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Births, Marriages and Deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, \$5.00; Marriages, \$5.00; Deaths, \$5.00; Memorial Cards, 50c per line extra for postage.

BORN
SUTCLIFFE—At Delphi, Ont., Saturday, January 16, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sutcliffe (nee Marie Lantz) the gift of a daughter—Shirley Doris.

DIED
HENDERSON—At Georgetown, on Sunday, January 17, 1932, Caroline Henderson, aged 87 years.

KENNEDY—Suddenly at the home, 3411 Street, Acton, on Saturday, January 16, 1932, John Robert Kennedy, beloved husband of Amelia Nelson in his 70th year.

OGRE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Wednesday, January 20, 1932, Robert OGRE, beloved husband of Mrs. Sophie OGRE, in his 72nd year.
Funeral will be held from the Funeral Parlors of Johnston & Rumley, Acton, on Friday, 22nd, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Acton.

AIRDRE—At St. Catharines, Ontario, on Thursday morning, January 21, 1932, Jessie Jane, beloved daughter of Jessie and the late John Airdre, in her 33rd year.
The funeral will be held from the Funeral Parlors of Johnston & Rumley, Acton, Ontario, on Saturday, 23rd inst., at three o'clock. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

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Truth may be stretched but cannot be broken and always gets above falsehood as a duck-above water.
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FOR MUNICIPAL AUDIT

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millia quarters was leaking and needed repairs.

At the request of the Public Utilities Commissioners the question of passing a resolution sanctioning the paying of a salary to the Commissioners was brought up for discussion. The former correspondence dealing with this question was put up before the Council.

Reeve Barber and Councillor Jones expressed themselves as opposed to granting this increased expenditure under present conditions.

Moved by George Cowie, seconded by J. Nicol, that the Council are in favor of the members of the Acton-Public Utilities Commissioners being paid a salary of \$50 each by the Provincial Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

Carried.

For the motion Councillors Cowie, Nicol, McArthur. Against the motion, Councillor Jones and Reeve Barber.

The matter of reducing the Councillors' salaries was discussed and left over until the next meeting to be dealt with.

At the request of the Council Clerk Farmer informed them that his present salary was \$550 per year and the fees of registrations, which amounted to about \$19 yearly. It was expressed that the salary was very modest in comparison with the duties of the office.

The amount of an indigent-patient was ordered to be passed and forwarded to the County Council for payment. The amount was \$61.25, and half of this is payable by the County Council.

Council adjourned at 11 p. m.

ECONOMIC WARFARE

Under the title 1932—Wood, Gundy & Company, summarize in their current Review and Bond List, some important factors affecting the financial outlook for 1932. Nineteen thirty-two enters under auspices which offer hope for the solution of many of the difficulties which clouded 1931 and which have outlasted the current business depression to run to undue lengths, this company says:

As recorded in monthly letters of October, November, and December, the world outlook is still complicated but, regardless of results, the rapidly with which steps have been taken during recent months to face and surmount these difficulties has been gratifying. Such measure as the Moratorium of last June—the Hoover Banking Commission of the same month—the Basle Conference in December—and Premier Ramsay MacDonald's promptitude in endeavoring to arrange a further world conference at Lausanne for January 18th—indicate a desire, less apparent in previous months, to deal promptly with problems which must, of necessity, be determined at a comparatively early date.

Normally, a business depression such as has extended since 1929 would have ended ere now, but with the necessity of settling vital questions that are apart from the ordinary course of business, the future is more obscure than would otherwise have been the case, and until some decisive steps of an international character have been taken, it is not possible to speak of the immediate future, with confidence.

One factor not generally realized is this—that the world-to-day (although involuntarily) is economically at war to at least an extent as in the period from 1914 to 1918, with the further disadvantage that the alignment of allies and associates is not so clearly defined as in those four years.

