

The Community's Social Side of Life

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

Miss Glendinning was with friends in Toronto over Sunday. Miss Alice Cook, of Guelph, visited Acton friends this week. Mrs. Chas. Hynds, of Toronto, visited relatives in Acton last week. Mrs. Alice Macpherson is visiting with friends in Toronto this week. Miss N. E. Hall, of Toronto, spent the week-end at her home in Acton. Miss Emma Robinson is spending a few days with relatives in Aurora. Miss Doris Maddock, of Toronto, visited Acton friends on the week-end. Mr. T. H. Taylor, of Williamsville, N. Y., visited in Acton last Saturday. Mr. A. L. Hestert, of Milton, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Murray yesterday. City Engineer H. B. Nicklin and family, of Guelph, were home on Sunday. Miss Fern Brown spent the week-end with members of the family in Toronto. Mrs. Edmonds, of Toronto, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Smith, Peel Street. Mrs. James Hudson, Young Street, has been with her husband in Toronto during the week. Mrs. H. T. Wansbrough, of Toronto, visited relatives in Acton on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Allan Smith and Wametta are visiting at Mr. Frank Day's, in Rockwood, this week. Miss Sadie Kelly visited at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, over the week-end. Mrs. Prudence Cook and Miss Lillie Berry, of Toronto, are holidaying with friends in Acton this week. Miss Gladys Linham left on Monday to enter the City Hospital in Hamilton on her course as a nurse-in-training. Mr. and Mrs. Angus Carter and Gordon, of Rockwood, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vincent. Misses Jean Plante and Jessie Eckardt, of Guelph, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Anderson over the week-end. Mr. Carlos Williams, of Sauls Bt. Toronto, and Mrs. Heber Williams, of Toronto, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Williams. Warden and Mrs. A. Mason left this week for a holiday trip to St. Petersburg, Florida. They will spend about six weeks or so in the southland on this holiday outing. Mrs. Gordon MacKay and Mr. Harold Wansbrough, of Toronto, and Mr. Fred Day, of Toronto University, made a short visit at Mrs. Wansbrough's and at Mr. Frank Day's, Rockwood, on Sunday afternoon last. Mrs. J. McCutcheon, of Brampton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of Guelph, attended a party last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hall, which was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mansie and wife Hartley. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bishop announce the engagement of their youngest son, Alfred, to Miss Florence Newton, daughter of Mrs. T. Newton and the late Mr. T. Newton, of Toronto, the wedding to take place in Toronto the end of February.

Various Items of Local Interest

Will of Bronte Man Contested at Milton The will of the late Samuel Joyce, of Bronte, is being contested at Milton, before Judge Munro, it being claimed that there are irregularities in the document. With the exception of a few bequests the entire estate, valued at \$30,000, was left to his sister's family. The latter, Mrs. W. H. Sargent, predeceased the testator some months ago. Examination of witnesses concluded Saturday night, and His Honor will set a date next week for argument by counsel. The case had aroused much interest in the district, where both families are widely known.

Don't You Do It Everyone at some time has heard that disturbing hum, that annoying buzz during a musical or vocal number at a concert. Some person evidently feels inclined to render a concert of his own, or to whisper to his neighbor, just at that awe-inspiring moment, perhaps, when a musical selection has you enraptured. Perhaps you yourself are the unconscious, or unintentional, offender. If so, watch yourself, and don't do it. Humming to one's self, or whispering, very often becomes a habit, and when abused in public, it is a very bad one and spoils an evening for true music lovers.

Chicken Thieves Active in Guelph Township Chicken thieves are once again active in Guelph Township, and within the last few days several complaints have been received by Provincial Constable Elmer Menzies. Thieves entered the chicken coops of John Barber, Paisley Road, and stole fifteen Harrod Rocks, and from Charles Rennie's house they abstracted 18 Leghorns and Harrod Rocks. An epidemic of chicken stealing a few months ago ceased as suddenly as it began, and for some time there has not been a single complaint in this connection. Constable Menzies has several clues which he is following up.

Put on Your High Lights Quite a number of drivers of horse vehicles are either ignorant of the provisions of Section 14 of the Highway Traffic Act, or manifest a contempt for law. This section says: "Every person travelling upon a highway with a sleigh or cutter drawn by a horse or other animal, shall have at least two bells attached to the harness or to the sleigh or cutter in such a manner as to give ample warning sound." That the Legislature consider this clause just as important as sections governing motors or other vehicles using any public highway, penalties are provided for its violation to be \$25.00. Better put on the bells.

