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Golden Wedding Anniversary Mr. Mrs. J. H. Denny

Married at Acton and Spent Entire Life in District—Readers of Free Press Through 50 Years

On Christmas Day, 1889, J. Henry Denny and Mrs. Margaret Moore were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. Dr. G. A. Gifford. On Monday of last week they observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It is a strange coincidence that on this occasion a son, Rev. G. Clifton Gifford, is now stationed in Acton and the pastor of this esteemed couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny have spent the entire fifty years in the district and in Acton. The young couple, in 1889, went first on the farm of his father, Robert Denny. Thirty-two years ago they came to Acton, built a new home on Queen Street, and have lived here ever since.

In a reminiscent mood, Mr. Denny recalled the weather at Christmas time, in 1889. The temperature out of doors was over 60, and no snow was needed in the house. Back in 1879 Mr. Denny started in the printing trade under Rev. Dr. T. A. and Mr. H. P. Moore. He recalled that the Christmas of that year he was a carrier boy, delivering The Free Press to the homes. Subscribers were generous and after he had taken his carrier boy's message he had sufficient money to buy a pair of skates and a season ticket for the rink. While skating he contracted a serious cold, which put him to bed for six weeks and ended his career as a printer's devil. He rather proudly exhibited a Bible, presented to him at that (Concluded on Page Eight)

Celebrated Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Denny, married in Acton on December 26th, 1889, and who spent the half century in Acton and district. Rev. Dr. G. A. Gifford, father of the present minister of the United Church here, officiated at the wedding in 1889.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES IN ACTON CHURCHES

The Week of Prayer in Acton will be observed in the following churches and in this order for the year 1940:
Monday, January 8th, at 8:00 p.m.—Anglican Church. The Young People's Night.
Tuesday, January 9th, at 8:00 p.m.—Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Gifford, speaker.
Wednesday, January 10th, at 8:00 p.m.—Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Bennie, speaker.
Thursday, January 11th, at 8:00 p.m.—United Church. Rev. Mr. Baxter.

Juniors Win First Game from Georgetown Squad

Bring Home a 5-0 Win—Will Meet Bolton Tonight at Acton Arena

By "COOKIE"

Acton Juniors tucked a 5 to 0 win over Georgetown under their belt to start the current season. The game, played in Georgetown on Thursday last, proved lots of excitement, along with ragged hockey in spots. The first period didn't provide much to write about. A penalty spoke were the only markings on the scorer's sheet. Shank, for Georgetown, and Tyler, for Acton, were the bad men.

The second frame provided plenty of excitement and proved the turning point in the game. Marzo notched the first goal when he scored alone, on a break-away, beating Kemshead from close in. Acton's second goal, seconds later, came on a neat passing play, Goy to Tyler to Brush. A minute later Acton made it 3 to 0, when Pappilon notched the twice behind Kemshead on a pass from Murphy. This was Pappilon's first trip to the ice, and proved a worthy one. Marzo was penalized for chopping Kemshead and Holmes proved brilliant, stemming every thrust Georgetown made on Acton's twice cottage. Holmes provided plenty of thrills for every fan at the game, kicking out, labelled shots from every angle. Binzell was penalized for tripping, but Acton were unable to score when Georgetown were short of man power.

Brush scored his second goal and the fourth of the game when he shot a hot one past Kemshead, early in the third period. Murphy added the finishing touches to the game when he sank a touch, on a pass from Goy.

Penalties in the third period were handed out to Hilliard, Goy and Tyler. Georgetown kept Acton in their defensive zone for three full minutes, but were unable to beat Holmes. Brush and Nichols broke away but missed on an offside pass, which was called back.

Acton's front line of Marzo, Brush and Nichols worked great guns, with Tyler and Hilliard on defensive. John Goy worked hard on the second line, but his wings weren't too consistent in passing and checking. Binzell Kemshead and Shank were the pick for Georgetown, upsetting many of Acton's plays and exercising a few tricks of their own.

The line-up was:
Acton—Goal, F. Holmes; defence, C. Tyler; R. Hilliard; centre, E. Nichols; wings, L. Marzo, R. Brush; subs, Barden, J. Goy, W. Murphy, F. Pappilon, H. Cook.

Georgetown—Goal, A. Kemshead; defence, Binzell, Henderson; centre, J. Kemshead; wings, W. Shank, Runham; subs, G. Lane, D. Beaumont, J. Louth, Schertal, T. Goldham, W. Murphy.

Bolton provide the opposition for Acton here to-night (Thursday), and will provide plenty of trouble for the Acton stalwarts. Bolton drubbed Burlington, 9-3, last week.