There have been erected tariff barriers which have impeded trade, and without a reasonable flow of commerce, prosperity cannot be achieved. This condition is made more acute by the problem of war debts and reparation payments, which involve the transfer of large sums in gold from one country to another at a time when it is impossible to do so owing to the quantities of gold required. The principal creditor nation (United States), through tariffs, has effectively declined to accept payment in the form of commodities, even though debtor countries continue to settle—adversely—balances in gold until over 40 per cent. of the world's monetary supply had fallen into the hands of that country.

Obviously, further substantial gold payments are impossible unless United States and France, which now hold more than two-thirds of the world's monetary gold, are willing to distribute it so that it may again perform its function of settling international balances. Logically, redistribution should take place through purchasing in other countries to an extent that would permit a substantial excess of imports over exports, but, through high tariffs, increased foreign purchases have been rendered virtually impossible. In so far as United States is concerned, there is still some indication that such trade readjustments may take place, not through increased purchases abroad, but through declining exports caused by the inability of other countries to purchase in United States because of lack of credit and depreciated currencies. Re-opening of trade channels appears to be necessary, regardless of any radical scaling down of war debts and reparation payments, necessary as the latter may be.

While there have been many contributory causes of the existing credit situation, one outstanding factor, in our opinion is that upon the conclusion of a devastating war, when economy and hardships might reasonably have prevailed, expenditure, through borrowing, took place to an abnormal extent. This was made possible by the elaborate machinery for credit expansion set up during the war period. In the years following the war, because of the availability of this machinery, many impoverished countries failed to recognize their conditions and spent money upon a larger and more reckless scale than in any previous period in their history. While the cost of public works was unusually high, many countries borrowed at interest rates which were correspondingly high, and to-day, measured by commodities, the interest due by debtor countries has multiplied two-fold and even three-fold.

The seriousness of the world-wide financial situation appears to be recognized in the report of the Basle Conference, which states that: "The adjustment of all reparations and other war debts to the troubled situation of the world—and this without delay if new disasters are to be avoided—is the only lasting step capable of re-establishing confidence." The loss of confidence to which the Basle Committee has referred is another condition which has retarded progress. To-day credits are frozen by fear and, regardless of any other factors, many of these credits can only be thawed out with the warmth of re-established confidence.

Notwithstanding the troubled condition of the world at large, Canada's position is fortunate, in that she is a producer of raw materials which are in world demand and which can be produced in Canada at low costs. Provided finances are capably administered, Canada should be able to meet all of her obligations, at home and abroad. In our opinion, the Canadian problem is largely an internal one, namely, of bringing about strict economy in expenditures, both public and private. We believe that public opinion has become so focused upon and so sympathetic with the necessity for economy on the part of governments, municipalities and private corporations that substantial economies are already being effected voluntarily. With care, Canada should be able to

pass through the existing period of financial stringency, as well as she has passed through previous crises, namely, with her credit enhanced.

HOW COMFORTING

The motorist was lost. He didn't know the way to go. Suddenly he saw an old man approaching.

"Hi!" he shouted, "do you know the way to Widdlecombe?"

The old man shook his head. "No, darried if I do," he said.

The motorist drove on slowly, and when he had gone about half a mile he heard loud shouts behind him.

He stopped and looked around. The old man had been joined by another, and they were waving him back.

"Well!" he said.

"This is my mate, George," said the old man. "E don't know, neither."

LIVING UP TO THE AUDIENCE

Jimmy Dunn writes to tell me about the English actor who received a rebuke from a director.

"Go on," he said, "drop your act, can't you?"

"I'm supposed to be acting the part of a British peer," argued the Englishman.

"I know that," said the director, "but all you English drop your act, don't you?"

"Good gracious, no!" the Englishman responded.

The director pondered a moment and then said, "Well, drop 'em anyhow. The guys on this side expect it!"

For every 100 blind men and boys in the United States to-day, there are 74 blind women and girls.



