

WEDNESDAY

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge...

BORN

GRAHAM - On Friday, Nov. 28th, 1941, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph...

LAMBERT - On Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lambert, Acton, Ontario, a daughter, Phyllis.

MARRIED

WALDIE-WALL - At Knox Church, Mainz, Acton, on Thursday, November 27th, by the Rev. H. L. Bennis, Joan Frances, daughter of the late Arthur S. Wall, Toronto...

DIED

LAMBERT - On Wednesday, December 3rd, 1941, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lambert, Acton, Ontario.

LANE - At her late residence, Limestone, Ontario, on Saturday, November 29th, 1941, Margaret Ann Miller, beloved wife of William A. Lane.

This and that

It's certainly been a long, easy-going fall.

Do your Christmas shopping early so you can do your Christmas mulling early.

The last month of 1941 and the snowfall in this locality has not been sufficient to last a day.

Plowing has been carried on right up to the present time on farms in the district. There is no frost in the ground yet.

Please send in copy for Tax Pass Passes early in the week. It's just impossible to put into type the whole paper on Thursday.

You'll find Christmas gift suggestions throughout the advertisements. They'll help you make your dollar work to advantage.

Haven't heard any word regarding hockey in Acton this year but of course there hasn't been any weather to induce such seasonal talk.

A vine with green pods on it was picked on December first on the farm of Mr. Charles McKeown just north of Acton. It's been on view in Tax Pass Passes window.

Just three weeks - seventeen shopping days until Christmas and just three more issues of Tax Pass Passes in which merchants can tell folks of the attractions their store offers.

There are just six copies of the book "Acton's Early Days" for sale. Perhaps you know of someone who would appreciate one of these books for Christmas. The price remains at \$2.50.

The new 1942 motor license plates went on sale in Acton. The first number issued here this year by Mr. J. K. Gardiner was 12L 51. The editor of Tax Pass Passes has a habit of getting down early when they go on sale and securing the first one.

Among the first Christmas cards to arrive from overseas the editor last week received a fine card from Pte. Norman Gibson. The card has the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp crest on the front and the inside section has a picture of His Majesty the King visiting the Corp.

The Letter Box

Canadian Army Overseas, Nov. 15, 1941.

Dear Mr. Dills: I am writing you a few lines to thank you very much for sending me your paper. It certainly passes the time as I do not get out very much as much as I did while I was in Canada. I like reading all the news in it, especially my home town of Acton. I appreciate it very much, while I was out at the west coast as much as I do here, so I will say again "Thanks very much." Well Mr. Dills I hear you are having pretty cold weather up in Canada. Now I wish you would send some of it down here as we certainly need it. I have been sweating every day since I came here, so you will have and idea what it is like here. I like the country very much except for the heat, but I am getting used to it. I read in Tax Pass Passes where Acton is doing wonderful work in helping to win this terrible war especially the "SICK" Children's Hospital which was bombed in London England. Well Acton I salute to you and keep up the good work which you are doing now as this war will not be long until it is all over and victory won. Well Mr. Dills I think that is about all I have to say to you for now, so I will say so-long for now.

Sincerely yours, JOHN GIBBONS.

Four Prisoners Reach Windsor Before Capture

Guards from Reformatory Searched District for Quartette Who Escaped Saturday

Guards of the Ontario Reformatory were posted at many points around here over the week-end in re-capture of four prisoners who escaped from the institution in Guelph, but the four had got as far as Windsor before they were recaptured.

The names of the four recaptured men are: Ulysses Lauzon, 19, Windsor; Robert Willis, 19, Whitby; Gordon Peters, 18, Oshawa, and Harold Williams, 17, The four youths broke away from a bull gang in Guelph shortly before noon on Saturday. Two other inmates who escaped from the institution at the same time were recaptured by Ontario Reformatory guards.

Police received a tip from a boy in the neighborhood of the garage that there were people in the garage and Sgt. Campbell and Detective Blair went to investigate. As the police officers approached the garage a few minutes after 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, they heard the starter on a car within stepped on and immediately pulled the police car across in front of the door. At the same time the engine on the car inside the garage was started and a car came crashing through the garage doors. Lauzon was at the wheel of the car.

"We immediately covered them with our revolvers and they put up their hands," said Sgt. Campbell. They were unable to escape with the police car driving their way. The car crashed into the police car causing about \$15 damage.

As the garage doors were burst open, Detective Blair was struck by one of the doors and had his glasses knocked from his face but otherwise escaped injury.

