

The Acton Free Press.

NOT YET?

Extraordinary Circumstances Call for Other Things Unusual—What is to be Done?—Maybe

Here it is, the last week in January, and not a local hockey game yet. Of course it's possible to view them at the Maple Leaf Arena, at any time, provided— Well, we won't talk about money matters, other than to say we Canadians certainly did take up the Provincial bond issue in a hurry. But we're wandering afield again.

The weather seems downright contrary, but we're of that optimistic frame of mind that there'll be hockey games in Acton this year, and if Bob McPherson, and Jim Mills, don't lose courage, and the waterworks supply holds out, we believe it's going to be accomplished. At any rate, with the least sign of frost they put forth every endeavor toward making a sliding surface at the rink.

If that schedule that was drawn up in good faith in December—the hockey schedule we mean, of course—had materialized as was anticipated, the group games would have been completed, almost. Do you know that Acton's last game was "skedaddled" to be played on Saturday night? And it looks as if we would be lucky if the first game were played that night.

We've one of those special thermometers out in front of our quarters that registered two degrees below everything else and sort of kids one into believing its actually cold but it takes more than faith to freeze ice. Just supposing a hockey rink could make its appearance with a degree of certainty of a game, can you imagine how many fans could get packed into the Arena on one night? And believe me, if there is a game arranged for some evening this winter month (you will note, please, we just said winter months) and you want to see Acton team play hockey this year, you don't want to save your money for the next game.

You know those fellows down at O. H. A. headquarters at a faithful bunch. It takes real faith to keep right on appointing referees for games for over a month without the half of them materializing. Of course it doesn't cost anything to appoint referees. But those fellows that everybody like to blame for defeat must be just existing on faith this year. It certainly is no boom year for referees.

Now supposing (this yarn gets more like a fairy tale as it goes on) just supposing there isn't any more Arena ice, we suppose that Elora will be the winners of this group. Well, it's going to be hard to decide who will play off for second place. Georgetown and Elmira haven't played any games because they haven't played any. Acton and Hespeler have both lost one apiece—the only one they played. Now just who is in second place? Ferguson has retired, a sort of undeveloped champion—but if all drop out except one team, the championship may be handed out as a birthday present to some one.

This weather condition isn't affecting only the hockeyists. The curlers made arrangements for solid comfort in their quarters. They were going to have a telephone installed to report up town on the scores rolled up, but if you ask Central for the curling rink number you just don't get it—and the line's not busy, either. There is many a broom that has been put to useful work this year that would have worn out clearing imaginary impediments from in front of a curling stone if the ordinary course of events had been.

But "they say" (you know who that is) that it's the extraordinary things that make news. There now, you've waded through all this bunk to find out why we wrote this stuff. The blamed weather is extraordinary. Probs says a little colder—but our advice is, don't believe it until you feel it.

ACTON RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Acton Relief Committee desire to gratefully acknowledge the following donations to their funds for assistance in this endeavor in Acton:

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| Previously acknowledged | \$253.06 |
| Junior I. O. D. E., per Miss Pearl Wallace, Treasurer | 50.00 |
| Week of Prayer, United Church Collection | 8.76 |
| Week of Prayer, Baptist Church Collection | 6.05 |
| Week of Prayer, St. Alban's Church Collection | 10.23 |
| Anonymous, from Benefit Show Collection, Relief Committee Meeting | 4.30 |
| Women's Institute Euchre, Mrs. J. E. Gamble, Treasurer | 19.00 |
| | \$352.40 |

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

A hockey enthusiast having been to see his team play a match which they had lost, was returning home downcast, accompanied by his small son.

During the course of the game the lad had asked the usual "why and wherefores" of his "daddy." But things were brought to a climax when he pleaded: "Daddy, what becomes of a hockey player when he gets old, blind and deaf?"

"They make a referee of him, son," was the laconic reply.