Milton and Guelph played to a 4-all tie for the other game in the group. Archibald scored Milton's four goals, already Oakville's contribution to the County Town's hopes has proven worthy.

To-night's game should find Acton with a better balanced second line. Coach Jack Kentner has been trying out a number of candidates for the past few days.

Bolton's Junior entry this season is comprised of the Weston High School players: Remember, last year, I think, they beat Acton 10 to 2. Burlington, who is now playing with Owen Sound, was their star centre. She'll be a stiff (Continued on Page Five)

Dr. A. J. Buchanan Chosen Chairman of School Board

Committees Named at Inaugural Meeting—Special Meeting Arranged to Make the Estimates

Trustees J. H. Boyd, F. S. Blow, V. B. Rumley, Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Dr. F. G. Oakes and G. A. Dills were present on Tuesday evening at the inaugural meeting of Acton School Board.

The declaration of office was taken by the newly-elected Trustees, Buchanan Oakes and Dills.

As is customary, Secretary R. M. McDonald called on the Board to choose one of their number to act as Chairman for the year, or until a successor has been elected.

Dr. A. J. Buchanan, who has been a member of the Board for the past eight years was the unanimous choice for this honor.

In accepting the position, Dr. Buchanan thanked the Board for the honor bestowed and hoped that he would be able to do the job just half as well as his predecessor. He asked the co-operation of the Board in the work as well as through this co-operation could efficiency be secured.

Standing Committees were then appointed as follows:
Finance Committee—V. B. Rumley, G. A. Dills.

Property Committee—F. S. Blow, Dr. F. G. Oakes.
Supply Committee—J. H. Boyd, Dr. A. J. Buchanan.

The Secretary read a letter from the Municipal Council requesting that the Board have their estimates ready by January 15th as the estimates for the Municipality would be made in January this year.

It was arranged to hold a special meeting on January 9th at 7 o'clock to make the estimates for the year. The Board informally considered these amounts and ask for recommendations to be submitted from the property committee.

Another motion was passed that the regular meetings of the Board be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Authority was given for the Secretary to secure the usual advance of funds from the Corporation to meet the current expenditure of the Board.

Caretaker Geo. Mann and Attendance Officer J. H. Reid were appointed to carry on at the same salaries as formerly.

Another motion was passed asking the Secretary to write the Principals of both school and the caretaker requesting that they attend each regular monthly meeting of the Board at 7.15 p.m.

OBSERVED 53rd ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, who last week observed the 53rd anniversary of their wedding.

OBSERVED 53rd ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown observed, on Christmas Day, the fifty-third anniversary of their wedding. Both are enjoying good health and Mr. Brown, who has charge of the shipping department at the Storey Glove Co. is just as active as he was twenty years ago. Acton friends extend congratulations and The Free Press is pleased to join in extending to this couple, who have been regular subscribers all through these years. The wish of all is for them many more happy years to enjoy the company of each other and family and friends.

Marked Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Dearing, of Orton, who on December 31st observed their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. They have spent all of their lives in that district.

Elections Monday in Other Centres of Local Interest

Leslie Kerns Elected in Nelson Township—Dr. C. H. Heslop Reeve of Milton

MILTON

Following are the results of the elections in Milton:
Mayor—Adam Armstrong, acclamation.
Reeve—Dr. C. H. Heslop, 413; defeated, Carl Martin, 149.

Council—S. A. Fay, 418; Clarence Riddell, 404; Harry Coulson, 359; R. H. Ptolemy, 337; George Dawson, 326; Gordon Gowland, 212. John Irving, with 202 votes, was not elected.

TRAFALGAR

Results of the election in Trafalgar Township were as follows:
P. D. Salter, 641; W. S. Beatty, 594; J. H. Walker, 420; Alec. Phillips, 346; Kenneth Giles, 252. The new Councillors are Salter, Beatty and Walker; Reeve Norman Gilbert, of Bronte, was given an acclamation, as was the Deputy Reeve, Wilfrid Hill.

HILLSBURG

R. M. Barden, Arthur Hart and Fred McMillan were elected Trustees of Hillsburg on Monday.

NELSON

Piling up a decisive margin in his own section, Polling Division No. 1, Leslie Kerns rode into the Reeveship in the first municipal election held in Nelson Township in six years, defeating John McNiven 727 votes to 673. Kerns found the going mighty hard in the other seven voting sections. McNiven was ahead 618 votes to 442, until Kerns' division was heard from.

