

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam Notices, 50c and 10c per line additional for poetry.

BORN
MARSHALL—In Paris, on Monday, September 10th, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall, a son.

This and that

Come to
Acton Fall Fair
Next Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18th and 19th.
The Fall Fair season is now on.
Fall ploughing is now well under way in this district.
Fair weather is the hope of every Fair Board these days.
The past week has witnessed a quite sufficient of fall moisture.
The school pupils are now getting settled in the routine of duties.
The new Y. M. C. A. building is quite a rendezvous for all these days.
Acton Fair is due for a fair day surely this year, after the rain of last year.
Three trials of speed will feature the race card at Acton Fair next Wednesday.
Beer parlors fail to gain much popularity as a means of promoting temperance.
Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday at 11.00 a. m., instead of 9.00 a. m.
Mr. R. W. Lowrie, of Acton, will be a judge of heavy horses at Brampton Fair next week.
A big double feature bill will be the headline attraction at Acton Fair next Tuesday evening.
Although showers in this section were general yesterday, Orangeville Fair escaped without any rain and those attending from Acton report a good fair and good races.
It's just a little over three months until Christmas and may we remind you that The Free Press Christmas greeting cards will be ready in ample time. Hold your order until you have a chance to see them.
Quite a number from Acton attended the Southampton-Strathroy ball game in Guelph on Monday, which was won by Southampton, 3-1. Goldsmith, the Southampton pitcher, was the outstanding man on either team.

TAX COLLECTOR RESIGNS

In Eramosa Township—and Tax Notices are to be Mailed This Year—Discounts for Prompt Payment
The regular monthly meeting of the Council for the Township of Eramosa was held in the Town Hall, Rockwood, on Monday, September 10th; Reeve Sims McLean presided and Councillors Albert Lush, J. A. Stewart, D. H. Storey and John Hindley were also present.
On motion of Messrs. Hindley and Stewart, the Reeve was requested to attend the County tax sale in the interests of the Township.
Mr. H. E. Alton tendered his resignation as Collector, and it was decided to mail the tax notices this year, taxes to be payable to the Treasurer, or at the Royal Bank Rockwood, or Guelph. A discount of 1% will be allowed on taxes paid in full if paid by October 15th, 1934; 1% penalty will be added after December 15th, and 1% on February 16th and April 16th.
Accounts amounting to \$550.84 were passed for payment, and adjournment made to October 9th, at 1.30.

GO AND GET IT

A wise man once said, "If you want anything, go and get it. If you don't want it, send for it." More truth is contained in that whimsical statement than some of you will realize at first thought. Some of you find it very easy to look to other people to supply your wants. If you are ambitious to go to college, you feel that your aunt, who is fairly well off and has no children, is under obligation to pay your way. If you want a job, it seems to you the most natural thing in the world that your uncle, who is an influential man, should find you something to do.
This sort of dependence is all very well in things that do not especially matter. In the essentials, however, your only safe dependence is yourself. Your welfare, your advancement is a matter of vital concern to yourself, and the sensible course is to go after the factors that will contribute to your success. Leave only non-essential things you do not care much about, for other people to do.

SOUL MEANT NOTHING

The wealthy man had brought a large cheque, a donation to the church fund, to the minister's home.
"I suppose you brought this to save your soul?" said the minister.
"My soul? Oh, dear no!" replied the wealthy one, "I brought it to save postage!"

Letters to the Editor

The Free Press welcomes letters to its columns on matters of general interest to its readers, but does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed. All letters must be signed, but may be published over 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.

Editor FREE PRESS
Dear Sir:
The recent celebration of the Jacques Cartier discovery, and planting of France's ownership of the Mount Royal locality, and all contiguous, has been a grandly carried out affair, and as with your recent acquaintance with places and some persons connected therewith, you will concede, would be congenitally carried out. No pains were spared to make French descendants loyal to their native land and traditions, and to let those of other races understand such loyalty. Mayor Houde, for this occasion, was the right man in the right place.

The bust of the ancient discoverer placed upon, and unveiled at the new Harbor Bridge—hereafter known as Jacques Cartier Bridge—is supposed to be while not at, in almost view of the spot where he found the Indian village, and treated with the people. This is between Mansfield and Metcal Streets, a little in the rear of the immense Robt. Simpson Co. store, which is bounded by those two streets, on the great St. Catharine Street business thoroughfare. Anyone visiting Montreal, and noticing this store, may recall that he is then a little in front of the ancient Hochelaga.

A new branch Post Office, being erected at the corner of our home street here is an object of great interest. The excavation finished, the foundation and pillar bases poured and setting, the basement now for the basement walls are being set, and every board cut, or nail driven or scantling plumbd is well watched from the contractor's railings surrounding the job. Many of the on-lookers would doubtless be glad to be amongst the workmen, while many are persons evidently glad to have something out of the usual to look at. Anything that denotes activity, progress toward some given end, is worth looking at. The present writer has already spent several short observation sessions. Perhaps the editor wishes he had spent more and let writing alone. Well, there is always the blue pencil and the waste basket.

