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BORN

MERRITT—On Saturday, February 20, 1932, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Merritt (nee Dorothy Campbell) a daughter.

DIED

McGILL—At Erin, on Tuesday, February 23, 1932, Archie McGill, aged 82, beloved husband of Ann McLaughlin.

This and that

This is the last week of February. Four weeks from to-morrow will be Good Friday. The snow drifts haven't, as yet, become part of the winter scenery. The lighting system in the Hydro office has been improved this week. Daylight saving will be in effect in Toronto from May 1 to September 25. A brief meeting of the Acton Relief Committee was held on Monday evening. February seems to be a very typical winter month, with its light snow flurries and cold weather.

The days are lengthening out very noticeably now and the sun is stronger. Winter is on the wane.

A hockey game last Friday night, between Lorne Rilles and Limehouse, resulted in a 3-3 deadlock.

An increase in the sales tax from four to six per cent. is rumored. That will be a great assistance to industry (?)

The ice men are busy harvesting the ice crop of the year. While the ice is not very thick it seems of splendid quality.

The choicest of goods and the greatest economies are to be found in the advertisements. Shop where your patronage is solicited.

Mr. J. Edwin Gamble, who was home from Toronto over the week-end, assisted at the evening service of the United Church on Sunday.

It's too bad the second line wasn't a highway for to-night. It would be a fine time to take a census of the traffic on this thoroughfare.

Burlington has settled its Chief Constable's salary at \$2,000 and \$500 for car allowance. All fees collected are to be returned to the municipality.

Trafalgar Township Council received a letter opposing the construction of the seventh line subway, and expressing the hope that the Council will not appeal to the Legislature for an early start.

Mrs. Edgar Bell, of Guelph, formerly choir leader of Acton United Church, gave a programme over Preston radio station, CKPC, on Saturday evening, which was much enjoyed by Acton friends.

TOO MANY MONKEYS

It is against the principles of the Brahman religion to take the life of any creature, and as a consequence the people of India are preyed upon and overrun by a great many animals, against which they can make but a feeble and ineffective resistance. The real tyrant of the Hindu people is the monkey, which ceaselessly preys upon and harasses them.

Some time ago the merchants of Benares, the sacred city of the Ganges, decided that they could endure the depredations of the monkeys no longer. The shops of the city are without doors and windows, and the fruits, grains, and other commodities offered for sale are exposed to the open air.

The monkeys are always at hand, watching their opportunity. Let the merchant absent himself for an instant, or go off into a nap, and instantly the nimble apes are helping themselves to rice, fruit, cakes, or anything else they find handy.

If the merchant wakes suddenly, there is a great scampering and the thieves are well out of reach before he can lay a hand upon one of them. Once the streets of Benares became so overrun with these impudent plunderers that the merchants held a meeting and decided that something must be done. Inasmuch as their religion forbade them to kill the monkeys, they decided to banish the pests.

A great force of men was organized. The streets were surrounded and invaded, the monkeys were all captured, and each in turn placed in cages. They were taken to a large forest at a considerable distance from the city, and freed in the midst of the great trees.

That evening there was a rare sight in Benares. Into the streets, just at dusk, there came a great capering army of apes. They were the monkeys of Benares, who had found their way home from the forest to which they had been banished.

Being city-bred monkeys, they had not enjoyed country life. Next day they were all at their old posts, raiding the shops with renewed and eager appetites, and greatly refreshed impudence.

Announcement is made in another column of the opening, in Acton, of an office by Kenneth M. Langdon, Barrister and Solicitor, of Georgetown, in the rooms over T. Seynuck's Cafe. Mr. Langdon will be at the Acton office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Acton and District

Burlington Lads Have Narrow Escape narrow escape from drowning when they were trying out an ice boat for the first time this season, and it crashed through the ice in the bay and threw the youngsters into quite deep water. The boys, Norman Linke and Bert Hall, 12-year-olds, were drawn under, and only with difficulty were able to grasp the boat and keep their heads above water. Harry Rafferty and J. Martin, who noticed the lads in difficulty, ran to their assistance and got them safely back to shore. Only a few days previous, young Linke was skating on the bay; broke through, and got a good ducking.

