

The Community's Social Side of Life

Visitors To and From Town during the Past Week, as Gleaned by The Free Press

Miss Nan Hale, of Georgetown, visited Acton friends. Mrs. Chas. McLain, of Toronto, visited at Mrs. Robert Garvin's. Mr. C. H. Harrison is attending the World's Fair in Chicago this week. Mr. George Mason was home from the University of Toronto for the weekend. Mr. J. Elvin Gamble, of Emmanuel College, Toronto, spent the week-end at his home here. Mrs. Brownlow, Mr. Louis Brownlow and Mrs. H. Mainprize visited this week with friends at Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant, of Joliet, Ill. spent a day or so this week with their niece, Mrs. E. H. Vincent. Mrs. E. Laphard, Miss E. M. Laphard and Mr. E. P. Christensen, of Guelph, visited Acton friends yesterday. Miss Ruth Nelson, who is attending the School of Missions in Toronto, spent the week-end at her home here. Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbons, Young Street, met at their home on Tuesday evening, October 31, to celebrate very quietly the latter's eightieth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vickers, Acton, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Vera Mae, to Mr. Roy Edmund Denny, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Denny, of Acton. This marriage is to take place the middle of November.

POWER INTERRUPTIONS NOT LOCAL

Sunday Afternoon Lack of Hydro Here Was Due to Line Work Being Done Just Outside City of Guelph

The meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday afternoon, with Commissioners R. J. Kerr, L. G. King and Reeve Thorford present. The Secretary was, by motion, instructed to pay the following accounts: Chester McElnay, gravel \$ 1.35 Alex. McLissac, tubes 4.35 Hydro-Electric Power Commission, September power 2,318.38 Hydro-Electric Power Commission, lamps 120.12 Mrs. H. L. McDonald, premium on liability bond 36.04 McDonald Electric Ltd., supplies 26.16 Rose & O'Hearn Ltd., supplies 5.04 Canadian Line Materials Ltd., supplies 12.85 Jas. H. Kearney Corporation Ltd., supplies 72.11 C. N. R. and Transports, express 2.40 Waterworks Department Canadian Brass Co., supplies 22.55 The list of arrears was checked, as usual, and instructions given for the disposition of the various cases. Commission King made inquiry as to the reason for the seemingly very regular power interruptions on Sunday afternoons. These interruptions were due to the work being done by the linemen just outside the city of Guelph, where new poles and line were being erected. It was expected that no further interruptions would be necessary to complete this work. Acton, Rockwood and Georgetown were all affected by this discontinuance of power.

Letters to the Editor

The Free Press welcomes letters to this column on matters of general interest to its readers, but does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed. All letters must be signed, but may be published under a pen name if so desired and specified in the letter. Communications should not be over 500 words in length and must be received not later than Tuesday at noon to ensure publication in that week's issue.

DOES FARMING PAY?

To the Editor: The average price of unimproved farm land in the typical Township of Pilkington was \$5.00 per acre in 1883; during the century, this initial investment of \$500.00 per 100 acres has been added to as follows: House, \$1,000.00; barn and outbuildings, \$500.00; line fences, 250 rods at 20c, \$50.00; interior fences, 750 rods at 20c, \$150.00; total, \$3,700.00. An investment of \$5,000.00 is necessary for stock, feed and equipment, in order to operate the average 100 acres successfully, the equivalent of two man's labor must also be provided annually; this is often provided by the farmer working 12 hours or more, his wife 4 hours, and sons or daughters the necessary balance; taxes will average \$100.00. At this low estimate of overhead, we arrive at a cost per year of: \$5,700 at 6%, \$342.00; two men for 300 days at \$1.00 each per day, \$600.00; taxes, \$100.00; total, \$1,042.00. I submit that the average 100 acres does not produce in this proportion to the investment and labor; a return of \$1,000 may be secured in a good year, or possibly over a period of 5 or 10 years, but certainly not over a period of 25 or 100 years. Tilling the land for 100 years has not earned \$1.00 per day. We have the retired farmer, but seldom has his money earned by tilling the soil; generally speaking, he inherited a farm, or a substantial interest therein, slaved a living for the best years of his life, then sold the farm to some other poor sucker for \$5,000.00, and realized \$3,000.00 for stock, feed and equipment. He lives contentedly on \$9,000.00, but his successor is hopelessly handicapped by the increased overhead.