Hon. N. W. Rowell, of Toronto, who, back in the nineties was a young man known as President of Epworth League in Canada, then later, Leader of the Liberal Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, has this week, as President of the Canadian Bar Association, meeting here, uttered a significant warning to his fellow members of the legal profession, as to the insidious creeping in to public sentiment of principles calculated to undermine respect for old time principles of justice and properly constituted authority. His portrait as published, shows, like the rest of us, advancing years. The contemporary press, in speaking of his address, remarks that his suggestions may well be noted by all those moulding public opinion, the press, the teaching profession, and others.

Respectfully,
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WHAT THE SHIPS BRING

Cuttlefish bones and crocodile skins, geranium oil, myrrh, civet, and ambergris, hides of leopards, opals, golden ingots and silver ore, seroons of beeswax, Jeljepong, copra and roasted pumpkin seeds. The list is not from the inventory of presents carried to Solomon by Sheba, but from the records of the United States Customs Service. It represents but a fraction of the articles and products arriving in the port of New York in a single midsummer day, to be lifted from the holds of steamers instead of galleons, and carried away to lowering warehouses in giant trucks, instead of upon the backs of camels or of slaves. A more reading of the import manifest, for the port is enough to send the imagination wandering on far cruises to strange places. Manna to most of us is the miraculous food which Jehovah supplied to the Israelites in the desert. But almost daily manna is brought into New York and disposed of through commercial channels. The manna of the import manifests comes from Europe, and is used medicinally. It is the exudate of the European flowering ash. Yautias, ahuyamas, avocados, malangas, papayas, plantains and other exotic foods come in regularly from the tropics.
Pepper, rubber, tapioca flour, bamboo shoots, ingots of tin, live tortoises, ginseng, tea and tuna-fish, kigs of mink, cases of lily-of-the-valley pipes, logs of glymyviate and zingana, dry salt cowhides, harekins, harmonicas, electrolytic mud and wines from Bordeaux, powder puffs, paintings and briar pipes, live birds and fish from South America, church vestments, tobacco from Istanbul, smalls from Casablanca, pickled olives, coffee, cocoa, cheese and capers, aloes, indigo, goatskins and alligators—all these, and more, arriving every day. No man with imagination and the daily import manifest list need deny himself a voyage to the Indies!



THE ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOL AND SCHOLARS OF 1871

CELEBRATED SEVENTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY

At Connor Re-union at Ospringe on Sunday — Three Birthdays Observed
Members of the family of the late Nancy Wilson and William Connor, of Grand Valley, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Atken, Ospringe, on Sunday, when friends were present from Buffalo, N. Y., Toronto, Connor, Shelburne, Melanthon Station, Grand Valley and Hillsburg.

CHURCH PARADE

Of Zone 13 of the Canadian Legion Was Held at Burlington on Sunday
Last Sunday was the final for this year of a series of Zone church parades, held under the auspices of Zone 13 of the Canadian Legion. This last was held at Burlington, about 600 Legionnaires attending, wearing their medals and berets. They looked picturesque marching off from the Lion Club Field, led by Milton and Burlington Brass Bands, and the Pipe Band of the Lorie (Scottish) Rifles.

An unique feature was three members celebrating their birthday. Mr. John Harbison May, Hillsburg, celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday, also being the oldest one present, and his little nephew and namesake, Don Harbison Atken, Hamilton, but who are spending the summer at Ospringe, was three years old; and little Miss Joan McVannel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millford McVannel, Shelburne, who was six years old.
Baby Erma Maxine Hills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hills, Montello, was the youngest member present, being only eight weeks old, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Alex. Ward (Margaret Connor), of Connor, Ontario, being the only grandmother, was also presented with a large bouquet.

The parade marched to the cenotaph, where a wreath was placed. On the return march the parade passed the saluting base, where the Zone Commander took the salute. On the saluting stand were Past Zone Commander Capt. H. R. Adams, Capt. W. C. Innes, also Capt. Rennie, President of Burlington Branch, Dr. R. K. Anderson, M. P.; the Mayor and Reeve of Burlington.
The parade was held in Burlington United Church, in charge of Rev. G. W. Tebbes, assisted by Rev. Goforth-Hornsey. The address was given by Ven. Archdeacon Mackintosh, of Dundas, former Chaplain, and Chairman of the Ontario Provincial Poppy Fund. Music was supplied by the Glee Singers, who rendered two octettes, "Comrades in Arms," and "Crossing the Bar."

The house and lawn were lovely with autumn flowers, and the day went quickly with a happy group enjoying singing, music and old-time chats and taking pictures. Supper was served on the lawn, with three lovely birthday cakes, "Uncle John's" being white with seven-ty-four pink candles; Don's, pink with three green candles; and Joan's, cream, with six pink candles, which were a delight to see.

Among the well-rendered numbers of the pipe-organist, Mrs. F. D. Ghent, were "Largo," from the New World Symphony, by Handel; "Dead March in Saul," Handel; and "Gloria," by Mozart.
About twenty members from Acton attended.

JUST ASLEEP
Walter (after customer has rung for ten minutes)—"Did you ring, sir?"
Guest—"No! I was tolling the bell. I thought you were dead."