GUELPH
3 SHOWS DAILY—2.30—7.00—9.50
D. McMULLEN, Manager

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
THREE DAYS
JANUARY 21, 22, 23
"FRANKENSTEIN"

Collin Clive and Mae Clarke. No thriller ever made can touch it! This tale of a monster who looked like a man—conceived in madness—brought with love. This picture will not be shown at the Saturday Afternoon Children's Matinee.

Monday and Tuesday
JANUARY 25 and 26
"SIN OF MADELOEN CLAUDET"

Helen Hayes. The world might call it sin—but to this mother it was a duty.

Wednesday and Thursday
JANUARY 27 and 28
"HIS WOMAN"

Gary Cooper and Claudette Colbert. A story that clings to your heart.



GIRL GUIDE NEWS

On the second week of the new year, 1932, "32 not 31," you know, there was a "knotty" meeting in the Guide Hall. Now don't be alarmed! We were not actually tied in knots, although I do think we would make very strong and energetic knots. We tied knots in various thicknesses of string, rope and cord. Those who knew all the knots were to be nominated "knotty." Those who knew a few were to be under the list of the "naughty," and those who knew no a knot were to be called "notty."

Well, it was the 13th of the month, but that didn't matter a wee whispur to any of us. We were, oh citizens, all not "notty," or "naughty," but "knotty." Because of that, our estimations of ourselves rose automatically. We didn't pull it by means of a "bowline," or anything, it rose of its own accord, with such a heartening leap, that we fore home our "Band of Nowhere Path," like new lambskins.

Then on Saturday we went for a hike on a day that was all brown—brown cold (which is the most dismal cold I know) brown feeling in the day, brown lying in the day.

Poor old day! It must have felt very tired after all its exertion on our behalf. At the end of the world, to which Captain and her P. L.'s and Seconds travelled, there was a big rent in the heavens, and we made the rent. We filled it with gold and crimson, and silver, for our laughter and camp fire and songs. Then we ate a delicious stew. Oh, it still tickles my palate to think of it, and there was dessert after that. We were so gay that we laughed at our own jokes and if we had none of our own, we made some. So if some day, a broken-hearted Brown Day, comes to some of you, for help, you'll know who caused all the trouble. It was the Captain, The Patrol Leaders, and the Seconds of the First Acton Company.

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No, there aren't any hockey activities the past week. The only amusement we were able to derive was when we took one of the nice posters and filled in the blanks with question marks and hung the exhibit in The Free Press window. It attracted citizens from across the street by the score for a closer scrutiny, but even the most dense Scotchman saw and appreciated the joke. We simply had to do something to relieve the situation, and we apologize for any hopes we raised and dashed earthward again.

The O. H. A. makes the announcement that Regus teams of both juniors and intermediates have dropped out of the contest. Well, to date there is only Hespeler, Acton and Elora—in the contest and none of them actually had a game on ice.

If there are still any optimists left who believe there will be any hockey this year, it might not be a bad idea to draft up a new schedule. The present plan is so badly disarranged that it would take a Chinese calendar to have any idea of when games are to be played. We've quit looking at the probabilities since the morning when one paper said higher temperature and the other, on the same morning, said colder. Somebody was bound to be right, and of course it was the wrong one.

Supposing there was likely to be ice for to-morrow night, the old schedule would be pretty well over when Hespeler would meet Acton here and Acton would have had only two more games. Can't you just imagine that, according to schedule, excitement ought to be pretty high for declaring group winners. The group starters have been named and it is Elora, but we doubt if any other team will challenge this team to another game of "Tey-ley, who's got the ice?"

Oh, look up your own schedule!

A FAMILY OF Z'S

Some persons have a queer, not to say a perverse, humor in names, and when they happen to be parents they often insist on their offspring names that are a little on the embarrassing. A writer in the Boston Herald recalls the case of a man named Zerial Cook, who, having been cursed with an outlandish name, determined that all his children should suffer with him.

