

Sections of Birth, Marriage and Death records... for an additional fee.

DIED
McTAVISH - At the home of her niece, Mrs. H. S. Walker, Brampton, Ontario, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1941, Mary McTavish, daughter of the late Duncan and Jane McTavish.

This and that

- Good-bye 1941. Hello 1942!
-Just the Happiest New Year Possible.
-Municipal elections are on in both the neighboring Townships.
-Back to School on Monday for teachers and pupils after a long Christmas holiday.
-Certain weights and colors of paper used in printing are not now being manufactured.
-If the cold weather holds it won't be long until there is skating at the arena. There is a splendid start made now.
-The observance of Boxing Day last Friday made Acton rather quiet. Several of the industries did not reopen until Monday.
-A number of subscriptions to The Free Press expire at the end of the year. Your prompt attention to your label helps maintain the home paper.

Boys Overseas Send Season's Greetings To Local Committee

Messages of acknowledgement, grateful appreciation and conveying the season's greetings to all members of the committee have been received during the week from the following men overseas who have received, during the first week of December, cartons of 300 cigarettes.
Another shipment has since been sent containing a gift parcel of cigarettes to each of the men from Acton and vicinity, now serving overseas, from the War Services League of this community.
Pte. Frank Holloway, Sgt. R. W. Anderson, Pte. W. B. Elliott, L.-Corp. R. McVey, Pte. R. McArthur, Pte. W. L. Turner, Gnr. N. A. Price, Pte. H. K. Lambert, Pte. A. E. Massey, Cpl. W. H. Brown, Pte. C. W. Douglas, Pte. J. Gibbons, Pte. Clifford McDonald, Tpr. W. H. Carnahan, Pte. J. D. Young, Pte. F. C. Tournour, Pte. J. Scriven.

ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

The annual Christmas Carol Service was held last Sunday evening when the Nativity story was told in the sevenfold Scripture lesson interspersed with the traditional carols by the choir and congregation. A solo was sung by Miss Maureen Rowles. Effective at the conclusion was the reading of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.
The Church looked bright with the customary Christmas evergreens and red poinsettias.

War Boosting Iron Mining

Northwest Ontario Deposits Helping Under New Conditions

OTTAWA, (CP)—Recent development of iron ore production in Canada constitutes a valuable contribution to war industry and, in part, meeting a demand previously supplied by the United States, is effecting a saving in exchange.
Figures on the production of iron ore, with other important minerals, remain secret under war regulations but it is known that last year several hundred thousand tons were produced at the New Helen mines in the Michipicoten area near Sault Ste. Marie. Michipicoten yields almost the entire domestic production of iron ore at present.
A large deposit has been reported at the Steep Rock Lake property near Atikokan, 135 miles west of Port Arthur but it is at present still in the surveying stage.
Iron ore production in Canada came to a standstill in 1923 but was revived at Michipicoten in 1939 when the Ontario government provided a bounty of two cents per unit of 20 pounds of iron.
The New Helen property is estimated to contain 100,000,000 tons of carbonate ore running about 35 per cent iron, a low grade which can only be practically mined with the bounty assistance. The Steep Rock Lake deposit was discovered in 1937 and is partially under water. Diamond drilling through the ice is reported to have indicated a large body of high grade ore. Presence of water makes development of the property expensive but it is expected further drilling will be carried out this winter.
Smelters at Sydney, N.S., obtain ore from their own mines at Wabana, Newfoundland, while ore from Hamilton and Fort Colborne, Ont., smelters comes from the Lake Superior region of the United States.

