

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS are now charged for at the following rates: Births, 50c; Marriages, 50c; Deaths, 50c; Memorials, Cards, 50c, 10c per line extra for poems.

IN MEMORIAM
LEHMAN—In loving memory of our dear little daughter Margaret Helen who passed away December 28th, 1929.
 Sweet little flower, thy life has fled
 And thou art numbered with the dead.
 Short was thy stay with us below,
 And loath we were to let you go—
 We loved you; Oh! no tongue can tell
 How much we loved you, and how well
 God Loved you, too; and thought it best
 To take you to his Heavenly Rest.
 Always remembered by
 MOTHER AND FATHER.

This and that

- Merry Christmas!
- Christmas to-morrow.
- Christmas! Childhood's fondest dream.
- We hope Santa Claus will be good to everyone.
- May your Christmas be a merry and joyous one.
- Repeat your Christmas message all the year around.
- There'll be New Years' services in the churches next Sunday.
- The first scheduled Junior hockey match is to be played in Acton on Friday night.
- 'Twill be a busy evening for those who'll be playing Santa Claus to other folk to-night.
- Send in your lists of holiday visitors. We will gladly find a place for them in next week's issue.
- The line kiln at Dolly Varden expects to put in about 1,500 cords of wood during the winter.
- The roadways have made good sleighing but very precarious wheeling for the automobiles.
- The hockey fans had their first opportunity on Saturday to see the jockeys in a game this year.
- Let's all attend the Community Tree to-night, but only the kiddies will expect a treat from Santa Claus.
- The Canadian Chautauque programme for Acton for 1931 will be held on February 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- A lovely wreath hanging upon the big front door, and in 'most all the windows you'll surely find some more.
- The snow is softly falling on roof and porches wide; its wondrous Christmas weather, and smelly time inside.
- It is said that the outgoing mail from Acton on Monday evening was the heaviest ever to go from the local Post Office.
- The merchants send you messages of good-will in their advertisements this week. Everybody's wishing you a merry Christmas.
- The Erin Advocate issued a splendid Christmas number last week. It was well illustrated and printed and a credit to the publishers.
- This is the season of the year when the new calendars come out. Many business places in Acton are distributing very artistic ones among their customers and friends.
- It's great to be happy when everyone is, it's great just to smile with the rest; but the real joy in the living is the joy in the giving of a much-needed hand-clasp—that's best.
- Two of the Junior Hockey Team will not appear in the first scheduled game Friday night. Bob Anderson has the cap of a knuckle broken and Rudolph Kowalski has a deep skate cut in his ankle.
- The Christmas messages over the radio the past week have been inspiring and enjoyable. Never before was there such complete programmes of carols, choruses, sermons and suggestions prevailing from day to day.

SOME DARKEY STORIES
(D. R.)

"Ain't you goin' to work to-day Bill?"
 "Naw, I ain't gonna put my foot in dat coal yard 'till da boss takes dem words back he said yesterday."
 "Well, what did he say?"
 "You're fired," says he."
 Judge—"Look here, Rastus, didn't you tell me the last time you were up for stealing chickens that if I let you go you would do better in the future?"
 Rastus—"Surely, Judge, surely. Dis time it's turkeys."
 Colored Pastor (dismantling congregation)—"Do membahs what am provided wid umbrellas will please wait 'till I take a look at 'em. Since de mysterious disappearance ob my own umbrella last Sunday, dar am a cloud of suspicion floating ober dis ver church which has got to be dispelled."
 A negro charged with stealing a watch had been arraigned before the court. The judge was not convinced that he was guilty, and said:
 "You are acquitted, Sam."
 "Acquitted," repeated Sam, doubtfully.
 "What's dat mean, judge?"
 "That's the sentence; you are acquitted."
 Still looking somewhat confused, Sam said: "Judge, do dat mean I hab to gib de watch back?"