PRESENTATION

To Miss Wilma White by her Associates at the Hewston Shoe Company Plant, Prior to Her Marriage

Last Thursday evening the fellow-employees of Miss Wilma White gathered at the home of her mother, on Main Street, to honor her, prior to her marriage. She was presented with a miscellaneous shower of household articles and the following address bespoke the esteem in which she was held by her associates. Dear Wilma: You will soon be leaving us and, as many of our number have before you, will be getting married. This is our chance to express our sincere regards and wishes that your future may be all that is well for you and your husband. It gives us particular pleasure this evening to visit you in your new quarters because we have known you so long as a fellow operator at the shoe factory. We believe you have been employed here longer than any girl at present on the job. Ten years is a good record of faithful service, through good times and ill times, and, no matter what may be said by anyone else, we, who have been close to you in your work, testify to a remarkable friendship between us. We shall not pretend to be able to tender all the advice some folk may seem to think you will need. We do not wish to have you think we know enough to tender you any advice. There are so many of us who are still left who are not quite sure what the future has in store for us along these lines. We will say this, though: Try to live your life from day to day. While there can be no question about the wisdom of saving for a rainy day, don't carry it too far. Don't live too much in the future, worrying yourself about what might happen twenty years from now. No matter what happens, have the courage to go forward and welcome each day as a new adventure and leave the worrying about to-morrow until some other time. The articles we bring you now are mostly useful ones and will help you in the home and will remind you sometimes of us. In order that you may not completely forget the fitting Room of the factory, we have used in the making of this little memento some of the "findings" you are most familiar with. And now, we close this address, let us again assure you our hopes are that all good things will come your way and our wishes are that you and your husband will have a bright, beautiful, peaceful life together. We cannot express any fears because we have none. Very sincerely yours, The Girls of the Treeling Room and the Fitting Rooms, Hewston Shoes, Ltd.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, HAY, SEED GRAIN, ETC. The Undersigned has received instructions from MELVIN E. BURNS to sell by Public Auction at his farm, Lot 4, Concession 7, Eramosa, situated on the Seventh Line, 1 mile north of Highway No. 7, about 3 miles east of Rockwood, on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1933 commencing at one o'clock, the following: HORSES—Black Gelding, Agricultural, 13 years; Grey Gelding, Agricultural, 11 years; Grey Mare, aged; Bay Gelding, aged. These horses are between 1,400 and 1,500 lbs. General Purpose Geldings, 8 years. CATTLE—Roan Cow, bred July 14; Red Cow, bred July 12; Red Cow, bred July 26; Red Cow, bred August 23; Red Cow, bred August 24; Red Cow, bred July 28; Roan Cow, bred October 27; Red Cow, due December 15. These are a choice herd of well bred grade dual purpose Shorthorn Cows, and have all been hand milked and milking well at the present time. 1 Baby Beef; 4 Choice Spring Calves, reds and roans; Roan Shorthorn Bull, 3 years old. HOGS—York Sow, with 10 pigs at 300; York Sow, bred October 18; 9 Thrift Shoats. POULTRY—40 Banded Rock Pullets; Some Yearling Hens. HARNESS—2 Set of Team Harness, in real good repair; 1 Set of Flow Harness; 1 Set of Single Harness; 2 Scotch Collars; Collars; Bridles; Breachings; Blankets; Robes; Bells; Chimes, etc. HAY, GRAIN, ROOTS, ETC.—60 Tons of choice Mixed Hay, if not previously sold; 300 Bushels of Mixed Grain; 50 Bushels of Fall Wheat; 500 Bushels of Banner Oats, all fit for seed. If you want good clean Seed Oats, you will find them here. 20 Bushels of Barley; Quantity of Turnips. IMPLEMENTS—Massey-Harris Binder, 7 foot cut, new; Deering Mower, 6 foot cut; Massey-Harris Rake, bar loader; Cockshutt Side-Delivery Rake and Tedder combined; Dump Rake; Massey-Harris Mower; Ruddle Pea Harvester; Massey-Harris Spring Tooth Cultivator, 13 tooth; In-throw Disc Cultivator; Peter Hamilton 14-spout Hoe Drill; Turnip Sower; Cyclone Seeder; 3 Sets of Drag Separators; Garden Harrow; Massey-Harris Harrow Cart; Cockshutt Corn Cultivator; Scuttler; Steel Roller; Massey-Harris Manure Spreader, No. 7 Toltan; 200 lbs. Scales; 21 Bushel Bag Holders; 2 Farm Wagons, with box and spring seat; Stock Rack; 2 Grain Racks; Wood Rack; Gravel Box; Quantity of Lumber; Farm Door and Frames; Set of Sloop Sleighs; Set of Bob Sleighs; Set of Light Sleighs, with seats; Portland Cutter; McLaughlin Democrat; McLaughlin Top Buggy; Sleds; Sled Pig Troughs; Barrels; Saws; Grain Bags; Forks Hoes; Shovels; Neckyokes; Whiffletrees; Clevises; Various Articles too numerous to mention. TERMS—Cash.