News of Acton and the District

Georgetown Election

In the municipal election in Georgetown on Monday for a councillor to fill the vacancy in Ward One, Arthur Speight was elected by 146 to 125 over Percy Blackburn, well known hockeyist and baseball player of that town.

Guelph Woman Sidelined

Suspended from water pipes in the cellar of her home, Bridge Street, the body of Mrs. Santo Baghetto, aged 23, Italian, was found by her husband Monday. The woman who had been dead some hours before she was discovered, had been hit recently, and this is believed to have caused her to take her own life. She leaves her husband and an infant less than a month old.

Macdonald Bros. to Continue in Business

Many of this district who have come to know D. E. Macdonald Bros., of Guelph, throughout their long business career will be glad to learn that they are continuing in business in that city from the announcements in their advertisements. Negotiations for this splendid location were not completed and the Macdonald firm will remain in the old establishment.

Surprise Party

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall on Monday night, on the occasion of Mrs. Hall's birthday. The evening was spent in games and contests and dancing. A dainty lunch was served. Mrs. H. S. Wilson and Mr. G. Mann were awarded first prizes for high lady and gent. The consolation went to Dora Denny and Bob Hall. Mrs. Hall was presented with a raw fruit bowl.

Hockey Puck Nearly Ruins Child's Eyesight

A small child nearly lost the sight of one eye when struck with a hockey puck in Burlington. Some boys were shooting the puck up and down the sidewalk and a stray shot hit little Betty Hulbert, of Burlington Beach, who was seated in a wagon in a lane near her grandmother's house. The wagon was upset and the child thrown out. A physician later stated that if the blow had been a little higher the sight of one eye would have been lost.

Car Collision Near Brampton

When two cars collided on the highway near Brampton, shortly after four o'clock Thursday afternoon, last, one of them crashed into a group of school children who were returning home, and struck Betty Johnson, aged 7, of R. R. No. 6, Brampton. Medical aid was summoned, and the girl was immediately rushed to the Peel Memorial Hospital, where it was found that she had sustained a fractured skull, her recovery being in doubt. Not many months ago she was the central figure in an alleged kidnapping case, having lived at Brampton since Percy Torgov, of Dundas Street West, driver of the car which struck the girl, was placed under arrest on a charge of criminal negligence by Provincial Officer Hefferon, who investigated, being later released on bail of \$5,000.

George Soper, Jr., Injured in Auto Accident

George Soper, Jr., of Galt, agent there for the Hugh Walker Co., of Guelph, suffered injuries which rendered him unconscious for a short time when his automobile figured in a collision with another car on the Guelph-Kitchener highway last Friday night. The other car was driven by a man named Russo, said to be from Kitchener. Mr. Soper's car was damaged, and was taken to Guelph for repairs. The other machine ran under its own power. Mr. Soper was removed to the home of his sister in Guelph, and suffered injuries to his leg and elbow. The Kitchener motorist drove on and left Mr. Soper at the accident in an unconscious condition, and was taken to Guelph by a passing motorist. He also suffered injuries to the back of his head. He came to Acton on Sunday to visit at his home here.

Dublin Institute Meeting

The Dublin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. D. McDougall on Thursday afternoon, last. The President was in the chair and the meeting opened with singing "O Canada." This was followed by prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and the usual business transacted, during which it was decided to hold a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barber, in February. The following programme was then given: Instrumental, Miss Margaret Walder; reading, Mrs. T. A. Storey; solo, with violin accompaniment, Donald McDougall; reading, Mrs. Alex. Near. Roll call was responded to with "A New Year's Resolution for the Institute." The singing of the Ode brought the programme to a close, after which lunch was served by the refreshment committee.

Reeve Readhead, of Nelson, is Chosen Halton's 1932 Warden

County Council Holds Inaugural Meeting at Milton on Tuesday—Reeve Barber, of Acton, Chairman of Printing Committee—Ex-Warden Mason Presents Photograph of 1931 Council—Council Met Again on Wednesday to Complete Business

The County Council met in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, January 26, at 2 p. m., in accordance with the Municipal Act the Clerk in the chair.

