

Personals

Mrs. Norma Harkin has returned after two weeks' visit at Mount Allison.

Mr. Ted Hansen is home from the University of Toronto for Christmas.

Miss Isabel Cowie was home from Guelph for the week-end.

Miss Margaret Arnold is home from Western University, London, for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. Cochrane, at Kitchener.

Editor Frank Irwin, of the Durham Chronicle, made his first press call on Thursday last.

Mr. E. Roy Wansborough and Miss R. Hobbie, of Toronto, visited for a few days with his mother, Mrs. H. E. Wansborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wansborough, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. H. Wansborough.

Friends here are pleased to learn that Mr. Clarence Henderson has so improved that he was able to return home from the hospital in Guelph.

CARD OF THANKS

Tom Nicol appreciates very much the kindness shown him by all during his illness. The visits of friends while in hospital and the many kindly acts have cheered on the road to recovery. All have been very helpful.

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The members of Acton Fire Brigade appreciate greatly the kindness of Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Miss Laura Wiles in providing hot coffee and sandwiches for them after fighting the fire for several hours on Monday morning.

CARD OF THANKS

John Black wishes to thank all his friends and neighbors, those who so kindly sent him flowers, boxes of fruit and cards, and who visited in the hospital and while at home, during his recent illness. These little kindnesses all helped along the road to recovery.

BLOOMSBURY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SANTA VISIT

The Bloomsbury Christmas entertainment was held on Monday evening. Mr. George Gordon ably filled the position of chairman for the evening. The first number was a chorus, "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," sung by the pupils, accompanied by Miss M. Near. Recitations, songs, drills and a dialogue made up the rest of the splendid program by the pupils.

An interesting number on the program was the presentation by Mr. Whitlock, the Agricultural Representative for our county, of the trophy and shield from the Nassagaweya School Fair. Gordon Darby won the T. Eaton trophy for the highest individual standing and the school itself, won the shield for highest standing among the schools.

James Henderson sang a cowboy song and a local orchestra provided music. A humorous play, "In May with June," was presented by the young people of the community under the capable direction of Mr. Alex. Near.

Santa Claus came to distribute the presents on the tree. Charles Henderson, the teacher, thanked the people for their kind interest in the concert. The concert ended with the singing of the National Anthem. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

THE MEETING OF DUBLIN LITERARY LAST FRIDAY

The Dublin Literary met in the school on Friday evening, December 16th, for another gathering, with the President, Mr. Steele, in the chair.

After opening exercises, the following program was presented: Opening number, by orchestra, recitation, Lorna Frank, violin solo, Earl Sayers; tap dancing by Evelyn Kentner; song by Charles Oatis; recitation by Mr. Burtholder; guitar and mouth organ selection, by Melvin Locker and Ken Bow; duet, by Mr. Webster and Mr. Wheeler; selection by the Grant boys.

Mr. Alex. Waldi, Isabel Britna, and Dorothy Barber were in charge of the program. Lunch was served and a social time spent in conclusion.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT VISITED BANNOCKBURN INSTITUTE MEETING

Bannockburn Women's Institute met at the home of Miss Laura Miller on December 15th. Mrs. Harding presiding. The roll call was answered by suggestions for Christmas gifts.

After the business was dealt with, the following program was given: Reports of the Meat Cookery School, which was held at Milton, and was attended by Mrs. P. Kerr and Miss Edith Russell; instrumental by Mrs. P. Cole; and a humorous reading by Mrs. R. McKewen. Mrs. Gamble, District President, gave a splendid address on "Progress, Retardation and Construction." The meeting was closed by singing "Silent Night, Holy Night." All joined in a social half hour, when a dainty lunch was served by the committee in charge.