Expect to Re-Open Burlington Highway Early re-opening of the Burlington Beach highway is practically assured according to official sources. Recently complaints from business men along the beach of unnecessary delay in putting through the canal construction work were voiced, and Gordon Watson, M. L. A., complained to Ottawa. It is understood that Federal engineers have made suggestions that will, if carried out, mean the early completion of the work necessary to warrant the opening of the highway, possibly before the end of February. It is stated that by the time the old bridge at the canal is repaired, everything will be in readiness for the reopening.

High Degree to Former Hamiltonian A former Hamilton County resident, Cecil Edward Corrigan, son of Dr. Harvey Corrigan, of Hamilton County and Lambton, Ont., has attained high surgical degree in his admission as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. Taking his Bachelor of Arts in 1920 and his medical degree in 1925, he qualified as a licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada, and at Boston, Mass., completed a course which gave him a diploma of the United States Board of Medical Examiners. Later he was admitted as member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. He is now a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He may now add the following letters to his name: B. A., M. D., L. M. C. C., M. R. C. S. England, L. R. C. P. London, and P. R. C. S. England.

The Marshall-Bullivant Wedding in Georgetown A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bullivant, Georgetown, on Wednesday, January 29, when their daughter, Jean Helen, was united in marriage to William Edward Marshall, son of Chief William Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, all of Georgetown. The Rev. P. H. Wane officiated. Miss Lillian Kerrington, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the best man was Mr. Harold Marshall, brother of the groom. The wedding march was played by Miss Ethel McGrath, sister of the groom. The bride wore a gown of blue transparent velvet and silver lace and carried a bridal bouquet. After the ceremony a reception was held and later the happy couple left amid showers of confetti for their home in Hamilton.

JOHNNY'S DOG A dog is a very faithful animal—he is man's best friend—and follows his master without complaint. Some dogs follow too faithfully. My dog was that way. My Sunday School teacher said, "If it happened just one more time, no Sunday School picnic for me this year. I hope my dog behaves—Johnny's Diary."

UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

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study and preparation is always manifest. His earnest efforts to make the social means of grace profitable and interesting to us all, old and young, we appreciate very fully. The plans and methods presented are calculated not only to give spiritual instruction, but to induce personal study at home of the helpful themes which are chosen. The pastoral visitations to our homes have always been enjoyed, and especially at the times when there have been cases of illness, distress and bereavement. We assure that his pastoral calls are always welcome, and we cherish the anticipation of their repetition as often as is consistent with the wide range of duties and responsibilities which are essentially associated with his high office, and with the claims of the community upon him as one of its Christian ministers.

In all his work we realize that he is signally aided by the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, who shares his joys and sorrows and who preaches so cordially and hospitably as the matron of the paragonage. Mrs. Poole has long been one of us, and has always evidenced her willingness to use her time and her talents for the advancement of the affairs of the Church and of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank her very sincerely.

With unity of spirit and earnest prayer for continued success, and the most cordial relationships with us all, we gladly endorse this resolution. The minister spoke in feeling terms of appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Poole and himself. This resolution of thanks to the Choir of the church was also carried by a unanimous standing vote.

And resolved, that the thanks of this annual meeting of the congregation of the United Church of Canada, Acton be extended to the church choir for the valuable assistance given to the service of praise and worship in the public services of our church during the past year. We realize that it does give to the worship of God reverent emotions when the hymns and anthems of the sanctuary are poured forth in music from the heart and with the understanding. The sweet singer of Israel wedded his sincerest prayers to melody and wafted them upward from his throbbing heart and it is very helpful to us all that in the praise we offer to Him Whom we worship with sincerity, we are led from week to week by our Choir with music which finds a place where it may murmur its sweetest chords.

On this occasion, therefore, when we are summing up the church's activities of the year, it would seem fitting and proper that we should give voice to our appreciation of the splendid services rendered by our efficient choirmaster, Mr. Taylor; our skillful and faithful organist, Miss Fern Brown, and by the various members of the Choir generally. We are always proud of the splendid music rendered, whether in the regular services of the church, or during the special occasions of the year. We desire especially to express our appreciation of the regular attendance of so many members of the Choir, and we have come to the realization of the fact that the average attendance is larger, especially at the evening service, than the relative average attendance of the congregation. In fact it is larger than that of the official members. To our Choir we emphasize this outstanding fact, and we wish the members every success in their efforts to loyally assist in the service of praise and worship in our services.