The following municipal representatives filed their certificates of election and qualifications and took their seats: Acton—Reeve Barber; Trafalgar—Reeve Morden; Esquimaux—Reeve Geo. Currie, Deputy-Reeve Appelly; Nelson—Reeve E. M. Readhead, Deputy-Reeve Leslie Fee; Nassawagawa—Reeve Duncan Campbell; Oakville—Reeve W. N. Robinson, Deputy-Reeve J. Hewson; Burlington—Reeve Geo. E. Harris, Deputy-Reeve Brockton; Georgetown—Reeve Harold Cleave; Milton—Reeve Jas. Blain.

Reeve Harris and Reeve Readhead were nominated for Warden, and the majority being in favor of Mr. Readhead, Mr. Harris asked that the vote be made unanimous. Mr. Readhead was accordingly returned as Warden for the County by the unanimous wish of the Council.

The Warden-elect made his declaration of office before the County Clerk, Mr. H. M. Pettit, and took the chair, thanking the Council for the honor they had done him by appointing him as Warden.

The minutes of the last meeting in 1931 were read and confirmed. Reeve Blain moved that a Striking Committee be formed of the Reeves of the several municipalities of the County. Carried.

The Council adjourned, to await the return of the committee's report.

The Council resumed, the Warden in the chair.

Mr. Blain presented the report of the Striking Committee.

Mr. Blain moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the report of the Striking Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Committees were appointed as follows:

- Finance—Harris, Cleave, Morden, Campbell.
- Education—Robinson, Cleave, Brockton, Peer.
- Printing—Barber, Harris, Hall, Appelly.
- County Buildings—Blain, Appelly, Harris, Hall.
- Railways—Legislation and Agriculture—Currie, Morden, Blain, Peer.
- Special Communications—Hewson, Currie, Brockton, Barber.
- Permanent Road Committee—Campbell, Brockton.
- County Bridges—Peer, Currie, Morden, Campbell.

Communications were read from the House of Refuge; the Minister of Highways, re meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association, to be held in Toronto; the Minister of Health, re appointing two members of the Council for the Cemetery Committee; a letter re necessity of appointing Corn Borer Inspector.

Mr. Amos Mason, ex-Warden for the County, addressed the Council. He congratulated each member of the Council upon his election, and the Warden upon his election as choice of the County for that office. He had much pleasure in presenting the Council with a large group, photograph of the 1931 Council, and a smaller individual photograph to each member.

The Warden, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr. Mason for the photographs.

A by-law was passed appointing Mr. E. Young, Toronto, as Auditor of the County accounts for 1931.

Moved by Mr. Blain, seconded by Mr. Cleave, that this Council do now adjourn to meet at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, the 27th. Carried.

The Council met on Wednesday at 10 a. m. in accordance with the adjournment.

A letter was read from David Hutchison, tendering his resignation as Treasurer for the County. The Finance Committee moved, that the resignation be accepted, to take effect on April 1, 1932.

The first report of the regular Standing Committees was read and the Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the reports of the Committees.

Education—It was decided that the High Schools of the County be paid on account, as follows: Burlington, \$5,000.00; Oakville, \$5,000.00; Milton, \$4,000.00; Georgetown, \$4,000.00; Acton, Continuous \$830.00; making a total of \$18,800.00. Resolutions passed for payment, as recommended by the Finance Committee were as follows:

- Old Age Pensions \$ 2,238.78
- Finance 877.50
- Special Communications 1,300.75
- Printing 337.52
- County Roads 15.00
- Education 18,800.00
- County Buildings 569.89

\$24,130.44

Following a discussion after the reading of a letter instructing the Council to appoint Corn Borer Inspectors, it was

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Power for Memorial Company to be Secured—Resolutions Regarding Salaries to be Forwarded to Ontario Commission

At the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening, Commissioner King and Reeve Barber were present and Chairman R. J. Kerr presided.