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GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd
"MOUNTAIN MUSIC"

Co-starring Martha Raye and Bob Burns. Comedy, "Beauty Shop." Cartoon, "Devil of the Deep." Chapter 9 of "Wild Bill Hickok."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th
GIFT NIGHT

"MR. MOTO TAKES A CHANCE"

Mystery adventure, with Peter Lorre. Comedy, "Romance Road." Musical, "Streamlined Swing." Cartoon, "Party in Whackland." Novelty, "Filming Big Thrills." Fox News.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th
Matinee at 3

"THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST"

Musical masterpiece, co-starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. Sport, "Hot On Ice." Cartoon, "Boss Builders."

Provincial Official Visits Halton County Council

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You would protect the taxpayer and help the person needing assistance to retain his independence and self-respect.

In regard to relief—and I might say that in Halton County it is not one of your major problems. Perhaps this is because you have been a little severe—if so, I admire you for it. But yet we have to face the fact that relief is here to stay, whether we like it or not, and we have to make the best of it. You hear "Relief is a State problem" even assuming that to be correct, it is still up to every municipality to do what it can to relieve the situation. Although people cannot be left to starve, you must be firm and devise ways and means whereby employment may be given to employable persons and thus foster their independence. If relief increases at the rate it has done in the past few years, we shall soon have 40% of the people keeping the other 60%.

Appointment of auditors is another important matter. You, as members of the Council, are the watch-dogs of the taxpayers' money; you are responsible for the care of it and the use to which it is put and it is your responsibility to appoint competent auditors for municipal accounts. We find very few dishonest men in municipal affairs—it is not through dishonesty that leakages occur, but through inefficiency, and it is your duty to see that they do not occur.

In closing, I would like to touch on a subject that has been much publicized of late—I refer to the abolition of County Councils. This is a very vital point. The Honorable Eric Cross has said this: "As far as I am concerned, there will be no abolition of County Councils." The work of the County Council is invaluable. Since the last economic depression, the financial standing of the Province has been maintained to a great extent by the County Councils doing business in an economical manner. They have a decidedly stabilizing value and the County Council is the closest form of government to the people. The country, as a whole, is no more over-governed than it was thirty years ago. In my opinion the County Council is here to stay. The talk we hear of its abolition is in a great measure due to the County Councils themselves. The municipal governing bodies of yesterday used to solve their own problems—plumber, electrician and deputy reeve came in their buggies or on foot and tackled the affairs of the day in the right spirit. They did not jump into limousines and call on the central government to solve their problems. The County Councils, as a governing body, must accept their responsibility and not be appealing to higher authorities, except in cases of necessity. If there is less talk of County Councils will also be less talk of County Councils being abolished. If such a course were taken it would mean our whole system of government would have to be re-organized. As regards Halton County, I would say, carry on as you have done in the past—a more or less pay as you go policy. I would also suggest that a County Council Association be formed, within the County, to include County Council officials and the assessors of the municipalities.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Coombe for his fluent and helpful address.

Apart from the reading of minutes and correspondence, the only business of any account was the third reading of By-law No. 721, to authorize the borrowing of \$9,600.00 upon 3% debentures for Highway improvement and construction work in the County. By-law was passed by the Council.

The following accounts were also passed:

Finance	\$ 937.29
County Buildings	139.73
Hospital Accounts	1,016.25
Printing	163.10
	\$2,256.37

Correspondence was laid over although a letter from the Minister of Health was discussed by the Council. The letter referred to a resolution endorsed by the Council at their last meeting against compulsory pasteurization of milk.

The letter from the Minister of Health ran, in part, as follows:

"I notice that the Council has merely agreed to a form in which by a group who are interested in the continuance of the sale of raw milk but who did not supply council with both sides of the question."

Mr. Gordon: "I think the idea in endorsing the resolution was one of sympathy with farmers having a few cows and who were thus deprived of selling their milk."

Mr. Robinson: "The letter says—All farmers and the milk producers association favor the Act. I am a farmer and I belong to the milk producers association, but I am not in favor of the Act, and I don't know of any farmer who is."