A resolution of sympathy was carried in behalf of Mr. James Hudson, a member of the Session, who is now undergoing treatment in Toronto General Hospital for a serious ailment. The elections for members of the Session resulted in the following: The retiring group for the ensuing three years: A. T. Brown, George Cowie, James Hudson, A. T. Mann, H. P. Moore. The Board of Stewards was elected as follows: W. J. Akins, Roy R. Arnold, Miss M. Z. Bennett, Miss Fern Brown, J. W. Barber, G. A. Dills, C. H. Harrison, Basil Johnston, Evan Jones, E. P. Kennedy, J. C. Matthews, Malcolm McLean, Alex. McDonald, Miss Bertie H. Speight, and Earl H. Vincent. This interesting meeting concluded with refreshments served by the ladies.

INGENIOUS GRAFTING An ingenious process of bridge-grafting is that devised to restore trees that have been killed by mice, hares, or rabbits. It may be used at the base of the tree to bridge across from the roots to the trunk, or it may be employed to bridge over an injured portion of a limb or trunk. A channel is made, through the bark of each of the portions to be grafted so as to expose the wood. A scion having its ends cut to form flat sides is secured in the channels with the flat sides next to the wood of the part to be grafted. A sawdust packing, such as a candle wick, is inserted so as to close the space between the bark and sides of the scion. Then a coating of wax is placed over the ends of the scion to fasten it securely to the tree. This method has, it is reported, proved almost uniformly successful in saving injured trees.

ANNUAL SHORT COURSE

Prizes Presented to Winning Young Ladies and Men—Banquet Attended by 168

The annual One Month's Short Course in Agriculture and Home Economics was conducted during the month of January at Kilmbride. This was the first time that a course of this nature had ever been held in that district. The course was received with a considerable amount of enthusiasm by the surrounding district, and the attendance was strong and very regular. The boys' class had an enrollment of twenty-six regular students, with an average attendance for the whole course of twenty. The girls' classes were divided into three divisions, Domestic Science, Sewing and Home Nursing. Particular interest was shown in the Home Nursing division as well as Domestic Science. The girls' class had a total enrollment of fifty-six members, with an average attendance for the whole course of thirty-seven, and the average attendance during the last two weeks, when the Home Nursing class was on, of forty-one and forty-three.

The course was concluded Friday, January 30, at noon with a luncheon, put on by the class members themselves, at which approximately 160 people were present. After a very tasty luncheon, prepared and served by the young ladies, a short programme of songs and songs was introduced by A. G. Kilmbride, Agricultural Representative. At the conclusion of this programme Miss Mary Whinnery, instructress of the Domestic Science class, presented the prizes for the girls' classes, as follows: Domestic Science, Laura Prudham; Sewing, Edith Greenleaf; Home Nursing, Mrs. Pegg. Mr. E. J. Quill, the Assistant Representative during the course, presented the prizes for the boys' class, as follows: First, Tom Hall; Second, Frank Williams; Third, Kenneth Spence. At the conclusion of the course both classes were organized into a Junior Community Club, for the purpose of self and community improvement.

This course was made successful by the co-operation of numerous individuals, who provided stock and time, co-operation with the local branch of the Department of Agriculture, and also the Nelson Township Council, who provided a substantial grant to assist in defraying expenses connected with the accommodation for the course during the month.

LEGEND OF RICE THROWING

The custom of dishing brides and bridegrooms with rice is supposed to have originated in China. About 1500 B. C. in the province of Shansi there lived a sorcerer called Chao. A man named Pang who was going to be married, is said to have consulted the oracle as to the possible success of his venture, and was informed he would die in six days. Disheartened, he consulted a sorcerer named Peachblossom, but obtained the same reply. This young and beautiful girl, however, because she was antipathetic to Chao, and knowing his verdict, promised to avert the catastrophe by charms.