The Secretary was, upon motion, instructed to pay the following accounts:

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| Hydro Department | |
| Bell Telephone Co., services | \$ 4.00 |
| Hydro-Electric Power Com'n | 2,448.65 |
| P. McCutcheon, express | 2.70 |
| Highway Garage, repairs | 1.50 |
| Continental Electric Co., repairs | 10.17 |
| Hydro Inspector, Hamilton, metre inspection fees | 6.00 |
| Northern Electric Co., supplies | 92.03 |
| Beare Limited, office supplies | 9.70 |
| Canadian General Electric Co., supplies | 12.87 |
| J. C. Matthews, postage | 10.00 |
| | \$2,297.63 |

The list of arrears were checked and were found very satisfactory.

The matter of supplying power to the Ontario Memorial Company was brought up. It was planned to run the plant and clear up the stock that was at present on hand. Mr. A. Mason, as one of the inspectors of the company, explained the situation. The plant would provide employment for a couple of months for a number of men. Payment of the account would be guaranteed and they requested the lowest rate possible.

The Superintendent agreed to do all in their power to make the factory operate, but all must be subject to the Ontario Commission's rules.

A letter from the Council contained a copy of the resolution authorizing the payment of salaries to the Commission.

Moved by L. G. King, seconded by R. J. Kerr, that the members of the Acton Public Utilities Commission be granted a remuneration of \$50.00 per annum for services rendered, commencing January 1, 1932, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for their approval. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to send the copies of resolutions covering this matter to the Ontario Commission for confirmation.

Moved by R. J. Kerr, seconded by George Barber, that Messrs. L. G. King and C. W. Wilson be delegates to attend the Hydro-Electric Convention on the 26th and 29th of January.

The Superintendent reported that meters were being checked and repaired at present, and that most of the repairs following the recent ice storm had been put in condition again.

MR. BIRD IMPROVES HIS CORN CROP

Interesting Results of Experiment on Halton Farms—Crop Increase was Very Favorable

During the past summer a very interesting demonstration has been conducted on the farm of Mr. Thomas Bird, Georgetown. The Department of Chemistry, O. A. C., with the co-operation of the local Agricultural Representative, chose Mr. Bird's location on account of the excellent crop which he usually grows. His 1931 field was grown on a clay loam following pasture sod.

Mr. Bird used a very heavy sowing, which is well suited to the climate and normally makes a good yield, but he was anxious to learn if he could improve both yield and quality of the crop.

In the test he tried 375 lbs. per acre of each of the following fertilizers: 2-12-6, which gave him 14.3 tons total crop per acre, 4.7 tons of which were ears; 3-18-9, which yielded 14.4 tons, 5 tons of which were ears; 0-14-6, which yielded 14.4 tons, 4 tons of which were ears. His un-fertilized section yielded him 12.6 tons, 4 tons of which were ears. This shows that his land was naturally in good heart. Mr. Bird was careful to drill the fertilizer into the soil at the time the corn was planted, so that the fertilizer was in full given equally good opportunity to function. It is interesting to note in the yields that the addition of nitrogen accounted for almost a ton of ears. Fertilizers increased the yield per acre 1.8 tons.

Not only is the increased yield of direct interest to those who followed the tests on Mr. Bird's place, but the improvement in quality shown by the increased yield of ears will show to advantage when Mr. Bird is feeding the ensilage during this winter. One thing is sure, if the quality is there in the ears of corn fit the ensilage, it will not have to be purchased in such large quantities in concentrates during the winter. Mr. Bird's results are worthy of close study by all Halton County stockmen.

Various Items of Local Interest

Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 4, at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Thos. Leatham, No. 6 Beardmore Crescent.