"If they had got past our car, I guess there would have been a couple of dead turkeys," remarked Sergeant Campbell. He expressed the opinion that the youths were hiding in the garage until dark before coming out. They were taken into the police station at 5:25 p.m., laughing and joking.

The four men had placed a padlock on the outside of the garage door after parking the car inside and then had entered by a second door. This gave the impression that there was no one in the garage. Apparently they had been watching from inside the garage when the police car approached and tried to make a run for it. The car they were driving was a 1941 coach bearing Guelph license plates and was a stolen car. Guelph police were advised at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon of the theft of a car owned by Major Alex. Anderson, Palmer Street. At 6:40 in the afternoon Ontario Reformatory officials notified the police department that the machine and men had been picked up in Windsor.

Each has been sentenced in Police Court to two years in Kingston Penitentiary and will after that sentence complete their terms at the Reformatory.

Golden Wedding Of S. H. Lindsays Observed Tuesday

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served in the offices up to President and was recently honored in being made a life member. He was a prominent and successful breeder and exhibitor of light horses, until the day when they were pushed from the roads by the automobile.

Mrs. Lindsay is active in Women's Institute work at Bannockburn and both Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay are loyal and active members of Ballinacred United Church.

Three of the four members of their family are living and none of them far from the farm home. D. H. resides in Acton, Mrs. Earl Price is at Ebenezer and Mrs. Morgan Madill is at home where her husband now takes the heavier responsibilities of the farm. A son William passed away a number of years ago. There are two grandchildren, Betty Mae and Billy Price. At the golden wedding anniversary the family presented their mother with a gold wrist watch and their father with a gold Parker pen and pencil set. The grandchildren gave a gold brooch with emerald setting and a gold tie holder as mementoes of this occasion. Mrs. Lindsay also received a new gold ring from her husband.

Tax Pass Passes joins with hosts of other friends in wishing for this esteemed couple many more "happy years" together and congratulations on attaining the fiftieth milestone of wedded life.

GOOD SHOES FOR YOUNG AND OLD... B. D. RAHLIN, Acton

100 Years of School History



Some years ago a "General Register" was furnished the Acton Public School by the Department of Education. Planned to cover a ten-year period in the school life, this suggested the original and history of the school.

The earliest available record of any school organization comes from the year 1842, when on April 16th, a petition was presented to the School Commission, sitting at Clarke's Inn, Esqueping, for the sum of fifty pounds to erect a school for Section No. 12, on lot 50, on the line between the second and third concessions of Esqueping. Present at the meeting of the Commission were John Burns, Chairman; John Graham, John Atkinson, Ninian Lindsay, James Barber and Adam Sprout. School Section No. 12 was designed to include Lots 26 to 32, inclusive, on the First, Second and Third concessions, and also to include the westerly half of the Fourth concession.

On June 18th, presumably at the same meeting, a motion provided for the appointment of Thomas Harris as teacher of School - District No. 12, which, as will be obvious, included the land now covered by Acton. Evidently there was considerable difficulty in securing teachers of satisfactory capability; at that time, since another motion approved the "Employment of teachers of inferior attain-

Bright-eyed, pink-cheeked children, making their way with eager, or inguard, feet, as in characteristic, to school of a morning, on the three or four principal streets of the village, while the old bell sounds its eight-thirty call!

There is no more pleasant sight in any town. The children are thinking of the play of the day, or of the morning's lessons to come. They are living almost wholly in the present. As is natural and right. But the onlooker of middle-age looks back and sees himself, as a lad, among one of the happy groups, and then sees a myriad of passing events of the intervening years, many of which were influenced by his days spent at the old school on the hill at the end of the lane, in Acton. And hence, he visions the children one, three, five decades from now, and wonders what they will have done with Acton, and with others, with the world, in the interim.

Our Canadian schools have, doubtless, as much directly formative influence in character-building as any other factor in determining the future of our children. Acton is what it is today largely because of what its schools have been in the country of secular education during which they have been an influence. And spots here and there in the wide world have been affected, for good or evil, for progress or otherwise, by many of the boys and girls who have gone out from Acton's schools. Hence it appears to be quite timely to try to make some record of the growth of secular education in Acton during its one hundred years, and two or three decades of history.

Unfortunately, little data covering the earlier days has been preserved. And those who might supply it from memory are no longer available. But bits of history picked up from various sources, when woven together, make an interesting, if by no means complete, document which evolves into a much broader and more complete record as the years approach the time remembered by present-day residents of Acton. The history as a whole gives evidence of a remarkable

at the Guelph Theatres ROYAL PALACE... UNHOLY PARTNERS... Nelson Eddy... THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER... APPOINTMENT FOR LOVE

ments when others were not procurable, as long as the majority of the taxpayers were satisfied."