GREGORY THEATRE OPENING

First Performance of Talkies in Acton Last Evening

The new Gregory Theatre was opened in Acton last evening and the first performance of the talkies locally drew a packed house. While all the equipment is not complete the first showing was indeed a creditable one and the new theatre and equipment will give Acton theatre goers an ideal place of entertainment.
 During the intermission between the two performances Ivoe Mason expressed the appreciation that Acton felt at the theatre and equipment which Mr. Gregory had provided. It was modern and commodious and fulfilled the requirements of the community. That his expression of appreciation was concurred in by the audience was shown in the hearty applause that was tendered Mr. Gregory on his accomplishment. Mr. Gregory thanked his patrons for their appreciation of his efforts and hoped that their endeavors would warrant the patronage of Acton and the surrounding district.
 The new Gregory Theatre is a complete renovation with little of the former building left of identification. The seating continues out to the back of the theatre and has accommodation for 260. A new operating room and complete re-decoration of the interior with new lighting. The slope of the flooring has been increased and new emergency exits provided at the rear on either side. New wash-rooms and toilets have been provided.
 The talkie equipment is modern in every respect with tone control from the body of the theatre. Two machines are used in projecting the pictures giving a continuous performance without any interruptions. The initial performance was very creditable. Complete new stage fittings with the special screen used for talking pictures and four loud speakers is part of the equipment. The stage curtains are of heavy rose velour with gold trimmings and are most pleasing and graceful in appearance. A new heating and ventilating system are also among the improvements.
 Those who attended last evening were well pleased and were loud in the praise of the work that Mr. Gregory & Son have achieved in providing Acton with a theatre requirement of the modern trend.

GIRL GUIDE NEWS



The First Acton Company Canadian Girl Guides wish one and all a Merry Christmas.

A PERFECTLY GOOD PRESENT SPOILED
 Sandy was engaged to a girl who, a few days before her nineteenth birthday, succumbed to the prevailing feminine craze and had her hair shingled. All her girl friends says the Tatler, congratulated her on her appearance, and it was there she showed herself to her sweetheart. But Sandy viewed her with grave disapproval. "It is hard on me, lassie," he wailed, "verra hard! After I've just bought ye a packet o' hairpins for your birthday."

Farmer's Equipment
 SEASON'S GREETING EXTENDED TO ALL CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS, WITH MANY HAPPY RETURNS
J. W. Barbarree

Capitol Theatre
 3 SHOWS DAILY—7.30—7.00—5.00
 GUELPH, ONTARIO
 D. McMULLEN, Manager

Thursday and Friday
 DECEMBER 25 and 26
"LOVE IN THE ROUGH"
 With Robert Montgomery. Taken from the successful stage play, "Spring Fever."
 Saturday and Monday
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 DECEMBER 27, 29, 30 and 31
"CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK"
 With Anna and Andy. We're coming Saturday. Half the nearest fresh air taxi and hurry to the "incorporation" of the most fun in the world.
 Come With the Crowd to the
"CAPITOL"
 New Year's Eve Midnight Frolic
 Secure Seats Early and Save Disappointment
 Thursday and Friday
 JANUARY 1 and 2
"RAIN OR SHINE"
 With Joe Cook. Joe kept New York's delicious playing "Rain or Shine" on the stage.


Ford

At this season of the year, when the temperature hovers around zero, those of us who have a New Ford really appreciate how good it is. The Ford starts readily in the coldest weather.
 "Gee, I am glad I bought a Ford," is an expression we often hear from Ford owners and when you hear that from a man after he has driven 25,000 miles, it is a real tribute to any car.

WISHING OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
 A MERRY CHRISTMAS

NORTON MOTORS
 PHONE 69 ACTON

Yuletide Greetings!



The Christmas spirit is not sincere unless we take some means of expressing our good wishes to our friends and customers.

KENNEY BROS.
 MILL STREET ACTON, ONTARIO

At this Season our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose good-will has made possible our progress. To you we extend our heartiest wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity.


PALLANT'S
 Men's and Boys' Clothing—Ladies' and Children's Wear—Shoes and Rubbers for All the Family



Merry Christmas!

AND NOT ONLY DO WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS BUT HAPPINESS, GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY FOR THE NEW YEAR

NELSON & CO.
 MILL STREET, ACTON PHONE 37



Merry Christmas!

However you look at it, it's Christmas! And it's time for us to let you know that we are saying Merry Christmas to you with all our might.

PATTERSON'S MEAT SHOP
 WE DELIVER PROMPTLY PHONE 178



Acton and District

Fruit from Canada to East Africa
 Recently an order was received from the Associated Growers of Summerland, Okanagan Valley, B. C., from Mombasa, British East Africa, for a carload of selected fruit. The shipment will travel to Africa via Halifax, Nova Scotia. Okanagan fruit is becoming known further afield, and is already exported in large quantities to Europe. This consignment to Africa is the first to be sent to the "Dark Continent."

Car Burned in Trafalgar
 When his car was forced off the Dundas Highway a mile east of Postville, Sunday morning and turned over into the ditch and caught fire, L. G. Morris, Dixie, was saved from probable death by H. T. O. I. B. Mitchell, who happened along and dragged the man from the flaming vehicle. Morris sustained a badly injured kneecap when the car rolled over and was unable to crawl out when the car became enveloped in flames. After the accident the officer searched for the driver of the car which forced Morris off the road but was unable to locate him.