On the seventh day after his consultation with the bridegroom-to-be, Chao was surprised to find Pang walking about. Regarding the extent of Peachblossom's power, he determined to destroy her. He visited her parents and pretended to seek her in marriage for his son, and by generous offers obtained their consent. Marriage cards were exchanged, and Chao chose for the wedding the unlucky day when the golden pheasant was in the ascendant. His real object was that as the bride entered the nuptial chair, the spirit of the bird would destroy her. Peachblossom knew all these plans. She ordered rice to be thrown out-of-doors, which the spirit bird made haste to devour. While his attention was thus engaged, the bride stepped into the nuptial chair, and passed on her way unscathed to marry the son, whom she really loved. Thus we throw rice at weddings in the hope that it may be effectual in warding off the attacks of the golden pheasant.

UP GRADE

It seems a very general feeling that the evil is remembered longer than good, but instead it would seem that the best is outstanding, and pettiness, meanness, vice, and cruelty are soon relegated to the limbo of forgotten things. The "good old times" are constantly contrasted with the present, much to the latter's disadvantage; yet the old times were not perfect, any more than our times are now, nor quite so much so. We are on the upgrade. It is just as well that we should remember the heroism of our ancestors and forget their cruel intolerance. It is just as well that we should keep in mind the patriotism of Revolutionary days, and forget how Washington was harassed by the disloyal manoeuvres of some of his generals, and the harkward adherence of many of the people. When it comes to comparing our times with others, however, it is well to remember that none of the present-day weaknesses are novelties, and that the old times virtues are very far from dying out.

CLIMB THE STALK, YOUNG BEAN

Young Mr. Bean was interviewing his sweethearts' father, the subject of marrying the young lady. "Where are you employed?" asked the old gentleman suspiciously. "Have you any chance for promotion?" "The best in the world," replied young Bean with enthusiasm. "Except for the office boy, I now hold the lowest position in the concern!"

MARKET REPORTS

DAIRY PRODUCTS

These are Toronto quotations: Butter—Creamery, No. 1, pasteurized 31 to 31 1/2 do second 30 to 30 1/2 Above prices for goods delivered Toronto. Quotations to Retail Trade—Butter—Creamery, No. 1 pasteurized 33 to 34 do second 31 to 32 Churning cream, Lab. country points—Special 30 to 31 No. 1 29 to 30 No. 2 28 to 27

POULTRY AND EGGS

Quotations to country shippers delivered. Fresh extras 25 to 26 do first 24 to 24 do second 18 to 19 Quotations to Retail Trade—Cayton, fresh extras 32 to 33 Fresh extras 30 to 32 do first 29 to 29 do second 25 to 25

POULTRY—Alive Dressed

Spring chickens—2 1/2-3 1/2 lbs. 14 to 18 3-3 1/2 lbs. 16 to 20 Heavy chickens—10 to 12 4 1/2-5 lbs. 19 to 24 Over 5 lbs. 22 to 27 Puffed hen, over 5 lbs. 20 to 25 do 4 to 5 lbs. 18 to 20 do 3 1/2 lbs. 18 to 22 Old roosters, over 5 lbs. 16 to 20 Young turkeys, over 13 lbs. 60 to 70 do 10-12 lbs. 40 to 50 do 8-10 lbs. 30 to 37 Ducks, over 5 lbs. 20 to 24 do 4-5 lbs. 18 to 24 Quotations above indicate the general market range in value in eggs and poultry on delivery basis.

WHOLESALE VEGETABLES

Vegetables at wholesale houses are quoted as follows: Potatoes, per bag 1.00 to 1.25 DRESSED MEAT—Wholesale dealers in dressed meats quote the following prices to the trade: Beef, forequarters, cwt. 9.00 to 12.00 do hindquarters 12.00 to 15.00 Carcasses, choice 14.00 to 15.00 do medium 13.00 to 14.00 Calves, choice vwt. 14.00 to 16.00 Heavy hogs, cwt. 6.00 to 7.00 Light hogs, cwt. 14.00 to 15.00 Abattoir hogs 15.00 to 16.00 Mutton, cwt. 5.00 to 6.00 Lamb 11.00 to 12.00