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THE FILTHY GANGES

EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST, EUROPEAN WRITER FINDS

By the time I came to Benares, India, I knew many Indians personally, people like ourselves, educated men and women who seemed just like Europeans, who were graduates of schools and universities, many of them in Europe, and who were as familiar with European literature and European art and politics as we ourselves. To find such people as these among the dirty pilgrims of Benares and to see them bowing down to incomprehensible, horrible idols like Kali was an amazing, shocking experience, but my amazement increased when I arrived at the holy river Ganges, Colin Ross writes in the Pester Lloyd's, Budapest.
The Ganges, whose yellow waters whirl by Benares, becomes at this point a wider river than the Danube, and it is filled with all kinds of filth and uncleanness. Thousands bathe in it every morning, and when the pilgrim festivals are occurring, hundreds of thousands. They crowd together so thickly on the flat banks that the pressing multitude conceals the water. All the filth of a big city is thrown into the stream. Bodies of animals and sewage are dumped here.

The holy river and the magic that flows in it are stronger than all western ideas. All the powerful, influential Hindu princes have cast their lot with the holy stream, to which they can go when they feel death approaching. And every one of these princes has been educated in England. They are gentlemen in every respect except that they still are Indians, that is to say, men who may have assimilated a complete European education, but who none the less remain utterly foreign.
This is the only explanation of why Hindu doctors and even millions bathe in this dirty, disgusting water infected with every kind of germ, swallowing it as if it were able to heal every disease and to cure all ills, in spite of the enlightenment and hygienic knowledge that has penetrated India in the last few decades.
Amazing as it seems, even Indian doctors who have studied in European universities and Indian nurses who have been trained in European hospitals, sit back into the unbounded filth and foulness of the Orient if they chance to be stationed in some remote spot where they are out of touch with European methods. This is the only explanation why the water of the Ganges not only is drunk by believers in a moment of ecstasy, but is considered a sovereign remedy and invaluable cure and is shipped all over India.

Negro Turning White

Tropical Nut Brings About Astonishing Change in Haitian.
A frightened, 90-pound Haitian negro, whose skin turned white after he ate a jungle nut, walked into a North-western University medical school clinic at Chicago to let science determine if his case proves a race can change its colour.
While specialists turned ultra-violet rays on his body and photographed the pigmentation of the negro's eyes, chemists studied samples of the nut he ate—the oart of the Haitian bucklands.
Yvesmeur Dauphin, a 57-year-old coffee planter neither understands what is being done to him, nor why.
After examination by two skin specialists, it was pronounced the most remarkable of three cases of total depigmentation of negroes in modern science.
The secret, the doctor intimated, might be in a cherry-red nut about the size of a small buckeye which was sent to Field museum for classification and analysis.
The nut caused the Haitian planter to change from a coal black negro, as papers brought from Haiti by his travelling companion, R. Henri Chauset, Dart au Prince newspaperman, attested.
If it was the nut it would be a remarkable discovery for science and for the black race. It was held, and the man with dark nuts might find himself a millionaire overnight.
Dauphin lived with his wife and three sons, negroes with deep pigmented skins, in a rural region. He was ailing from asthma and hay fever and went into the jungle, gathered ouri nuts, roasted them and ate them as the herb doctor directed.
He became quite ill, developed high fever and his body puffed up into bulges, covered with red spots. As the sickness left him Dauphin discovered he was practically white.

ALPHABET LACKED LETTER

The letter "I" is a comparatively modern acquisition of our alphabet, its advent dating back to about the middle of the seventeenth century, in England. At that time people used to add a little curve to the "l" whenever it appeared as the final letter in combinations of Roman numerals such as viij for 8 and xij for 12. Up to this time there was no letter "i". The letter "i" served for both the numeral and as in the word "ire" and for the consonant as in the word "it" which was spelled "lot". Because of the confusion resulting from this circumstance, there resulted an easy example of simplified spelling. The "i" was adopted for use instead of the "l" whenever it was sounded as a consonant. However, as late as the beginning of the nineteenth century, both "i" and "l" appear in Johnson's dictionary as one letter.

THEY DON'T SOUND "CANADIAN"

In the Moscow Daily News various letters are acknowledged from friends of the Soviet Union wishing the paper many returns. There are writers from New York, Chicago, London, Oxford University, but none from Canada. Perhaps the lesson given here was salutary. However, what will particularly interest our readers is a letter from the "Canadian" miners at Stehekino, in the Lower Moscow coal basin. The five who sign the letter are John Ciavrello, Michael Zeznick, Bill Saoguin, Stephen Raiz and Louis Kouzmenick. Good old Anglo-Saxon-Canadian names! There's a nigger in the woodpile somewhere. These gentlemen pledge themselves to continue our efforts to teach the Russian comrades our methods of work and call upon all other foreign workers in the Soviet Union to join our example. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

GIANT SNAPPING TURTLE

A "snapping turtle" between 150 and 200 years of age, was caught by H. Vann, of Hartney, Man., in the Souris river. The creature measured 26 inches long and 19 inches across the back. It was weighed by a butcher in Hartney and tipped the scales at 45 pounds.

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