Early Settlers Paid Directly for Education A record from 1644 lists the names of the citizens of the community who were making payments for the school upkeep. A glance at the list will indicate that descendants of these good men have taken a large part in Acton's development, as also their grandsons and great-grandsons, four and five times removed, are still in Acton, and still interested in educational affairs.

Here is the list: Duncan Kennedy, John Zimmerman, James Rutherford, John Scott, Morgan Crewson, Stephen Munroe, Thomas Ebbage, Graham Lawson, Abraham Matthews, John Nicklin, James Cameron, Joseph Fawcett, John Tufford, David Lamond, John Hamilton, James Waiters, Angus McDonnell, Lawrence Vauden, Donald McAlinh, Paul McEln, Lewis Adams, John Burns, John McDonald, Robert Swan, Asa Hall, Samuel Smith, Hugh Clarke, Alex. Grant, Jacob Snyder, John Scott, Alex. Brown, Miss Buck, Hiram Donny.

When the amount of the teacher's salary was collected, intermittently, from the fathers of the pupils, there was considerable "room" for trouble. A brief table, substantially as the below: Amount needed for Teacher's Salary - £50, 16 s, 6d; Amount received £37, 16s, 3d; Short, £12, 6s, 3d. From which it would appear that the teacher, Thomas Harris, was forced to take in his belt for a notch or two, for that year, at least.

FORMER ACTONIAN KILLED IN STREET ACCIDENT IN DETROIT

An item in The Detroit Free Press tells of the death in Detroit on Tuesday November 18th of Harry Ebbage of 770 Grand River. Mr. Ebbage was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ebbage residents of Acton for many years and Harry Ebbage spent his boyhood and early manhood in Acton. Harry Ebbage was the victim of a street accident in Detroit. He was struck by a D.S.R. bus at Grand River and Whitney at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, November 18th and died as a result of injuries sustained.

HALTON LIVESTOCK MEN TO DISCUSS SWINE SITUATION

W. P. Watson, Assistant Director of the Ontario Livestock Branch is to be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Halton Livestock Improvement Association scheduled for the Farmers' Building, Milton, on Saturday-afternoon of this week.

We are informed by Edwin Harrop, President of the Association, that Mr. Watson will discuss the entire Swine situation including the relationship between hog and feed prices, etc. The program will also include a sound picture in technicolor entitled "Bacon for Britain" which shows the entire processing end of the business from the time the hog leaves the farmer's premises until it reaches the consumer. The meeting is open to all and it would appear to be a real opportunity for hog producers to get a clear-cut picture of the entire hog business and also to discuss and clarify certain features which are not in general favor with hog producers.

JUNIOR FARMERS HEAR ADDRESS ON HOLLAND BEFORE THE WAR

The Acton Junior Farmers held the meeting at Lorne School on Thursday last. The business period was held. Mr. Dirk van Goozen presided for the program which included a reading by Edna Cook; violin solos by Harry Fisher. Mrs. Veldhuis gave a very interesting and educational talk on "Holland Before the War." Mrs. Veldhuis also sang a solo in the Dutch language. Following the singing of the National Anthem, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

CONSUMPTION OF PORK

Statistics relative to the per capita consumption of pork indicate that up to the outbreak of the present war the consumption of pork in Canada has generally been declining over the past ten years, states H. K. Leckie, Economics Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in an article on "Bacon for Britain" in the Economic Annalist. In 1938, the consumption of pork in Canada stood at 47.5 pounds compared with 58.4 pounds in 1928 per head of population. With the rise in national income accompanying industrial expansion for the defence program, consumer demand for pork products increased. The per capita consumption in 1939 rose to 52.0 pounds, and a preliminary estimate for 1940 indicates that the average consumption of pork and lard increased still more sharply.

In answer to an appeal by the Bacon Board to eat less pork in order that deliveries to Britain might be accelerated under the 1940-41 agreement, the consumption of pork was curtailed on patriotic grounds. Together with this reduction of home consumption of pork and the executive ability of the Bacon Board in maintaining the bacon supplies, Britain's requirements of pork products were fully met.

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OFF TO ATLANTIC BATTLE... Another Corvette slides down the ways of a Canadian shipyard to join the large fleet that has already been turned out by Canadian workmen. To date, Canada has launched 77 Corvettes, 59 minesweepers, 11 patrol boats, 19 motor torpedo and craft boats...