

THE CHRISTMASTIDE VISITORS

Many Came to Acton to Spend the Holiday and Numbers of Actonians Visited at Other Centres

Miss Frances Mullin was home from Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Doble spent Christmas in Listowel. Mr. George Jagtins was home from Aurora for Christmas. Miss Margaret Arnold is home from Western University, London. Miss Helen Lamb is home from Barkway for the Christmas holidays. Miss Margaret Garvin spent Christmas with her sisters in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Watson and Tom spent Christmas at Niagara Falls. Miss Ruby Clarke and Mr. Boyd Clarke were home from Toronto. Miss Frances Hurst, of Mindemoya, is home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Gladys Huffman was home from Toronto for the Christmas week-end. Mrs. E. G. Arnold and Beverley spent Christmas with relatives in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smallman, of Durham, are visiting Mrs. George Woods. Miss Nora Kenney, of the School of Nursing, Toronto, is visiting at her home here. Mrs. Alex. Macdonald, Church Street, is spending the week in Sarina with relatives. Miss Doris McDonald, B.A., of St. Thomas, is home for the Christmas vacation. Mrs. A. E. Neekin spent Christmas in Guelph, at the home of her son, Mr. H. S. Nicklin. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bishop spent Christmas in Toronto, at the home of their son. Miss Tena Henderson, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Lamb and family. Mr. W. H. Speight and Miss Almee Speight, of Toronto, visited on Sunday at Moorecroft. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Day, Rockwood, visited Mrs. Robt. Wansbrough on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Williams, of Wingham, are visiting with Acton relative this week. Miss Bene Resid, of Buffalo, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Latawiec, of Crescent Street. Mr. R. Finney, B.A., of Albert College, Belleville, is spending the holidays in the old home. Mr. and Mrs. P. Kelly, of Oshawa, spent Christmas with his parents, and other friends here. Mr. Harold Kennedy, of Detroit, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston spent the week-end in Toronto, with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ojverholt. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott and children and Mr. Harold Elliott spent Christmas in Comber. Mrs. William Johnstone spent Christmas in Toronto, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Johnston. Mr. Jack Graham, of Western University, London, spent Christmas holidays at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown, at Inlington. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, of Guelph, spent the Christmas week-end at the home of Mrs. John Gibson. Miss Anne Macdonald, of Waterloo, is visiting friends in Toronto and Acton during the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Misses Isabel and Hazel, of Milton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ritchie. Mr. W. K. Graham and Mr. Jack Graham spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison in Toronto. Messrs. Jack Hollinger and Martin Hassard are home from the Normal School Toronto, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Ramesden and Billy, of Buffalo, N.Y., spent the Christmas week-end with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy. Mr. Harold Anderson, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the parental home, with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, husband. Miss Donna Latawiec, of School for the Deaf, Belleville, is spending her Christmas holidays at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. F. Browning and Miss Etsa Dills, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the homes of their brother and sister here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wansbrough, Robt. and Carol, of Toronto, spent Christmas Sunday with the former's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Prows and Nancy, of Bracebridge, spent Christmas at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. Hurst. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wansbrough, Betty and Donald, of Toronto, visited at the home of Mrs. R. E. Wansbrough, on Christmas Day. Miss Mary Ryder, of New York City, and the Misses Law, of Toronto, were guests on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arnold. Mr. W. H. Macdonald, of Detroit, spent the Christmas week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Macdonald, Church Street. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood, Mr. D. B. Smith, Miss LaVerne Smith, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Miss E. Hawthorne. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. McPherson, Bobby and Gary, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McPherson. Mrs. D. C. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell spent Christmas Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Russell in Oakville, and Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kenney and Miss Barbara, of Toronto; Mr. Lloyd W. Kenney, of Montreal; Miss T. V. Kenney, of Hamilton; Mrs. Sleeman, of Guelph, spent Christmas with Mr. John Kenney, Bower Avenue. Dr. and Mrs. Gardner Harvey, of Arickel; Mrs. Maude Brandow, of Ancaster; Mrs. Charlotte Macdonald and Miss Corinne Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Johnston and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston, of Hamilton, spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Vincent. WEDDED AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY A quiet but pretty wedding was held in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday morning, when Miss Eileen Breen, of Acton, became the bride of Mr. R. G. Nystrand, of Kirkland Lake. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was dressed in a street length dress of chareit Jabeltone velvet, with bustle back effect. Her bridesmaid, Miss Sheila Breen, wore a street length dress of Empire blue, studded with gold leaves, and matching accessories. Mr. Kevin Breen acted as best man. Rev. Father McBride officiated at the Nuptial Mass. The wedding music was played by Miss Irene Mulholland. After the ceremony, the happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to Quebec. The bride travelled in a French wool dress, with matching accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Nystrand will make their home in Kirkland Lake. THE CRUMP-HARGRAVE WEDDING IN TORONTO SATURDAY AFTERNOON A pretty pre-Christmas wedding of intimacy here was that on Saturday when Wilhelmina Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hargrave, Young Street, Acton, became the bride of Pte. Frank William Crump. The wedding was solemnized in St. David's Anglican Church, in Toronto, with Rev. H.-A. Bracken officiating. The bride was becomingly gowned in Poudre Blue wool crepe dress, with matching turban. She wore a corsage of Talsman roses and a gold bracelet, the gift of the groom. Mrs. Irene Clarke, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and wore navy blue crepe, with matching hat and corsage of pink carnations. Mr. Chas. J. Corby was groomsmen. The ushers were Messrs. George Hargrave and Douglas Crump. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. T. Hargrave, aunt of the bride, where Mrs. Crump, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Hargrave, mother of the bride, received. The couple are spending a honeymoon in Acton, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hargrave, Young Street. CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS There are many old superstitions connected with Christmas candles and holly. One is that if a girl puts three holly leaves under her pillow, giving each the name of a possible husband, the one that has turned in the morning will reveal her marriage destiny. The Christmas candle is still lighted in some of the old Yorkshire farm houses, and is carried with great ceremony all around the house and into every room. The bearer must be most careful to shield the flame as each door is opened, for it would be the worst of luck should the candle happen to "wax out" in a draught. Especially must the Yule candle be held over the churn. This is done in order to ward off malicious little sprites, Hob-o-the-churn, who hides therein and spoils the butter.