The Warden asked Mr. Coombe for his opinion.

"I think," said Mr. Coombe, "you have misunderstood the purpose of the act. Thickly populated parts of the Province are divided into zones, where pasteurization is enforced. The Minister of Health has complete jurisdiction as to where these zones shall be but the act does not apply to farmers living outside a zone area—he can still sell raw milk if he wants to. Enforcement of the act in

Just Hanging Round

Well, the big news is that wind and weather permitting, the hockey schedule gets under way on December 26th.

Next on the list is the fade-away of the Preston team and the fact that instead of a six-team group, it's only four teams.

To the south lies the same, only one less. Milton never had an entry and Bolton, Georgetown and Brampton make up the group.

Which leaves the Milton players eligible for Acton, and we understand the Bruah brothers and Hincio will cast in their lot with the Acton intermediates.

The ice makers are still splashing water around down at the Arena, and making fair progress. So much depends on the weather, though.

From St. John's we learn that Coach Dicky Carroll, well-known in hockey circles in the district, is bringing on a winning team in the Maritimes.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS

Canadian manufacturers based on vegetable products form an important group in Canadian industry. According to the latest statistics this group ranked first in the Dominion in 1936 in gross value and cost of the materials used, third in capital invested, and fourth in the number of persons employed and salaries and wages paid.

Exports from Canada cover all phases of manufactured vegetable products but in the present review do not include those of chemicals, fibre and wood. The exports include fruit, vegetables, pickles, sauces, ketchup, milled products, bran, shorts, middlings, oatmeal and rolled oats, flour of wheat and other milled products, tinsalts, cereal foods, corn starch, macaroni, mermicelli, spaghetti, malt, screenings, confectionery and chewing gum, maple syrup and sugar, molasses, syrups, sugar of all kinds, coffee, vinegar, beverages, rubber and its products (belting, shoes, tires, coatings, and inner tubes), tobacco and cigarettes, oil, cake, vegetable oils, and other vegetable products. The value of vegetable products exported from Canada in 1936 was \$81,219,006.

widely scattered districts) would naturally be impractical."

Mr. Irving was asked to take the chair when the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Byers, that the thanks of this Council be tendered Mr. Hewson for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council during the past year."

Personal appreciation was also expressed by each of the members.

Mr. Hewson, in reply, thanked members of the Council for their expression of good will. "I have made many good friends through my experience in the County Council," said Mr. Hewson, "and the work has been made surprisingly easy by your co-operation, and with the help of our efficient Treasurer—there is none better in Ontario."

Council adjourned.

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One for Adults One for Children in Puzzle Corner

By W. COLES

There was no prize handed out two weeks ago, so we are giving two puzzles this week—an easy one for the youngsters.

A popular item at Christmas is to be found here—a word of four letters. The letters are in "determine," "terrible" and "centre."

USE COUPON

Solution
Name

The puzzle-loving fellow presents the season's greetings to the readers of The Free Press.

To read it you must discover the code. You will find it quite easy once you get a start. Try the 2 letter words first; then the 3 letter words. Each letter is replaced by another. The letter B starts the greeting. That's a help, isn't it? There are only two 1 letter words "I" and "A."

B
QTHOS
NFQQZ
WNWNT

SOBS ZPV NRE EUMC TPVEXJPMPT—
BMC GBOOZ PMPPT—EPQ BKK ZPVQ
OQPAKPTNT EMO SOBS SOY DPVJREH
ZPBQ NRE OPHO OPHBSG BMO
OBCOAMPTPT EMO ZPV BMO ZPVQT
JT SOY SOYV XJTC PE
ZPVQ OYVYKPT NBTSPQ

Use Separate Sheet for Answers

WHAT TO DO

First Girl: "I'm sure there's a man following us."
Second Girl: "Gosh! What shall we do?"
First Girl: "Let's match for him."