A GOOD OLD MAN

Dear Free Press: The brief sketch of the life of Robert P. Shanks, 93, of Rivers, Man., in your issue of October 19, brought to my mind the memory of a well-known man, reaching back as far as 1873, or 1874. My first knowledge of him was when as a local preacher he came up from Hannahville, in Nelson or Trafalgar to "supply an appointment" at a little church near Strabane, Brock Road, long since merged with the large Presbyterian Church in that village. The "one-armed Scotch preacher from below," as he was spoken of, was a vigorous, a vehement apostle of the gospel message, and was, in accordance with the custom of the times ready to fortify his appeal, by his own experience. On one occasion, he related how, as a victor, many years before, to a camp-meeting, "back near the village of Acton," there had been so convicted that he had to leave or surrender, and leaving, found that he must return and surrender, which he did, and the consequence has been a singularly devoted life. This relation was when, to me, Acton was only a name, not having been there until nearly ten years after.

ASKING NO ODDS

One of the popular magazines recently published an account of one of the best known trap shooters in the country. He is known for his skill, but that is rendered more remarkable by the fact that he has only one arm and one leg. He uses a shotgun, just like those of his competitors, and loads it himself. He asks no favors and gets none, but he has made a reputation in a line where one would suppose his handicaps were insurmountable. Quite a number of blind and crippled men in this country have made an enviable success in business. They have not asked any odds because of their misfortune. They have met other men on their own ground and have proved themselves the equal of the majority. They might have asked for favors on the score of their infirmities, but they have not done so. Some of you feel that you are handicapped, but is your drawback greater than that of the men described? If you want to make a success, rid yourself of the idea that life has put you at a disadvantage, and set out to win without asking any odds.

THE MARKETING OF LAMBS

A study of the trend of market prices of lambs for the year 1932 reveals that these declined gradually with the advance of the season. In June 1932, lambs were selling at \$10.00 per hundred, in August \$8.50, and in November \$4.50. Although on a higher scale, this year's prices so far show the same trend. In order to realize greater returns lambs should be marketed as early as possible provided they have the proper finish. In the early season, lambs are generally lighter, but if they are fat and blocky, the price obtained more than makes up for the difference in weight and thus greater profit is realized. From the Central Experimental Farm for the last three years during the months of July, August, September, October and November, a group of lambs has been sent to the market in order to ascertain which would bring the greater profit. Invariably the early marketed groups brought the greatest return in spite of a slightly lighter weight. Every farmer should, therefore, endeavor to grow and fatten his lambs as rapidly as possible. To do so, healthy lambs and good feed are necessary. Worm infested lambs, however, well fed, will not make satisfactory gains. On the other hand, healthy lambs on scanty or unsuitable pasture may grow, but will not come to the proper finish that the market demands. Treat your lambs for worms. Give them a clean fresh pasture such as second growth alfalfa or clover, green oats or rape. They will eat it with relish. A little grain will prove economical if the pasture is not sufficient. Oats and bran, or oats alone, are excellent feed. Above all remember that the fat, blocky, properly finished lamb will bring the highest price.

EDDIE, THE AD MAN

COULD I HEARD A WOMAN SAY "I AM GOING DOWN TOWN SHOPPING AS SOON AS I LOOK AT THE BILLBOARDS TO SEE WHO IS OFFERING THE BEST BARGAINS." THEN I WOULD UP

A Selection of News Items

Prisoner Got Away in Guard's Auto Speeding away from the Ontario Reformatory in a car belonging to one of the guards, Russell Wessinger, 18, an inmate at the institution, made a successful break for freedom Sunday afternoon. Wessinger, a trusty, whose duties included care of the fish in the Reformatory ponds, left the buildings about three o'clock to attend to his daily chore and was not missed until the evening taken was made. He is believed to have taken the car shortly after leaving the ponds and was some distance away before guards started a search of the district. The young fugitive was sentenced at Kitchener for car theft and had served over a year of a sentence of 12 months definite and 12 months indeterminate. Wessinger had been granted parole last April but was unable to get his release owing to the fact that he could not secure a job. The stolen car, bearing license number HU-270, was owned by Guard C. H. Sanderson.