Obituary

MRS. J. J. COONEY

In failing health for some months, Mrs. J. J. Cooney passed away on Sunday 21st inst. at the home of her parents, Mrs. John Kennedy. She was in her fifty-first year. Marie Marcella Kennedy was born in Acton and spent her entire life here. She married James J. Cooney, a veteran of the last World War, who predeceased her six years ago.
Two sons remain, Cam-at-home and Pte. Jack Cooney with the Canadian troops overseas, serving as his father did in the last war. Besides her parents, one brother, Harold, of Detroit and one sister Mrs. John Wilson of Toronto, remain. To all of these who have sustained the loss of a loving mother, daughter and sister, sympathy of many friends here goes out. Mrs. Cooney had since her husband's death cared for the aged parents who will indeed miss her now.
The funeral was held on Wednesday morning of last week with mass at St. Joseph's Church, with her pastor, Rev. Father Morgan in charge. Mrs. Cooney was a devout member of St. Joseph's Church and home life claimed her every attention. Interment was made in Dublin Cemetery. Pall bearers were Pte. Carney Byrne, Corp. Wm. Coleman and Messrs. Jos. Flynn, Lawrence Gibbons, Basil Melton and Theo. Kelly.
Among the relatives and friends attending the funeral from a distance were Mr. Arthur Cooney, Toronto; Mr. Thos. McKague, Toronto; Mr. John Gibbons and Mayor Jos. Gibbons of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Toronto and Mr. Harold Kennedy, Detroit Mich.

HAMILTON FRIENDS HONOR MISS SAYERS BRIDE OF THIS MONTH

On Friday evening December 26th, a surprise party was held for Miss Flora Sayers, a bride-to-be, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Clark, Bartonville. A group of Hamilton friends were gathered there. Mr. Norman Weston gave a brief address. Flora was presented with a lovely table lamp. After thanking her friends for the beautiful gift the rest of the evening was spent in playing games and a sing-song. A dainty lunch was served during the evening.

Britain's New Hostel Towns

Run Up Her Building Bill to £1,000,000 a Day

Hostel towns are springing up throughout Great Britain around the new factories, some of them covering a square mile of land, for making munitions and other war material.
The factories have to be built well away from congested areas, and, instead of travelling long distances backwards and forwards, can now live on the spot in huts built in parts elsewhere and assembled where required along with canteens, refrigerated stores, emergency hospitals and shops.
After the war, all these buildings can easily be taken down and put up again where wanted. They are a considerable item in Britain's building bill of £1,000,000 a day. Army camps and aerodromes are also going up all over the country, and for the "Home Front" there are air-raid shelters, first-aid posts, rest centres, emergency housing and feeding centres. Even temporary shops are put up in "blitzed" towns to carry on without interruption the distribution of food and other essentials. In Coventry whole rows of these shops were run up for the bombed-out traders.
Practically all this war-time building is under the direction of Government departments, working through the Ministry of Works and Public Buildings set up about a year ago under the direction of Lord Reith.

PRODUCTION OF HOGS SHOWS SHARP ADVANCE

In the hog marketing year ended September 30, 1941, hog slaughtering at inspected plants in Canada totalled nearly 6.2 million head compared with 4.8 million head the previous year, or an increase of about 30 per cent. Production increased more sharply in the West than in the East—about one million, and half a million hogs respectively. In 1940-41, 52 per cent of the hog slaughtering occurred in Western Canada, as compared with only 46 per cent in 1933.

NEW GOVERNOR

LONDON, (CP)—Sir Arthur Francis Grimble, Governor and Commander-in-chief of Seychelles, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-chief of the Windward Islands, succeeding Sir Henry Popham who will retire in May.

HANDLESS CUTS

MANCHESTER, (CP)—Britain's housewives will have to buy cups without handles in 1942 under a new standardization program. They'll have to hunt for knife powder too because the new knives won't be of stainless steel.

EDEN MILLS

A very successful concert was held in S.S. No. 5, Nansagawaya, where Mrs. Melvin Storey is the teacher, and Miss McPhail music teacher. Much credit is due to both on the way the pupils were trained. Mr. Melvin Storey was chairman.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday School was held in the church with Mr. Gordon McPhail as chairman. A good program of solos, duets, readings and dialogues was given and Santa Claus appeared at the close to distribute the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemmer, of Guelph were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrie. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Croft and family of Toronto spent a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Croft.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Croft of Kitchener, were also guests in the same home on Christmas.

The many friends of Mrs. James Wilson will be pleased to learn she is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. MacDougall, Misses Wilda and Marie Gilbertson and Mr. Garnet MacDougall and Mr. Bob Gilbertson visited with Orangeville friends on Sunday.