Local Militia Regiment Names Officers for Year

At a meeting held at Acton armories, Tuesday, December 6th, the following officers and committees were appointed:

President—Opl. H. V. Dron.
Vice-President—Pte. S. Simpson.
Secretary-Treasurer—W. Marchmont.
General Committee—Opl. V. Wheeler, Cpl. R. O'Hara, Cpl. J. A. Oolla, Pte. J. Smith, Pte. B. Patrick, Pte. W. McKee.
Pte. J. Smith was appointed manager of the Army hockey team, with Pte. F. Near as captain.

The Lorne Rifle Snipers proceeded to Milton range for the final shoot of the year. Three new members—W. Nicolak, Mike Nakonecny and Bill Turner completed their targets for bronze pins. W. McKee and Sam Simpson completed targets for their silver pins, while J. Gibson only succeeded in completing one target (100 out of 100) on his first silver spoon. M. Locker and H. V. Dron each completed three targets on silver spoons; Locker on his second and Dron on his fourth spoon.

An elimination shoot was held, using Militia 22s, to pick a team to meet the Acton Legion team. The four highest scores chosen from the best ten shots in the club were S. Simpson, 48 out of 50; J. Chisholm, 48; H. V. Dron, 48; Wm. McKee, 46; W. Buchanan and J. Huard tied, with 45 points each. E. Varey got 42 points and M. Locker, 41. The highest score was made by the militia members of the club, the others not being used to military rifles. The fifth member has not been chosen yet, but it will most likely be V. Wheeler, Vice-President of the Club, also one of the best shots with a sporting rifle, and also the best shot in the Lorne Scouts Regiment, usually carrying off the Best Regt. Shot Award in both military 303 rifle and Lewis gun.

Obituary

REV. J. K. UNSWORTH, Victoria, B.C.
Word reached here Saturday of the death at Victoria, B.C., of Rev. Joseph Kinsey Unsworth, D.D., retired United Church minister, who formerly served in a number of Congregational Churches in Ontario. He preached his first sermon at Churchville fifty-five years ago. He was a son of Rev. Joseph Unsworth, the pastor at Churchville for twenty-two years.
Dr. Unsworth was a contributor to various religious publications. For some years he had been on the editorial staff of the Daily Colonist, Victoria, and at the time of his death was editor of the church page.
Born in Georgetown, Ontario, he received his early education in that town and in Brampton, graduating from McGill University in 1884, and from the Congregational College of Canada in 1887. He held pastorates at Paris, Scotland and Hamilton, Ontario; Westmount, Quebec; Winnipeg, and Vancouver. In 1916 he joined the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and was pastor of several western churches previous to church union. He retired from active preaching in 1927, and devoted himself to writing.