W. J. Robertson was elected Deputy Reeve, with 776 votes, edging out his opponent, Charles Readhead, who received 578.

Colin Smith led a field of five for the three vacancies on the Council, with 738; Elmer Foster was second, with 701; and Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, will be the third Councillor, with 697 votes. Those who failed were: G. Leslie Peer, with 607; and John H. Allen, with 603.

BRAMPTON

Reeve—W. A. Bates, 824; W. A. Russell, 600.
Council (6)—H. R. Lawrence, 1,068; A. G. Peare, 817; S. R. Dennis, 914; B. Harper Bull, 897; C. P. Ready, 855; J. A. Bartlett, 858; William Craggs, 714. Hydro Commissioner—E. W. McCulloch, 931; John Irving, 452.
Establishment of a Board of Education—For 915; Against, 309.

Reeve G. W. Davis of Georgetown Died Tuesday

George W. Davis, Reeve of Georgetown for the past three years died on Tuesday after an illness of ten days. He was born in Gouverneur, New York, but had been a resident of Georgetown for the past 22 years. He was employed for many years by the Canadian National Electric Railway.

Mr. Davis had been a member of the Town Council for 11 years and had also served on the Housing Commission of the town. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Masonic Order, and was a Conservative in politics. Mr. Davis was elected as Reeve for 1940 at the election early in December. His death will cause a vacancy on the County Council, and mean nine new members on that body this year.

Surviving are his widow, who was Miss Mary Ross, a son, Fred, of Georgetown; and four daughters, Mrs. C. Kentner, Milton; and Misses Olive, Ruth and Betty Lou, of Georgetown.

Observe Diamond Anniversary of Their Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dearing, of Orton, Mark Event on December 31st

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dearing of Orton, are receiving congratulations from many friends, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Both the bride and the groom of yester year have lived their entire life in Erin Township. Mrs. Dearing, who was Annie Collier, was born June 30th, 1856, and Mr. Dearing, July 12th, 1856.

Among the letters and messages of congratulations received by Mr. and Mrs. Dearing was a telegram from Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who wired his congratulations to this esteemed couple. Naturally this thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

They were married in St. Mark's Anglican Church, Orangeville, on December 31st, 1879, by the Rev. Canon Henderson and farmed successfully up till 25 years ago, when they retired to Orton village.

Mr. Dearing was always a staunch politician and served the Township as Councillor and Reeve, Assessor and School Trustee, for several years.

They raised a family of six sons and two daughters, all of whom met at a family gathering last summer.

There are 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Dearing have, up until recently, been able to attend to their household tasks and they take a keen interest in current events.

1940 Council Commences, Meeting Held on Monday

Curlers Ready to Start Season To-night in Acton

To-night will see the opening of the Curling season. The Arena Committee reports the ice in perfect condition.

The local Curling fraternity will have their numbers augmented this winter by curlers from Milton and Rockwood.

Apert altogether from the controversy as to who really wrote Shakespeare, it now appears that the bard was a Scotsman. One local curler proves this by reference to "As You Like It," where the poet states that there are "German in curls and good in everything." Being a curler ourselves, we withhold comment.

We understand that the Games Committee of the Curling Club wish it to be understood that spectators are welcome to watch any of the games played this winter.

Every encouragement will be offered this winter to those who have not yet taken up the game. Regular games will not be necessarily confined to experienced players, as all beginners will be given every opportunity to fill in with older players.

The Arena Committee wish it to be understood that curling privileges are open to all. A game fee of 15c carries the same privileges as a season ticket holder.

One absolute necessity is curling brooms. These are not supplies by the Club, so bring your own. A good plan is to leave the matter of selecting one of the household brooms to the last minute—then pinch the best one and make a dash for it.

MISS S. BENNETT ADDRESSED MEETING ROCKALONG INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting of the Rock-along Women's Institute, was held at the home of Mrs. A. MacNabb, with a good attendance of members present. Mrs. C. O. Plank, President, occupied the chair. The roll call was answered by "Rules we should keep in the Institute." Business was discussed, after which Mrs. W. MacNabb, Convener of the meeting, took charge.

Current events were given by Mrs. W. Patterson. Mrs. W. Black took the motto, "By Their Good Works Ye Shall Know Them," after which Mrs. Black sang a lovely solo, "Serenade." Mrs. MacNabb gave a recitation, "Knitting."

Miss Sybil Bennett, of Georgetown, was guest speaker and her very interesting address was on "Jury Law." Miss Frances MacNabb and Mrs. A. Shullis favored the meeting with a duet, "Silent Night."