Dublin Old Boys To-night

The Dublin Old Boys Association are holding their dance and social in the Town Hall here to-night, with the dance commencing at 8:30. There will doubtless be a fine assembly of the residents and former residents of the Dublin district and a fine re-union and social time.

Signs of Spring

Milton Baseball Club re-organized when the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Judge Munro; President, William Randall; Vice-President, W. I. Dick; Secretary, Harvey Phillip; Treasurer, J. W. Blain; Manager, Wm. Chisholm; Executive Committee, W. Crozier, T. J. Hannah, the President, Treasurer and Captain of the team.

A Big Egg

Yesterday Mr. Alex. Bell brought to The Free Press an egg of outstanding proportions which he had purchased from Mr. N. P. McEgan. This particular egg was 7 1/2 inches measured around the longest route and 6 1/4 inches around the waist line. It weighed four and a half ounces. Don't take our word for it. The proof is on exhibition in The Free Press window.

Suffered Severe Injuries in Fall Down Cellar

When Miss Bella Manson fell down cellar last Thursday at the home of Mr. James Douglas, where she resides, she sustained severe injuries to her head, and has not yet regained consciousness. Miss Manson is over eighty years of age and the severe injuries sustained make her condition critical. Later Miss Manson failed to recover from her injuries and passed away this morning.

The Institute Social Night

The Acton Women's Institute held an enjoyable euchre and dance last Thursday evening in the Parish Hall, which was well attended. The proceeds were devoted to the Relief Fund and amounted to about \$20. Prizes were won by Mrs. Huffman, Miss M. Graham and Miss Shea, and the gents' awards went to Messrs. T. Leatham, R. Agar and G. H. Lantz. Following the cards, dancing was enjoyed and an appetizing lunch was served.

Knox Young People's Society

On Monday evening a splendid Scotch programme was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting of Knox Guild. Mr. Jos. Hurst was in the chair, and after the usual business part of the meeting Rev. Mr. Bennie gave a brief and interesting talk on "The Government." The programme was in charge of the Musical Committee, and proved a real treat. It was a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCormick, "whose neighbors had just dropped in to see an oar or two was them." Scotch songs—and of course a few jokes—were thoroughly enjoyed, and appreciated.

Ontario Fires and Losses Increase 798 and 5678,857

According to figures released Tuesday by Provincial Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton, 15,121 fires, with an attending loss of \$15,466,631, occurred in Ontario during 1931—an increase of 798 conflagrations, and \$678,857 less loss over the previous year. Of the fires in 1931, 10,559 were dwellings, 1,226 stores, 1,143 barns and 373 factories. Barn fires showed an increase of 229 over 1930 with an increased loss of \$553,584. In the month of December last there were 1,269 fires, involving a loss of \$1,103,401 of which \$973,271 was covered by insurance. The largest fires in that month were the Paopore Lumber Company fire at Gosport, and the Fraser estate, at Ottawa. There was a \$175,000 loss in the first case; and a \$64,029 loss in the second.

Birthday Surprise Party

Last Friday evening, January 22, when Mrs. J. E. Gamble came home from downtown, a big surprise party of about forty of her neighbors and friends had gathered to spend the evening, as it was the occasion of her birthday. The evening was spent in cards. The lady winner was Mrs. T. Lappin, gent winner, Thos. Leatham. After the cards the meeting was called to order and Miss Ada Simpson read the following address: "Dear Mrs. Gamble, We your friends and neighbors, have met on the occasion of your birthday to spend a social time together, and on behalf of our company ask you to accept, this little present as a memento of the occasion and the esteem in which you are held among us." Mrs. Leatham made a short reply and thanked all present for the beautiful gift and very pleasant surprise. All joined hands and sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY REPORT

Eighteenth Annual Meeting Held Last Week—Officers Elected and Report of Inspector Received

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Halton County Children's Aid Society was held at the Gordon Home on Friday evening, January 15, 1932.