Pte. Wilson Bewely was home on leave for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mino spent the holiday in the home of their daughter Mrs. S. Barnes and Mr. Barnes at Oakton.

Mrs. E. Rennie of Guelph, was a holiday visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowrie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsay and family of St. George spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ramsay.

Mr. Lloyd Ramsay is spending some time in the home of his grandmother Mrs. J. Ramsay.

Mr. Russell Lowrie spent a few days with relatives in Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Grant occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The induction services for the new pastor will be held on Friday evening in St. Paul's Church, Guelph.

Your correspondent wishes the editor and staff of The Free Press and all its readers a Happy and prosperous New Year.

GEORGETOWN

A large crowd of children was on hand last Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. when Santa Claus made his yearly appearance in Georgetown.

Prior to closing for the Christmas vacation, a Christmas party was held last Friday afternoon by the pupils of Georgetown Public School. Under the direction of Principal H. C. Wrigglesworth and Miss G. Young, two plays were staged by the senior classes.

Two or three reels of moving pictures, shown by Mrs. John R. Barber, were the feature of a Sunday School Christmas concert at Knox Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. Proceeds from this supper were served by the Sunday School teachers, arranged by Mrs. W. T. Sinclair.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at St. Paul's Church of England rectory, Norval, when Isabel Alberta, daughter of Mrs. William Collier and the late Mr. Collier, of Georgetown, became the bride of John Herbert, son of Mr. John Davidson and the late Mrs. Davidson, also of Georgetown.—Herald.

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YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR

George Cleave

Will Be Appreciated

I have served two years as Councillor and if elected will give my Best Effort to the Interest of Ratepayers

TO EVERYONE I WISH A HAPPY NEW YEAR

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE FOR

GEO. CURRIE

For Esqueing Council 1942

Is Respectfully Solicited and Will Be Appreciated

TO ONE AND ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Election Monday January 6th

OAKVILLE

In the early hours of Sunday morning a thief pried open the rear entrance of Selgrist's Variety Store and made off with two cash boxes containing \$720.

The Oakville Figure Skating Club has completed arrangements for the winter season. There are to be four skating periods each week.

On Friday evening at the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Oakville Lions Club, the club played host to fourteen members of the Royal Australian Air Force at a Christmas party at the Oakville Inn.

With the appointment of George Wilson, to the office of administrator of fruits and vegetables in the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, well merited promotion and distinction has come to a former Oakville boy.—Record-Star.

ERIN

Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, Guelph Road, made a Christmas cake in aid of the British War Victims' Fund, which realized \$30.70.

Santa Claus arrived in Erin last Tuesday afternoon and greeted a throng of children and grown-ups, when he passed out a bag of candy, nuts, oranges, etc., to every child.

Lyda McAllister, beloved wife of George F. Bell, passed away at the family residence, 340 Pacific Ave., Toronto, on Saturday, December 20, 1941, in her 65th year, following an illness of some months.

Palms and ferns formed the floral background in Parkdale United church recently for the wedding of Hilda Violet Merritt and Wilfred Roy Grundy. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Merritt, of Brampton, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roy Grundy, Erin.—Advocate.

EVERTON

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Head were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKenzie, Georgetown; Mr. Milne, Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Head and Donnie of Mt. Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murray, Mr. Kitchener Head of Guelph, Mrs. Gordon, Misses Helen and Dorothy Hiss.

Mr. Robert McCutcheon and Miss J. Krusky, visited on Sunday with Miss Lois McCutcheon and Mr. T. D. McCutcheon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Couling and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Couling spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couling.

Miss Mabel McLeod of Toronto is spending a few days at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McCutcheon and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. McCutcheon visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John McCutcheon.

Mr. Ben Simmons and Mrs. E. Shepherdson spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Arkell.

Miss M. Sunter, Mr. H. Sunter and Mrs. Usherwood attended the Kingsbury and Stewart wedding on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Kingsbury of Freeman spent a few days at their homes last week.

Misses Barbara and Muriel Benham spent a few days last week in Guelph with Mr. and Mrs. Van Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Maitland, Elora.

