souls, a romance of love as great as the love settings in which the story is told. It is a historic dramatic that eclipses anything of the kind seen in years, all the more wonderful because it deals with a people never before seen on the screen. The story is based on actual history surrounding the Glencoe massacre, when the Campbells and the MacDonalds, struggled for supremacy in one of the strangest conflicts in all history. Josephine Lovett, the author, utilized this gigantic episode in history as the background for a stirring drama that might almost be classed the film epic of Scotland.

Acton and District

Chevrolet Demonstration Next Tuesday

J. N. O'Neill & Son, of Georgetown, who are Chevrolet dealers for Acton, Georgetown and Milton and district, have arranged for a demonstration of this car next Tuesday evening in Acton, at Kerbert's garage. A special demonstrator from the factory will be in charge and the lecture will be illustrated with moving pictures. Mason's Orchestra will be in attendance.

Acton Can be Thankful

Acton has cause indeed to be thankful for the small amount of fire losses which occurred the past year. During 1927 fire losses to the amount of $12.40 are recorded. The firemen had several runs and a couple of false alarms were turned in but the town was indeed fortunate in having losses of such a low amount recorded. Constant care and prevention are the best fire fighting equipment, and citizens can do everything to keep the fire lessons down.

Sunderland House to Be Re-opened

After being closed for three or four years, Sunderland House is to be re-opened next month. Mr. Jean Cyr, son has leased the property to Mr. Jos. Jocque. Workmen are now busy putting the heating system in repair and the property will undergo extensive repairs this month, in the interior, to be ready for occupancy on March 1. Citizens generally will be gratified that this fine place is to be tenanted again and the travelling public will undoubtedly appreciate its re-opening, too.

Enjoyable Chain Tea

On Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid of the United Church here held an enjoyable chain tea, which was well attended. A brief business meeting preceeded the programme, which composed a piano duet by Mrs. C. H. Harrison and Mrs. A. K. Ostrander, piano solos by Mrs. W. D. Gowdy, Lanchester, and recitation by Mrs. G. H. Switzer and Miss Elsie H. Moore. An interesting contest was conducted, under the guidance of Mrs. (Rev.) C. L. Poole. Dainty and bounteous refreshments were served by the ladies and an enjoyable social time spent.

Local Comedy Farce Next Wednesday

For some weeks a group of amateur players have been diligently practising the play "Bashful Mr. Bobbs." This play has been given in the vicinity of Milton by a group of Milton artists several times and according to press reports has been a remarkable success. The play is under the direction of Mr. A. E. Millgan of Milton, who has had such success with it in that town. If the cast and story of the play is any inkling of what may be expected the slogan on the bill of "If you can't laugh don't come" will be quite correct. The concert is under the Acton I. O. O. F. auspices. Local Acton artists will fill the various roles.

Auto Accident on Winter Road

Last Friday evening Messrs. Leslie Gregory, of Oakville, and C. McMillan, of Georgetown were injured in an automobile accident east of Brampton. Along with a party of young men they had driven to Cooksville and were returning, when east of Brampton a flat tire swung the car to the side of the road. McMillan, who was driving, endeavored to bring the car back to the centre of the road but did it so quickly that owing to the condition of the road it got beyond his control. It crashed into a gravel bank and Messrs. Gregory and McMillan were injured, the other occupants escaping serious injuries. Leslie Gregory received injuries to his collar bone and was badly bruised, while McMillan was badly shaken up and suffered from exposure during the time assistance was being secured. Both young men were taken to Peel Memorial Hospital for treatment. The car is badly damaged and smashed up.

Enjoyable Concert by Women's Institute

A local concert, under the auspices of Acton Women's Institute in the Town Hall last evening, proved a drawing card too strong to be resisted and in spite of the disagreeable weather prevailing the hall was filled with an appreciative audience. The programme was supplied by local talent, assisted by Mr. Hale, Mrs. Bessey and Miss Bessey, of Georgetown. Reeve Mason presided and kept the programme running smoothly. There were comic solos by Mr. Hale, of Georgetown, an instrumental duett by the Misses Mason, folk dance by the High School pupils, selections by the Churchill Concert Orchestra, numbers by the male quartette composed of Messrs. James Smith, Alex Jack, Rudolph Spellbrink and H. Rumley, a Scotch reading by Mrs. Alex Lees and a vocal duett by Mr. Hales and Mrs. Bessey. Miss Bessey was accompanist for Mr. Hales and Mrs. Bessey. The greater part of the second half of the programme was occupied by a Mock Trial, staged by the pupils of Acton Continuation School. It proved very interesting and was appreciated by the audience. Mrs. H. S. Wilson, President of the Acton Women's Institute, thanked the audience and artists for their help that had contributed to the success of the event.

U. F. Y. P. O. Meeting

The regular meeting of the U. F. Y. P. O. was held in the Parish Hall on Friday last with a decided increase in attendance. The meeting, opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf" owing to the absence of the President, Mr. Curtis Watson, Vice President of the club ably acted as chairman for the business part of the meeting. The following programme of many interesting numbers was given by the "Happy Hustlers" group with Mr. Charles Anderson as chairman. Mouth organ selections by Messrs. Fred York, Charlie Anderson and Thomas Mc-Laughlin, speech by Mr. Curtis Watson, recitation by Mr. Fred York, musical reading by M. Wilfred McEachern, duett by Misses Bessie McGregor and Bernice Brecken, reading by Miss Elva Murray, dialogue, entitled, "The Minister's Mistake," mandolin selection by Mr. Wilmer Watkins. Misses M. Z. Bennett and Vera Hurst and Mr. George Elliott kindly consented to judge the debate. Resolved that TV is of more educational than real value." The affirmative was upheld by Mr. Wilmer Watkins and Misses Elsie Storey and Velma Murray, the negative by Misses Mabel Harrop and Florence Johnston and Mr. Arthur McKeown. The judges gave their decision in favor of the negative side. Miss Bennett acted as critic and gave the young people some very helpful hints. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem," after which the ladies provided lunch, and a social hour was spent.