Although the attendance was not large, a great deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown in the work of the Society.

The various reports given by the officers showed a most successful year. Reference was made to the loss sustained by the children and the Society in the death of Dr. M. E. Gowland, Milton, Mr. H. P. Moore, Acton, late Juvenile Judge.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Amos Maxwell, Inspector of Children's Aid Society of Georctown and Wellington County, who gave a very interesting account of the "Lights and Shadows" of Children's Aid work.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Honorary President—Judge Elliott.
- Solicitor—Mr. W. I. Dick.
- President—Mr. J. M. Denyes.
- First Vice-President—Canon Nafel.
- Secretary—Mrs. T. J. Brown.
- Treasurer—Mrs. S. Wilson.

Representatives to Board—Mrs. Gorman and Mrs. Brown.

The annual report was given by G. F. Thompson, Inspector for Peel and Halton Counties.

As a result of the Inspector's frequent investigations and visits in various homes throughout the Counties of Peel and Halton, many families have been assisted in improving their home conditions. Frequently all that is necessary is a visit from a neutral party with helpful advice and a warning.

During the war it has been necessary to have four children made permanent wards of the Society, three of whom have since been placed in foster homes. Under the Temporary Commitment Clause of the Children's Protection Act, which allows children to be made temporary wards for any period up to twelve months, eleven were committed, three being allowed to remain with their parents under supervision, and eight are at present in the Shelter.

There are at present twenty-three children in the Shelter; thirty-five different children have been cared for in the Home during the year, making a total of 6,387 days' shelter provided. Twelve wards have been placed in foster homes during the year.

Thirteen wards have been released from the care of the Society, eight having attained their majority, two married, two legally adopted, and one released by request.

During the past fall it was my pleasure to be present at the marriage of one of our former wards. It was gratifying to note the good will this ward held towards the Society which had been her guardian for a number of years. As a variation from this happy event I was summoned to appear at the divorce proceedings of the parents of one child who had previously been made a ward, due to the improper behavior of the mother.

Through a charge having been made under Section 215 of the Criminal Code (corrupting children) the mother (a widow) of three children, was put on suspended sentence, and the man involved was given a heavy fine, or the option of a goal sentence. In all, fifty-four cases were handled in court.

One of the most interesting phases of the work is visiting wards in foster homes; in most cases well cared for and contented. Only in rare cases is it found necessary to remove a child, in all one hundred and sixteen visits have been made to wards, this in itself taking considerable time when you consider that they are spread over two counties.

Accounts are held in trust for thirteen wards, ranging from \$1.59 to \$519.71, a total of \$1,391.41 being on deposit.

Other statistics are as follows:

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| Applications for children | 58 |
| Children brought to Shelter (not wards) | 11 |
| Children returned to parents (not wards) | 7 |
| Children involved during year | 174 |
| Made Permanent Wards | 4 |
| Made Temporary Wards | 11 |
| Sent to Industrial School | 1 |
| Complaints received | 119 |
| Letters received | 668 |
| Letters written | 807 |
| Investigations made | 155 |
| Meetings addressed | 10 |
| Mileage covered | 9500.00 |
| Office interviews | 213 |
| Phone interviews | 400 |
| Court attendances | 54 |
| Foster homes heard from | 108 |
| Wards placed out | 12 |
| Wards returned to Shelter | 7 |
| Visits made to Wards | 316 |
| Warnings given | 60 |

A Selection of News Items

I. O. D. E. Meeting

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Matthews on Tuesday evening, February 2, at eight o'clock.

Wellington's Warden

Reeve Charles Harper of Arthur Township, was elected Wellington County Warden on the first ballot at the opening session of the County Council on Tuesday, defeating Reeve James Justice, of Erin Village, by 12 votes to 11. Only the two members of the Council contested the Wardenship.