The National Anthem was sung, which brought the meeting to a close. Dainty refreshments were served and a social half-hour spent.

Municipal Officer Position Under Consideration—Dr. J. A. McNiven Resigns as Medical Health Officer—Four Meetings to be Held in January—County Road Grant is Received.

At the meeting of the Council-elect on Tuesday evening, all the members were present, and subscribed to the oath of office.

The minutes of the last previous meeting, in December, were read, and, upon motion, were passed.

Mr. Creighton requested information regarding insurance on the Arena, and this was satisfactorily given by the Clerk.

Moved by J. F. Davison, seconded by S. M. Sinclair, that the whole Council be a Striking Committee for 1940.—Carried.

Upon Council resuming, it was moved by J. H. Creighton, seconded by W. J. O. Oakes, that the recommendation of the Striking Committee be adopted.—Carried.

FINANCE—J. H. Creighton, Chairman; W. J. O. Oakes and the Reeve.

FIRE, LIGHT AND PROPERTY—J. F. Davison, Chairman; S. M. Sinclair and the Reeve.

STREETS AND WALKS—W. J. O. Oakes, Chairman; J. F. Davison and the Reeve.

PARK and RINK—S. M. Sinclair, Chairman; J. H. Creighton and the Reeve.

Clerk Leatherland explained to Council that a Rink Committee had been appointed to look after the rink project, but that any matters not satisfactory to Council could be vetoed.

Owing to the illness of R. J. McPherson, a by-law appointing an Assessor and Tax Collector was left over until a later date.

The by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to finance the Corporation of Acton until taxes were paid in 1940, was read the required number of times and passed. This by-law authorizes the Reeve and Treasurer to borrow up to \$30,000.

Moved by S. M. Sinclair, seconded by J. H. Creighton, that the appointment of the Chief of the Acton Fire Brigade (Continued on Page Five)

Keen Election Battles in Nassagaweya, Esquesing

George Finney Chosen Reeve of Nassagaweya—School Trustees Elected—Only Seven Votes Between Wilson and Robinson in Contest in Esquesing—G. W. Murray Heads the Polls in Esquesing and Alex Near in Nassagaweya.

Monday saw keen election contests in the adjoining Townships of Esquesing and Nassagaweya. With contests for the Reeveship, eight running for Council and an election for Trustees for the new School Area No. 1, a big vote was recorded in Nassagaweya. There was friendly rivalry for the honors in all three polling subdivisions. The following is the vote:

FOR REEVE	1	2	3	Total
George Finney	76	163	193	432
W. M. Vansickle	192	72	47	311

FOR COUNCILLORS	Alex. Near	103	118	137	358
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Wm. Dredge	87	192	75	354
George Stokes	206	63	62	331
John Simpson	80	139	65	284
D. McDougall	38	33	137	208
Archib. Service	103	53	34	190
John Robertson	40	96	32	167
Joshua Allison	23	47	16	86

FOR TRUSTEES	G. R. Carbert	144	75	39	258
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Jos. Frank	58	132	57	257
T. H. Snyder	153	95	50	298
C. J. vanGoosen	59	84	88	241
Dr. B. D. Young	115	165	75	355
Mrs. F. Rinehart	44	62	22	128

The above figures are subject to revision in the final summing up by the Clerk.

The Council of Nassagaweya will be composed of the following: Reeve, George Finney; Councillors, Alex. Near, Wm. Dredge, George Stokes and J. H. Simpson.

The Trustees are Messrs. Carbert, Frank, Snyder, vanGoosen and Dr. Young.

In Esquesing Township there was a contest for the Reeveship, that resulted in W. A. Wilson, being elected by seven votes. It was one of the closest elections on record. Mr. H. May had been accorded an acclamation for the Deputy-Reeveship. For Council, Mr. G. W. Murray, a resident of this northern section of the Township, headed the poll with George E. Cleave second, and E. Harrop third. Following is the voting in the election in the nine polling subdivisions:

REEVE—	1A	1B	2A	2B	3	4	5A	5B	6	Total
ROBINSON, N. A.	41	31	172	39	95	66	25	52	98	629
WILSON, W. A.	33	60	28	35	105	97	100	23	165	636

COUNCIL—	CLEAVE, G. E.	28	38	165	34	90	42	35	32	161	645
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CURRIE, O.	46	25	47	48	81	47	21	15	122	512
CURRIE, H.	26	27	24	7	99	41	9	34	99	366
HARROP, E.	43	40	91	45	97	75	54	38	67	550
MURRAY, G. W.	38	51	55	50	117	153	114	66	103	747