The LETTER BOX

Editor, The Acton Free Press

Dear Sir: The articles on Acton's early school days, by your contributor Mr. E. J. Moore, are read with a great deal of interest, by many of your readers, and the articles themselves form a record, that will be useful to those interested in the history of Acton, now and in the future.

In the article in last week's Free Press your contributor mentioned about the building on Main Street, now used as a dwelling which was Acton's first schoolhouse, and the writer believes an effort should be made to form an Historical Society, to preserve this building for posterity, not only for the associations connected with it, but as a place to keep the many articles of pioneer interest. The building being on the Highway would attract tourists, as well as local people, and the interest and education afforded them, would more than repay any small fee charged for the privilege.

I believe that through the efforts of Acton Agricultural Society, and the Conservator of the Historical Section, Mr. N. E. Moore, a large collection of pioneer equipment, is now gathered that would form a good nucleus of a very valuable collection.

This community is full of history, and is making history, we owe a debt to the pioneers.

Yours sincerely,

"HISTORIA"

Many Callings Included In Railway Enlistments

Diversified callings and occupations are included in the list of 107 designations given by men of the Canadian National Railways when enlisting for active service. Of the 3,200 men joining up, the greater majority were from branches of direct railway operation and the others included representatives from the marine services, telegraphs, hotels and express departments and from 33 separate divisions of those related services. The list of occupations ranges through the alphabet with the exception of Q, X and Z, although a tinmith might really slip in as a zinc worker. The list begins with accountants and asphaltmen, continues to blueprinters and bullion guards, the latter an express responsibility cooks and cookoo, the former working in hotels and dining cars and the latter in work trains. There are firebuilders, they work in roundhouses; guardboys who are employed on express wagons and watchboys who perform similar work in the cartage services. The hotel department is represented all the way from managers to tray-boys and kitchen helpers, while the telegraphs range from climbers to groundmen. Stableman in a stockyard calling, issuers serve in the stores, and upholsterers work in the car shops.

'Phone Heroine Of Scilly Isles

Awarded British Empire Medal for Good Work While Wounded

HUGHTOWN, Scilly Isles, (CP)—Dazed and injured by a bomb which killed her best friend, Petrina Noble carried on with her job of Air Raid Precautions telephone operator for four hours before accepting medical treatment. She has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

at the Guelph Theatres ROYAL PALACE
NEW YEAR'S EVE PROLOGUE
DECEMBER 31st - 12:00 P. M.
and THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY
Continuous New Year's Day and Saturday
Abbott and Costello
in "KEEP 'EM FLYING"
regular prices New Year's Eve, door opens 11:30 p.m.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5-6-7
"LYDIA"
with Merle Oberon, Alan Marshall
Walter Brennan, Walter Huston

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WILL BE IN ACTON ON Monday, January 6
Anyone suffering from Eye-strain, Defective Vision or Headache should not miss the opportunity of consulting this eye-sight specialist. Appointments may be made with Mr. A. T. Brown, Druggist.
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Office Hours: 10:30 a.m. till 4:45 p.m. (D.A.T.)

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For Esqueing Council 1942
Your Vote and Influence is Respectfully Solicited for W. O. Brownridge for Esqueing Council, 1942.
TO ONE AND ALL A HAPPIER NEW YEAR

1941 - 1942
Nineteen Forty-One takes its bow... the curtain rises on Nineteen Forty Two.
As long as the world has existed each succeeding year has brought its pleasures to enjoy, its pains to endure and its problems to solve. Nineteen Forty-Two will be no exception but problems will be met; losses turned into victories and failures into successes.
As we greet the New Year we wish to thank our many customers for their patronage during the past year and to extend to all our sincere best wishes that the New Year will bring Health and Happiness.
B. D. RACHLIN

Canadian Tanks From C.P.R. Shops
The craftsmen of the Canadian Pacific Railway Angus Shops at Montreal are proud of the powerful tanks they are building for the Canadian, British and Allied Armies. These mighty "apace streamers" of the assembly line as the day and night shifts labor to produce more and more of these "Valentines for Victory." The illustration shows a number of the tanks in mass formation just before they rolled aboard Canadian Pacific flat-cars for shipment to the fighting fronts.