PLATINUM NEEDED

The United States is the largest consumer of platinum in the world, importing annually more than \$10,000,000 worth of the superprecious metal. Of this, about 60 per cent is used in the jewelry trade, and much of the remainder is used in the manufacture of scientific instruments.

KING'S TIME

While the King and Queen are at Balmoral, Buckingham Palace undergoes an "autumn cleaning" so that everything is in readiness for the return of the Royal household. Among other things, every clock in the Palace is regulated and overhauled, for Royalty must always be punctual. But the King has a favorite timepiece on which he always relies. It is in a plain mahogany case, and stands on his study table. While Buckingham Palace clocks are right to the second, all the clocks at Sandringham are kept half and hour fast, according to a custom introduced by Edward VII. The late King was very fond of open-air sports, but he was always at Sandringham in the autumn and early winter so to ensure that he should have an extra half hour of daylight he ordered that all clocks should be half and hour fast. Really, King Edward was the first person to practice "Summer Time" in Britain.

VALID REASON

"Is this the field where the battle was fought in the tenth century?" "No. It's at the top of the hill." "I wonder why they didn't fight it in this place?" "Because it's Farmer Gray's field. He won't even lend it for the village sports."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who I know as "a chunk of a boy" at Carleton in the early eighties. We had an interesting recall of persons and incidents. One circumstance which gave Mr. Shanks much pleasure, he once related to one who told me. At a revival meeting at Kilbride or Lowville, several young men were active in their Christian testimony, and hearing some critical, caustic remarks regarding these, he resolved to watch their career. One became Rev. Dr. Solomon Cleary, a natural minister of ability in large centres, now retired in Toronto; one was Rev. Wellington Bridgman, an eloquent, vigorous pastor, who, I believe, died at Portage La Prairie; a third was Freeman Van Norman, of Carleton, who became a well-beloved pastor on several Manitoba charges, but after years of illness died in Waterdown. "The good that men do lives after them." Yours, J. S. COLEMAN. Montreal, October 23, 1933.

INTERESTING WORK

A group of young people were discussing a friend who had made a start as a writer. "No wonder Estelle is so cheerful and contented," one said. "She has such interesting work." They all agreed that Estelle's work was interesting, and several of them took pains to show how very uninteresting their own work was. There were few in that group, however, who would have had the courage to shut themselves up in a boarding-house bedroom, as Estelle did, seeing no one, speaking to no one for five or six hours a day, until her task was done. In fact many of those who envied Estelle could not have been entirely alone half an hour without getting ridgely. Her work was interesting, because Estelle was interested in it. Any work is interesting to one who meets it halfway. The young people who regard their own special occupation as hopelessly stupid, and envy all those who are doing something else, betray themselves. Be interested in your work, and it will be interesting. Any occupation is dull to the uninterested worker.

FRANKLIN'S RULES

- 1. Temperance: Eat not to dullness. 2. Silence: Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation. 3. Order: Let all things have their places. Let each part of your business have its time. 4. Resolution: Resolve to perform what you ought, perform without fail what you resolve. 5. Economy: Make no expenses but to do good to yourself or others, that is, waste nothing. 6. Industry: Loss no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions. 7. Sincerity: Wrong none by doing injury, or omitting the benefits that are your duty. 8. Moderation: Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries as much as you think they deserve. 9. Cleanliness: Tolerate no uncleanness of body, clothes, or habitation. 10. Tranquillity: Be not disturbed at trifles, nor at accident common or unavoidable. 11. Humility: Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

THE END OF MAN IS AN ACTION

The end of man is an action and not a thought, though it were the noblest. —Thomas Carlyle.

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GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 "CAPTURED" Adopted from Sir Philip Gibbs' novel, "Pellow Eriand," starring Leslie Howard, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Margaret Lindsay. Comedy, "Meet the Champ" Carleton, "Grocery Boy." SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 "THE LOVE CONTRACT" The escapades of a lady chaperon, starring Winifred Shottler and Owen Nares. Comedy, "I Heard." FOX NEWS. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 "TUGBOAT ANNIE" Special Matinee at 4:15 Thrills, laughs and heart throbs all mingle in the re-union of Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery. Screen Entertainers No. 1. Comedy, "The Rookie." Prices: Matinee, 10c and 25c; Night, 15c and 35c. The Dinnerware will be given away on Friday, November 10, and not on Monday, November 6. Afterwards, on the regular nights—Monday.