8,000 Peace Pacts with 3,153 Years of War in 3,421 Years of History. There have been 3,153 "war years" in the last 3,421 years of the world's history, according to statistics published by the Society of International Law. The Society's report said that so far as is known, there have been only 268 "peace years," but incomplete records of the evolution of nations make it difficult to determine definitely whether even those years were entirely peaceful. The report also showed that 8,000 peace treaties have been concluded. The treaties lasted "Two lads of Burlington Beach had an average of two years."

INTERNAL INJURIES

In a newspaper account of an accident you often read that the victim is suffering from internal injuries. That means, almost always, an injury to one or more of the abdominal organs. The abdomen is not protected, like the chest, by a bony cage; it is therefore extremely vulnerable, and the organs contained within it are so important that an injury to any of them may have the most serious consequences. The injury may follow a blow from or a fall against some blunt object that does not break the skin, or it may be a wound caused by a knife, by broken glass or by a bullet.

The term internal injury, however, is generally used to describe the consequences of a blow, without penetration of the skin. Such a blow, even when it leaves little or no external evidence of injury, may do more damage than a widely gaping wound. The danger lies in the apparent insignificance of the injury, for, since there is no visible wound, the sufferer is reassured and fails to seek medical advice at the proper time.

The fact is that the intestines, the stomach, or more often the liver, may be torn by the force of the blow, though the skin and the muscles of the abdominal wall, giving way before the impact, are only bruised. Any hard blow on the abdomen, even though neither the wall nor the contained organs are ruptured, usually produces a marked shock. There will be pallor and coldness of the skin; the patient feels faint and suffers from mental and physical depression. If that is the case, the doctor is not at hand, put the sufferer to bed, place hot-water bottles at his feet and stimulate his heart by a mustard plaster or some such counter-irritant on the chest. If he is conscious and can swallow, he should have strong black coffee to drink, or he may, very cautiously, inhale spirits of ammonia. As shock is attended by congestion of the abdomen, raise the foot of the bed a little so that the force of gravity may help to send the blood to the upper part of the body, while the hot-water bottles and the warmth of the bed serve to bring it to the surface and the extremities.

WASN'T EVEN HURT

"A man dropped 300 feet from a building the other day and wasn't hurt." "Impossible!" "No, they were pickled-pig's feet."

EXAMINATION TEST

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee? Or a key for a lock of his hair? Can your eyes be called an academy? Because there are pupils there? In the crown of your head? What jewels are found? Who travels the bridge of your nose? If you wanted to shingle the roof of your mouth? Would you use the nails of your toes? Can you sit in the shade of the palm of your hand? Or beat the drum of your ear? Can the calf of your leg eat the corn of your toe? Then why not grow corn on the ear? Can the crook of your elbow be sent to jail? If so, what did he do? How do you sharpen your shoulder blade? Can you tell me? I can't tell you.

AN ARTIST IN LIFE

Some men make a botch of life. They live it without a plan; there is no building; the days are flung together like waste piled upon the rubbish heap. And such a life is a failure. Others have a plan for their lives but not a lofty one. They work by a rule, but not a noble one. Such a life is not a middle of confused and unrelated acts it is an achievement, and even though not a high one, a workman's cottage shows a plan as truly as if it were a palace. Thousands of us work out our lives in the mechanical fashion, accomplishing something but not enjoying. A few treat life like an artist. They strive to make of it not merely a thing completed but a thing of beauty. They have a plan, not merely mechanical, but artistic and aspiring. It is a pity that these people are in the minority. Every one of you young people should be ambitious to be an artist in life.

SHYNESS MUTUAL

A certain firm had the following legend printed on its salary receipt forms: "Your salary is your personal business, and should not be disclosed to any one." The new employee, in signing the receipt, added: "I won't mention it to anybody. I'm just as much ashamed of it as you are."