HIDES AND WOOL

Toronto wholesale dealers in hides and wool are quoting prices to country shippers as follows—City hides, green, 4c per lb.; bull, and grade, 2c per lb.; Country hides—green, 3c per lb.; cured 3 1/2-4c per lb. Calafina, green, 7c. Veal kips, 5 1/2-6c per lb. Horns, cured, 7 1/2-8c per lb. Horns, No. 1 and 2, \$1.75; No. 2, 80c; Horns, bulk, 6c per lb. Wool, flat rate, free of rejects, 6c per lb.; rejects, 4c per lb.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Grain dealers on the Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations for local grades: No. 1 Northern, 64c. No. 2 Northern, 63c. No. 3 Northern, nominal. No. 4 Northern, nominal. No. 5 Northern, nominal. HAY AND STRAW—Extra No. 2 Timothy, in car loads 15.00 to 15.50 No. 2 Timothy in car loads 13.50 to 14.00 No. 3 Timothy 13.50 to 13.99 Wheat straw 10.00 to 10.99 Oat straw 9.50 to 10.00

POTATOES

Ontario potatoes, in bulk, 65c; in bags, 75c; New Brunswick potatoes, in bulk, 65c; bags, 65c. P. E. I. Cobblers, in bags \$1.00.

CATTLE MARKET QUOTATIONS

Choice heavy steers 6.50 to 7.00 Butcher steers, choice 6.75 to 7.00 do fair to good 6.25 to 6.50 do common 5.00 to 6.00 Butcher heifers, choice 6.75 to 7.00 do common 5.00 to 6.00 Butcher bulls, light, choice 4.50 to 5.00 do heavy 4.00 do heifers 3.50 to 3.75 do heifers 3.50 to 3.75 do medium 3.50 to 3.75 Heifer calves 7.00 to 8.00 Feeders, choice 5.00 to 5.75 do fair to good 4.50 to 5.00 Stockers, choice 5.50 to 6.00 Calves, good to choice 10.50 to 11.00 do medium 6.50 to 7.00 do grass 4.00 to 5.00 Springers 7.00 to 8.00 Milkers 6.00 to 6.50 Lambs, ewes, per cwt. 9.00 to 9.50 Buck hams 7.00 to 7.50 Sheep, yearlings 6.50 to 6.00 do choice 4.50 to 5.50 do onls 3.00 to 3.50 Hogs, bacon, f.o.b. 8.50

HINTS FOR THE HOME

Here are a few hints that are valuable enough to be filed by every careful housekeeper. When boiling onions, cabbage, turnips, or any other vegetable with a strong odor, boil at the same time some vinegar with spices in it. This will destroy the vegetable odor. Put a tablespoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of soda in an aluminum pan of hot water. Leave your silver knives, forks, and spoons in this for ten minutes and they will clean themselves. Your very dark silver almost immediately becomes bright without rubbing and scouring. Be sure, however, that the pan is aluminum. A brilliant luster may be given mahogany bedsteads by wiping them over with a cloth wrung out of cold water and rubbing to a high polish with a dry cloth. The rubbing should be continued until the polish comes back to the wood. Brass bedsteads may be cleaned by rubbing them with a cloth moistened with a very little salad oil. Then wipe off all the traces of the oil and polish with plenty of dry, clean dusters.

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A FALSE ALARM

A curious thing once occurred in a small village near Sheffield, England. One of the villagers, says a contributor to Country Life, thought he saw smoke pouring from the spire of the parish church and at once raised an alarm. The village fire brigade turned out, and in a few minutes the brigade from a neighboring town came rushing to the scene. By that time many other people agreed with the villager that they too saw smoke; but oddly enough no one could find any trace of fire. As a precaution, however, the firemen drenched the spire with water. Then they went home.

The next morning everything was quiet, but at evening the strange clouds again began to ascend from the spire, and there was talk of summoning the fire brigades for the second time. Then the vicar had a happy thought; he went home and got his field glass. Through them he saw, not smoke, but beal! A large swarm had settled at the top of the spire, and from a distance they looked exactly like clouds of smoke eddying in the currents of the upper air.

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Gregory Theatre

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 "HELL'S ISLAND" A Foreign Legion story, co-starring Jack Holt and Ralph Graves. Charlie Chase Comedy, "Whispering Whoopie." Fox Movietone News.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Matinee at 3 p. m. "UNDERTOW" A unique story, starring Mary Nolan. No. 3 of "The Leather Pushers." "Voice of Hollywood." Cartoon.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 "HIDE OUT" A college story, starring Kathryn Crawford and James Murray. Chapter 3 of "The Indians Are Counting." Comedy, "Teacher's Pets." COMING "MIN AND BILL"