Traffic Officer Bond on Duty Again
 For the past two months Traffic Officer Earl Bond, who has been officiating in this district the past three years, has been attending the School of Instruction at Toronto for Traffic Officers and Provincial Police, where thorough instructions are given in all Provincial Dominion statutes, touching the work of these officers. A course in first aid in case of personal injuries in accidents on the highway was also taken. Officer Bond is to be complimented upon the high standing he secured at the final examinations last week. This gives him higher standing. He is now qualified for the duties of Provincial Police, as well as for his traffic duties.

Since When are We Governed by Milton
 Hockey fans were surprised to read the following items on the sports page of Saturday's Globe, under the heading, "Hockey at Milton": "Milton, December 19—At a special Council meeting James Adamson was engaged as Secretary-Treasurer of the Acton Arena for the year, and he commenced his duties at once. The salary was the same as given last year. The booth concession has been leased to Elmer Walters, of Grimby, for the sum of \$35 for the season. The first hockey practice at the Arena was held on Monday night, and each night since the Intermediate squad has been on hand and hard at the playing. More material is available this year and it looks like a pretty representative outfit for Acton this year. All the last year's team are out with the exception of Chew, and new faces this year are Lorne Walters, Fred Kentner, Dawkins and Arlic. Sounds mighty like a piece we wrote for THE FREE PRESS last week. The hockey news must be scarce in the County Town when that from Acton has to be labelled as the sports from MILTON. Better round up the Hamilton, Toronto and Streetsville boys and get some hockey news of your own.

Thieves Got Only 4.4
 Thieves who broke into the premises of the Sleeman Brewing Company Sunday night, and made off with about twenty or more cases of ale must have received a rude jolt when they examined their plunder under a strong light. For practically the entire haul was 4.4 non-intoxicating ale and only an odd case or two was the kind of beverage which it was evident that the thieves were after. The theft took place some time during the evening or early morning and what made the job more interesting was the fact that while the firm did not have a night watchman there that night, the lights in most parts of the brewery had been left burning. Evidently the culprits were aware of the fact that the building was unprotected for they calmly smashed the glass in a door at the side of the brewery and reached in to unbolt and open it. While the building usually has the light in many sections burning at night, the illumination of the stock room from which the beer was stolen is not very strong and the pile of 4.4 ale was handy to the door. These facts probably account for the taking of the weaker beverage. The thieves left no clue whereby they might be identified.

TRAVELLIN' SOME
 We like a story that was very popular with the army in France.
 It is the tale of a negro who was heading it for the back areas as fast as he could go, when he was stopped by a white officer.
 "Don't delay me, sah," said the negro.
 "E's gotta be on my way."
 "Hoy," replied the officer, "do you know who I am? I'm a general."
 "Go on, white man, you ain't no general."
 "I certainly am," insisted the officer, angrily.
 "Ezary!" exclaimed the negro, taking a second look. "You sure is! I mista be'n travellin' some, 'cause I didn't think I'd get back that far yit!"—Ottawa Evening Citizen.

CANADIAN BUTTER TO HONG KONG
 World travellers who have occasion to stay over at Hong Kong may be served better than has a quality flavor. A British Columbia creamery has recently been awarded a contract by a Hong Kong firm of provision merchants, for the shipment of 80 boxes of butter per month. For the past eight years shipments of British Columbia butter have been made to Japan and it has sold at a premium in the markets of that country.

To Our Many Friends, Old and New,
 We Send Greetings. May the Christmas Season be Filled with Happiness, and the New Year Hold Joy and Prosperity for You in Full Measure



McLean & Co.
 MILL STREET ACTON, ONTARIO

Season's Greetings

A host of good wishes to our friends on this Christmas Day and wishing you all a fine and prosperous New Year.


THE HALTON CREAM AND BUTTER COMPANY LIMITED



Merry Christmas to You!

MAY IT BE BUT THE FORE-RUNNER TO A PROSPEROUS YEAR TO COME!

W. D. Talbot
 HARDWARE AND RADIOS ACTON, ONTARIO



Repeat Performance OF

TEA TOPER TAVERN

A DELIGHTFUL THREE-ACT COMEDY-DRAMA

IN THE TOWN HALL, ACTON

—ON—

Monday, Dec. 29
 —AT 8.00 P. M.—

The Entire Proceeds Will be Given to the Council to be Used for Charity Purposes in Acton—Your Money Does Double Duty

ADMISSION 25c, OR MORE IF YOU DESIRE

Tickets Now on Sale