Motorist Injured When Car Went into Ditch

When passing a car on the highway, near the fifth line, east of Acton, on Saturday afternoon, Roger W. Thompson, a motorist from 70 Yarmouth Street, Guelph, swerved too sharply and his car took to the ditch, which is about five feet deep at that point. Mr. Thompson received a cut in the head and other head injuries, and was more or less badly shaken up. He was brought to Acton by passing motorists and received medical attention and later proceeded to Guelph, Chief McPherson, of Acton, investigated the accident.

Not All the Benefits Told About

In our account of the recent benefit show held at the Gregory Theatre, we failed to enumerate all the benefits of the event. When the collection was taken there were no expenses to be met. Mr. Gregory supplied the theatre and the films and operator and in fact everything free of charge, and other items usually necessary were given gratis to the fund so that everything went to the food collection. Mr. Gregory is giving the same consideration for the same work at his theatre in Georgetown next month, when a benefit show will be given.

Stewarttown Barn Destroyed

A large barn on the farm of Newton Ruddle, Stewarttown, was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on Monday. Telephone communication having as yet not been restored after the sleet storm of January 1, help from nearby farms did not arrive until the fire was well under way. Eight hundred bushels of wheat, 80 tons of hay and a quantity of implements were lost in the blaze. The horses were saved, together with the majority of the stock in the barn, but three calves, a pig and a young cow were burned to death. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

A Travelogue

A very interesting meeting was held on Monday evening at the Young People's Society of the United Church when Miss Stephenson, the president, gave a talk illustrated with lantern slides on a trip to the British Isles and the continent. Many views of the places of interest throughout the trip were shown. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved Miss Gladys Agar and Miss Vera Bramshaw were nominated as ex-officers of the social and lunch committee owing to the resignation of Miss Odbert. Other items of business relative to the Society were also discussed. Miss Helen Osterander had charge of the meeting.

Officers of Milton Fair

At the annual meeting of the Halton County Agricultural Society, held in Milton, the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Captain A. E. Morden, Oakville; Vice-President, David Harley, Nelson; First Vice-President, A. E. Woodley, Trafalgar; Second Vice-President, E. Syer, Milton; Secretary-Treasurer, A. L. MacNabb, Milton; Auditors, J. M. Denyes and G. E. Gassie; Directors, Nassawagawa Township, W. C. Blacklock, W. Reid, E. Ellenton; Nelson Township, L. Smith, C. S. Bell, M. W. Clements, G. Agnew; Esquimaux Township, E. Harrop, A. M. Hume, L. W. Chisholm; Trafalgar Township, G. C. Aikens, G. C. Gibson, A. Hillmer, A. Morden, D. Reid, W. E. McCready, J. H. Wilson; Milton, C. H. Heslop, A. E. Waldie, N. A. Sinclair, A. L. Chambers.

Halton Woman Fatally Injured by Auto

Mrs. J. Steele, of R. R. No. 1, Freeman, died 9 o'clock on Friday night in the General Hospital, Hamilton, from a fractured skull she suffered shortly after 6 o'clock that evening, when struck by an automobile as she was walking along the highway near her home. Chief Coroner O. A. Cannon said that the name of the driver of the car was not known, but that he conveyed Mrs. Steele to the surgery of Dr. Milne, in Waterford, who had her rushed to the General Hospital. She did not rally, and died. Mrs. Steele was said to have been about 45 years of age, the mother of two children, and had lived near Milton for only a short time. According to information obtained by neighbors of Mrs. Steele, the woman was returning to her home about 8:30 o'clock, walking with the traffic, and the driver said that because of glaring headlights he was unable to see anyone ahead of him.

Accident at Milton Brick Plant

A serious accident occurred at the Milton Brick Company's plant at Milton Heights on Friday, when the crown of one of the kilns collapsed and fell on two workmen. John Liddle, of Milton, had his left foot broken and was badly cut on the head, while W. E. Gallagher, of Milton Heights, had his right arm broken and was also badly cut on the head, besides suffering other serious injuries.