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GREGORY THEATRE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th "THE UNDER PUP" Grand entertainment, with Gloria Jean Comedy, "A Dicking They Did Go." Cartoon, "Small Fry." Chapter 5, "Dick Tracy Returns." SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th GIN Night "KING OF THE TURF" A horse race game, with Adolphe Menjou. Musical, "Ranch House Romeo." Cartoon, "Crackpot Cruise." Fox News. MIDNIGHT SHOW New Year's Eve at 12.15 - Fun and Noise Makers for All "SPIRIT OF CULVER" Jackie Cooper, Freddie Bartholomew, Musical, "Eucharia Broad-cast." Cartoon, "Golden West." NEW YEAR'S DAY - JAN. 1st Matinee at 3 "THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK" The Alexandre Dumas classic. Louis Hayward, Joan Bennett, Cartoon, "Porky's Movie Mystery." SOON "THE WIZARD OF OZ"

HISTORIC MUSEUM AT AMHERSTBURG

Erection of a historic museum at Amherstburg, adjacent to the site of old Fort Malden, has been completed by the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. The new building, which will house an extensive collection of relics of the days when Fort Malden was a strategic military station, is of stone construction with a slated roof, and is of a design in keeping with historical background of the neighborhood. Within twenty miles of the large cities of Detroit and Windsor, Amherstburg is among the outstanding historic places in Ontario. The settlement was first laid out in 1796 on a beautiful site on the bank of the Detroit River, and early in the following year Fort Amherstburg, or Malden, was begun. The fort was strengthened in 1812 and became the principal military station on the western frontier during the war of 1812-14. It was dismantled and abandoned in September, 1815, but was later repaired by invading forces. The fort was finally evacuated by them on July 1st, 1815, in conformity with the Treaty of Ghent. It was here also that Tecumseh, the famous Indian chieftain and devoted follower of General Brock, rallied to the cause of the British. On the river bank still rests the large round stone on which Tecumseh stood to harangue and inspire his red-knedded warriors. Amherstburg was also the British Naval Station for Lakes Erie and Huron from 1796 to 1813. At this point the King's ships Maria, Hope, Earl Camden, General Hunter, Queen Charlotte, Lady Prevost, Chippewa, Little Belt and Detroit, were built. Apart from the purely military aspects, the town of Amherstburg is also historically important as the terminus of one of the routes of the "underground railroad," by which runaway slaves from the southern States were brought into Canada. Large number of their descendants are still living in the region. SURE ENOUGH USED TO IT Vegetables can be quite intoxicated, says a scientist. It's quite true—lots of them are getting "canned" just now. Mrs. Briggs—What is your husband's average income? Mrs. Wigg—Oh, about midnight.

BAPTIST CHOIR HONORS MR. A. T. MANN MISS BARBARA PLANK

The members of the Choir of the Baptist Church gathered together for a social evening on December 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Veldhuis, on Bower Avenue. Various games were played, including a spelling bee, in which Mrs. A. Mann proved herself to be Speller No. 1. Crokinole and Chinese checkers were other games played. The main purpose of the evening was to honor Mr. Archie Mann, who was presented with a pair of grey suede gloves, in appreciation of his fine leadership of the choir in preparation for the recent anniversary services of the church, and Miss Barbara Plank, who for a number of years has capably led the choir, but has had to relinquish the office recently, because of ill health. Miss Plank was presented with a deluxe music edition of the new Baptist Hymnary. The address to Mr. Mann was read by Mrs. C. Landsborough, and the presentation made by Miss E. Graham. Mr. Mann expressed his thanks for the gift and the kind thoughts of the choir. Much to the disappointment of the choir, Miss Plank was unable to attend the social because of severe throat trouble. Mrs. C. Landsborough and Mrs. P. Killick went to Miss Plank's home and made the presentation on behalf of the choir. On their return refreshments were served by the ladies. The presentation addresses to Mr. Mann and Miss Plank were as follows: Mr. A. Mann, Acton, Ontario Dear Mr. Mann: A laborer of love seeks only the fulfillment of the task and the approval of the One for whom it is rendered. Such a labor was yours not only on this occasion, but on previous occasions of our anniversary celebrations when you have so kindly aided us. And we are confident that the satisfaction of a task well done and the approval of your Master has already been your well-earned reward. However, such a labor deserves recognition by others of like heart and that is our purpose in addressing to you these simple lines and in offering for your acceptance a gift as a token of our gratitude for your leadership and our regard for yourself. Faithfully yours, The Choir and Members of the Baptist Church in Acton. Acton, December 14th Miss B. Plank, Acton, Ontario Dear Barbara: The members of the Choir have met together this evening for happy fellowship and to recognize one among us who has been our capable leader in song. We know that you have labored because of love for your Lord and have sought only His "well done" for a reward of your labor. And this we are assured you will receive. But we and the members of the church are glad to add feeble word of gratitude and to offer for your acceptance a deluxe music edition of the new Baptist Hymnary, as evidence of our gratitude for your leadership and help in the Choir and of our regard for yourself. Faithfully yours, The Choir and Members of the Baptist Church in Acton. Acton, December 14th