Zerial Cook married Polly Lombard at Hondfson, New York, early in the nineteenth century. His large family of children were named as follows: Zerial, Zuresa, Zerema, Zelmus, Zephronia, Zevodia, Zedina, Zegotus, Zelora, Zethaniel, Zeruth, Zolobus, Zedelia and last of all James.

It is fair to presume that James was a posthumous child. If Mr. Cook had lived the boy would probably have been named Zephinah or Zerubbabel.

EXPENSIVE

McGurgle: "I hear that yer auld friend Hector has marrit a third wife."
McQuip: "Aye, mon. Hector has been a vera expensive friend. He has cost me twa wreaths and three presents in sixteen years."

WHY SHOULDN'T HE?

Sam: "What did you tip that girl so much when she gave you your coat?"
Henry: "Look at the coat she gave me."

Week-End Specials

- 2 lbs. Sausages for 25c
- 2 lbs. Hamburg Steak 25c
- Fresh Pork Liver, lb. 8c
- Rib Roast of Beef, 15c, 16c
- Porterhouse Steak, lb. 20c
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- Smoked Cottage Rolls 1b 17c

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- Boys' Bushmen's Rubbers, first quality and every pair guaranteed. Sizes 11 to 13. Special, per pair, \$1.15; Sizes 1 to 5, per pair, \$1.25.
- Men's 15-inch Leather Top Boots, made of full grain leather and first quality rubber bottoms. Sizes 6 to 11. Special, per pair \$3.45

PALLANT'S
Clothing and Footwear
MILL STREET ACTON, ONTARIO

HIGHWAY GROCER
Week-End Specials

- GUELPH CREAMERY BUTTER, per lb. 25c
- SHREDDED WHEAT, 2 for 24c
- SOAP FLAKES, 2 lbs. for 19c
- HORNE'S DOUBLE CREAM CUSTARD, 1 lb. Tin 21c
- AYLMER PURE ORANGE MARMALADE, 1 lb. Jar 14c
- MAGIC BAKING POWDER, 1 lb. Tin for 34c
- ROMAN MEAL, per packet 27c
- JELLY POWDERS, 6 Packets for 25c
- BULK COFFEE, per lb. 27c
- REFUGEE GREEN BEANS, No. 2 size, per Tin 10c
- AUSTRALIAN SEEDLESS RAISINS, 2 lbs. for 29c
- O-SO-GOOD VANILLA, Large Bottle for 20c
- WHITE BEANS, 4 lbs. for 18c
- PRUNES, medium size, 2 lbs. for 21c

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2 lbs. 25c

CHOICE WHITE BEANS
8 lbs. for 25c

CHOICE ROLLED OATS
7 lbs. for 25c

CHOICE Orange Marmalade
40 oz. Jar for 26c

CHOICE Red Pitted CHERRIES
2 tins for 25c

CHOICE Green Gage PLUMS
2 tins for 25c

CHOICE PLUM JAM
40 oz. Jar for 26c

C. & B. HEINZ Large Size PORK AND BEANS
3 tins for 27c

C. & B. HEINZ Large Size PORK AND BEANS
2 tins for 35c

CHOICE Strawberry Jam
40 oz. Jar for 32c

C. & B. TOMATO CATSUP
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C. & B. TOMATO JUICE
2 tins for 17c

CHOICE 7 lb. Bags FLOUR
Only 16c

LARGE SIZE CHIPSO
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Green MALAGA GRAPES
2 lbs for 43c

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7 Bars for 25c

Fresh HEAD LETTUCE
2 Head for 28c

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2 lbs for 25c

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3 for 25c

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3 lbs for 23c

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10 lbs for 53c

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3 for 32c

SPECIAL NOTICE
Keep Saturday, 30th, open we will have Something Special to announce.

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Phone 16—Hill's Old Stand—We Deliver

EXTRA SPECIAL
200 Bags Potatoes 39c Bag
2 BAGS FOR 75c