Holiday Dance News at Ryan Auditorium GUELPH

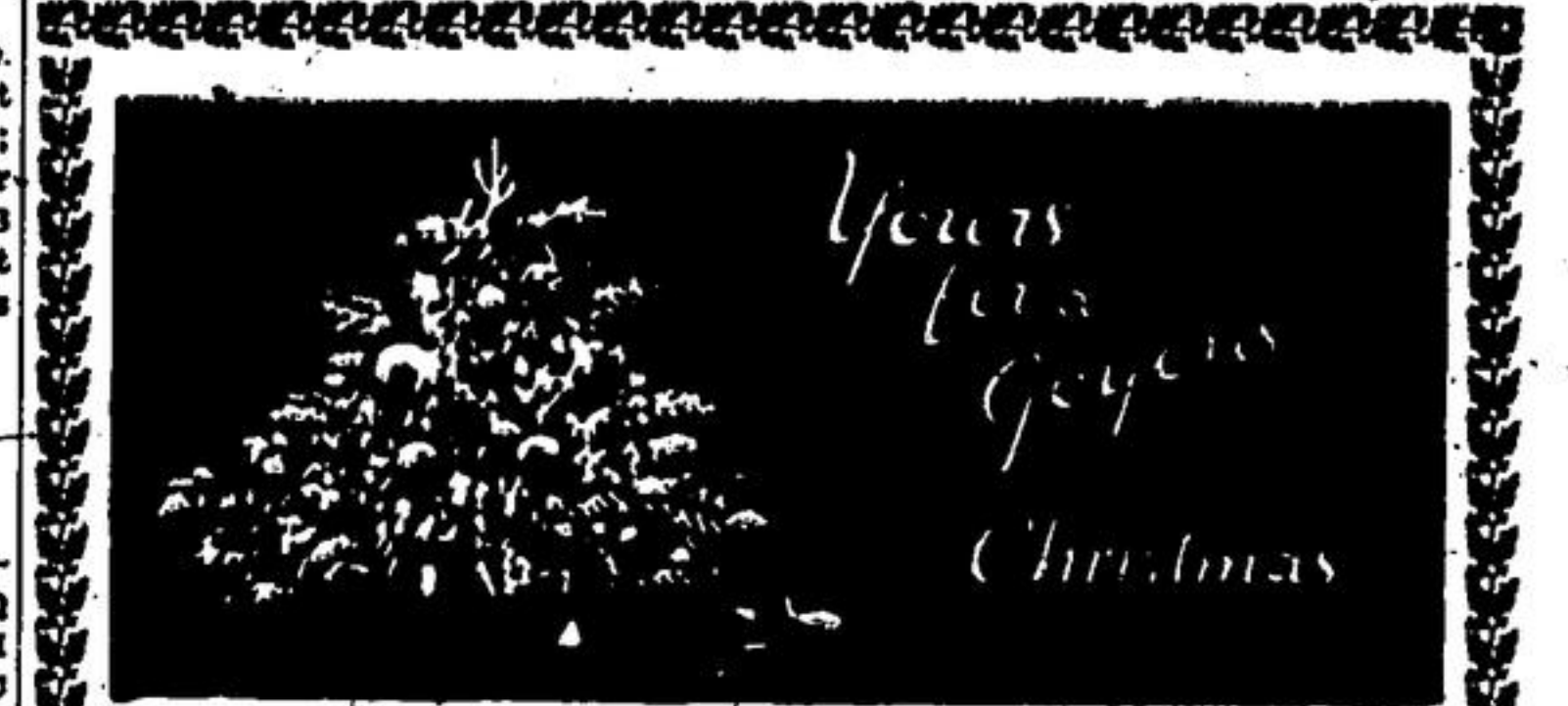
Last minute arrangements for the gayest, snappiest holiday celebrations have just been completed. The stage is set for a menu of gaiety and fun that is a fitting climax to a season of many happy parties at Ryan Auditorium.

On Christmas Night, at 12 midnight, until 1 Ted Parker and his Smart Orchestra swing into magic rhythm for one of the merriest parties of the year.

Two Gala Parties

Not one night only—two are scheduled for Ryan Auditorium as "Parade 38 and Halo 39" is said. On Saturday, December 31st, New Year's Eve, it is dancing from 8.30 to midnight with gals of hats, balloons, etc., with Norm. Harris and His Orchestra, as the feature attraction.

Only once in seven years is there an opportunity for such New Year's celebration, and very detail of arrangement for the Ryan Auditorium parties is in keeping with such rare opportunity and, therefore, we throw another big New Year's party on the stroke of 12 midnight, Sunday, January 1st, 1939, with Ted Parker and His Orchestra again swinging into action until 1.



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Exposed as Swindler's Brother



George Verward, Canadian agent of the McKesson and Robbins Drug Co., who was sensationally identified as Arthur Minkus, brother of Philip Minkus, alias F. Donald Ooster, is shown in the automobile in which he was taken to the Federal Building in New York, after his arrest in his Brooklyn home. His brother (Ooster) shot himself to death in his Fairfield, Conn., home after learning he had been exposed.