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"WE BESSOM AND STANE"

Dear Mr. Editor: I thought perhaps it would be interesting to you and some of my curling friends to give a description of my experiences while taking part in the Fifth Annual Bontspiel, held in Toronto last week. When I received a phone message from my former club mates of the "Richmond Hill Curling Club," asking me if I would like to play in the forthcoming Bontspiel on one of their rinks, I thanked them and, of course, accepted the invitation, with great pleasure. On Monday morning, then, we drove to High Park rink, as we were drawn to play against Markdale, our first game, which we won quite easily.

At 4 p. m. on the same day we were drawn against one of the crack Granite rinks, which we also won, much to our surprise.

On Tuesday morning we were drawn to play one of the Royal Canadian rinks, on their own ice, at Broadview Avenue, and although it was a hard tussle, we nosed out in the twelfth end, with a lead of four shots. In our fourth game we were drawn against Meredith, of Barrie, one of the strong rinks in the Bontspiel, and which won one of the trophies. We put up a game fight; but they proved too much for us, defeating us by 10 to 8.

Our fifth game we were drawn to play another undefeated rink thus far, a rink from New Liskeard, which turned out to be one of our easiest, and, as it proved to be, our last victory. In the sixth draw we were up against Dave Walker and his invincibles from Fort William, on Strathcona ice; and we were tied on the eleventh end, and the winning shot on the twelfth end had to be measured by the umpire, whose decision was to the Fort William stone by 1/4 of an inch.

Our seventh game was against Mount Forest, and which should have been our game, because we were leading by a good margin until the last two ends, when, by some unaccountable streak of luck, the Mt. Forest rink scored a two and a three, winning out by two shots. A hard game to lose. Our eighth game was against a rink of kids from Gravenhurst. I say kids because none of them, by appearance, was over twenty, but say, couldn't they curl? I really think that they got our goals, to use a common expression, because it did not matter what the skip asked them to do, they did it. Their curling was really uncanny, and the outcome was that we got the best trimming yet. The score was 12 to 6 in their favor. This defeat put us out of the running. So we packed up and came home.

On Tuesday evening there was a curlers' banquet in the Royal York Hotel, and it was a great sight to see so many curlers, between 500 and 600, gathered in the large banquet hall. Controller Ramsden (because of the unavoidable absence of Mayor Stewart) welcomed the curlers, and presented them with the freedom of the city. And, apparently, some had taken advantage of his offer, to quote from "Burns": "Kings may be best, but they were glorious, e'er a the ill's life victorious." Then, there was community singing, led by Cameron Geddes, and a vaudeville performance on the stage. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by singing "Will Ye No-Come Back Again," and "God Save the King."

This holiday will be long remembered by Yours truly, George Cowie.

ALWAYS WELCOME

Some people are always welcome. If they come into a social group, the faces light up as though a spot-light had been turned in the room. If they make their appearance at a friend's home, whatever the domestic emergency, they are welcome. Few things in life count more in making happiness.

The critical people cannot have this assurance of welcome. Those who are given to explaining to their friends what they should have done, who find fault, who point out flaws, do not add to the happiness of any occasion. The people who always have a hard luck story to tell, may be made welcome as a matter of courtesy, or because of sympathy, but it is asking too much of human nature to expect that anybody can really be glad to see them.

Would you like to know you were welcome wherever you went? Cultivate your critical faculty and learn to keep your troubles to yourself. Cultivate cheerfulness, appreciation, and a sense of humor. Learn to be entertaining. Practice usefulness. There is no reason why your welcome should not be spontaneous and sincere wherever you go if you will take pains to cultivate the right sort of personality.

SAY KIND WORDS

If you have nothing else, give pleasant words. The young men and women who go about saying kind words, slattering smiles, telling little jokes that bring looks of amusement to morose faces, are as truly philanthropists as the multimillionaires who write checks for charities. No body is denied the privilege of helping who can say kind words.

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