CANADIAN WINTER

[Editor's Note—We are pleased to have the privilege of publishing the poem below, by an Acton writer, who in the autumn of last year also contributed a delightful bit of verse, entitled "Autumn in Acton."] Alone I sit to-night, In the fire's ruddy glow, The wind is howling, The snow-flakes falling— And crevices finding— To lodge in and stay, For winter is here with snow: He has threatened us for long, But kindly lingered his stay With the polar bear— As out of his lair— In coarse white hairs— He crawls on the ice And stealthily catches his prey. Then down to the lakes and rivers Over valleys and hills— The storm-king comes— To find our homes— And recklessly moves— In his vice-like strength To frighten and tighten the rills. The lakes, with their lashing and splashing Of spray he stiffens and stills While moonbeams quiver— He freezes the river— And no longer shivers The fish, frog and turtle. An ice-roof protects their cells. With mysterious art of God Jack Frost decks the window-pane, The branches of trees— Are dressed to please— The eye that sees The beauties of winter— As well as of mid-summer rain. Then why should the heart rebel At winter's ruthless grip? The children are glad— To be snow-flake mad— No time to be sad— While winter winds hasten To paint Youth's cheek and lip. —A. F. Acton, December 26th 1939.

Nominations and Elections in the Nearby Centres

(Continued from Page One) Commission in the Water Area, T. L. Peckett, gentleman, acclamation. CHINGUACOUSY Ainslee Sherman was accorded the Reeveship of Chinguacousy Township when Reeve Norman Cameron and D. W. Moran, past Reeve of the municipality, announced their withdrawals. Nominations were: For Reeve—Ainslee Sherman, Norman Cameron, D. W. Moran. For Deputy-Reeve—William Bovard, Graham Crawford, Ainslee Sherman. For Council (3) — William Bovard, Fred Hostawer, Graham Crawford, John Fraser, Herbert Dean, James Olliff, Gordon Sharpe, John McCulloch. MILTON Mayor—A. E. Armstrong, clerk, George H. Dawson, manufacturer. Reeve—C. H. Heslop, veterinarian; J. Irvin, manufacturer; C. A. Martin, miller. Councillors (6)—George Smiley, manager; C. G. Riddell, trucker; Gordon Gowland, merchant; Harry Coulson, baker; A. L. Chambers, gentleman; George H. Dawson, manufacturer; Edwin Syer, manufacturer; J. Irvin, manufacturer; S. Fay, plumber; A. E. Armstrong, clerk; R. Ptolmey, accountant; C. H. Heslop, veterinarian; C. A. Martin, miller; B. Knight, clerk; W. Bousfield, gentleman. School Trustees—South Ward, John Mitchell, hotel proprietor, acclamation; North Ward, H. B. Browne, farmer, acclamation; East Ward, F. G. Thompson, superintendent; J. L. King, dairyman. Hydro Commissioner—A. L. Chambers, gentleman; C. A. Martin, Miller; E. Syer, manufacturer. BRAMPTON Mayor—R. P. Woshy, agent, acclamation. Reeve—W. A. Bates, agent; W. A. Russell, auctioneer. Deputy-Reeve—C. C. Core, salesman, acclamation. Councillors (6)—J. A. Bartlett, merchant; B. H. Bull, agent; William Craggs, salesman; H. B. Dennis, creamery operator; H. R. Lawrence, barrister; C. P. Ready, merchant; A. O. Pearen, gentleman. Water Commissioner—W. J. Penion, gentleman; John A. Wilson, agent. Hydro Commissioner—John Irvin, agent; E. W. McCulloch, manufacturer. School Board (4)—C. H. Wiggins, barrister; H. G. Healey, contractor; Mrs. M. K. Hood, housewife; C. W. West, manager, all by acclamation. BRONTE Police Village Trustees (3) — Leslie Rogers, merchant; Freeman Bray, fisherman; George MacLeod, garage owner; Ernest Stansbury, trucker; Dalton Macdonald, carpenter. HIS WAY AROUND: Five-year-old Willie had been taught that Sunday is not a day for play, but one set aside for church and kindred matters. Naturally his Sunday was surprised and shocked one Sunday morning to find him sitting his toy-boat in the bath tub. "Willie! Don't you know it is wicked to sail boats on Sunday?" "Don't get excited, mamma. This isn't a pleasure trip, this is a missionary boat going to Africa!"

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Interlude From War Like other British youngsters, the children of the Duke and Duchess of Kent have been evacuated to the west of England. The Duke, now serving with the Royal Navy, is shown here playing with his son during a leave-of-absence.