

Section of Birth, Marriage and Death notices inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam notices, per cent per line additional for poetry.

Obituary

HARE — In Milton on Wednesday, December 22nd, 1943, Martha Lavery, wife of Robert James Hare, in her 90th year.

GAMBLE — Suddenly at Toronto General Hospital, on Saturday, December 19th, 1943, Edith Campbell, beloved wife of John Edgar Gamble.

JONES — At the home of her daughter Mrs. Bert Dredge, Esqueping Township, on Saturday, December 18th, 1943, Elizabeth McKernie, widow of the late John Jones.

IN MEMORIAM
GREGORY — In loving memory of Mrs. Gregory who passed away December 21st, 1942. Always remembered by THE RAWLINGS FAMILY

CARD OF THANKS
Mr. J. E. Gamble and the family appreciate sincerely the kindness that was shown during the illness of the beloved wife and mother. The sympathy and helpfulness expressed in so many ways by friends, neighbors and all at the time of her passing has indeed been most comforting and will ever be gratefully remembered.

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—Just another week left in 1943.
—Merry Christmas from this corner.
—Looks like a white Christmas, after all.
—A Christmas pageant featured the evening service last Sunday at the United Church.
—Be sure to send in your holiday visitors for our personal column or tell us about your visit elsewhere.
—Good freezing weather and it's hoped the out-door rink will be ready for the young folks this week.
—Looks as if the young folks will really appreciate the arena when it gets operating again after the war.
—Many of the stores here will have a holiday on Monday, December 27th. Better stock up for a long week-end.
—Monday was the shortest day in the year but we'll be to-morrow is the longest to many of the youngsters.
—The deluge of mail at the Post Office has been as heavy or more than usual, but the staff has come smiling through.
—Mr. Chas. Readhead, president of the Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company entertained the Directors at a Turkey Dinner at Acton one evening last week.
—Farmers report that trespassers have been helping themselves to Christmas trees and in some cases have taken valuable trees. This helping yourself to the property of others is hardly in keeping with the Christmas spirit.
—Next week we will publish our regular pictorial review of the year, featuring the pictures published from week to week of particular local interest and event. If you desire extra copies order early as the run will be restricted by paper rationing.

ACTON LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

At the December meeting of the Acton branch of the Canadian Legion held in the Legion Hall recently, the following officers were elected for 1944:
Honorary Presidents—Col. A. O. T. Beardmore, Mrs. W. J. Beatty, Mr. Dr. Cullen.
President—Comrade John A. Chapman.
First Vice-President—Comrade Gordon Smith.
Second Vice-President—Comrade Sam Snow.
Sergeant at Arms—Comrade B. Bayliss.
Executive Committee—Comrade J. B. Chalmers and Comrade Earl Davidson.
Secretary—Comrade E. E. Harrop.
Treasurer—Comrade Geo. Mussele.

Farm Home Has Narrow Escape From Destruction

Fire of an unknown origin nearly destroyed the farm home of Albert Peddie, three miles north of Milton early Saturday morning. The fire was discovered when Mr. Peddie, going into the house about 1:30 that morning, found the house filled with smoke and the chesterfield and a bed blazing. There had been no one at home since that afternoon.
Fortunately, he was able to remove the blazing furniture from the house and extinguish the blaze. The floor and room were charred and the two pieces of furniture destroyed. The fire in the stove was apparently not the cause of the blaze and the origin cannot be traced.

MRS. J. EDGAR GAMBLE
This community was indeed shocked to learn of the sudden death on Saturday of Mrs. J. Edgar Gamble, a few weeks previous. Mrs. Gamble had undergone an operation and had made very satisfactory progress. In fact, arrangements had been made for her to come to Acton the next day, when she suddenly collapsed and passed away.
Mrs. Gamble was before her marriage thirty-seven years ago Edith May Campbell, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George C. Campbell and was born at Ballinacree in 1875. She has spent her entire life in this district and most of it in Acton.
Mrs. Gamble was a woman of rare ability and there is not a phase of community life that was not benefited by her ability and willingness. She seemed always interested in doing good work her chief interest was in her Institute work. She had served in most offices of the Local Branch, was District President for a term and at the time of her death was a member of the Federated Institute. She was a member of Maple Leaf Lodge, L. T. B. and in this order had served as District Grand Mistress as well as other offices. Her church work too had a place in her busy life and she served with Knox Ladies' Aid and as Vice-President of the Women's Missionary Society. She was an untiring worker for war charities and her place at the Red Cross rooms each week seldom saw her absent. It would be hard indeed to point to any sphere in community life where her hand has not touched and been made better by her effort freely and cheerfully given.
But with all her busy life her home and her home surroundings were never neglected. The garden and flowers at the Gamble home were always neatly kept and her love for flowers seemed to work magic in her garden and in the home. Mrs. Gamble was truly a woman of remarkable activity and accomplishment.
Surviving her are her husband, J. Edgar Gamble and one daughter, (Thelma) Mrs. John Greer, three grandchildren, Joyce, Jim and Bill Greer, one sister, Mrs. E. P. Collier, Acton and one brother, Harry Campbell of Toronto. A brother, George, predeceased her seventeen years ago. With the sorrowing husband and family a host of friends here share in this bereavement.
The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon with service at the home on Crescent Street and a service in Knox Presbyterian Church in charge of her minister, Rev. Forbes Thomson. Many friends from Acton and district and from Hamilton, Guelph, Georgetown and Toronto, attended in tribute to this life that was spent in doing good works.
Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Geo. Lantz, R. L. Davidson, Wesley Allan, Wm. Evans, Chas. W. Wilson and Gordon Smith.
Among the floral tributes were those from the following: The Family, Mrs. Geo. Campbell and Louisa Beardmore, Foreman's Association, Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, Knox Church Women's Missionary Society, Friends on Brock Ave., Knox Church Ladies' Aid Society, Directors and Staff of Beardmore Co., Beardmore Employees' Association, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Swain, Acton Fire Brigade, Acton L.O.L., the grandchildren, Mrs. E. F. Collier and family, the neighbors on the Crescent, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lantz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell and family, Ladies of the Red Cross Room, Mrs. Bertha Wilson and family, Guelph, Mrs. M. Millar and family, Acton Women's Institute, the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Greer, Bracobridge, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Whitham, Black Knights Lodge, Guelph, Mrs. Ella Laird, Mrs. R. E. Eakins and family, Toronto, C. K. Browne.

MRS. ROBERT JAMES HARE

One of Milton's oldest and best known citizens, Mrs. Robert James Hare, passed away Wednesday, December 22nd in her 90th year. She spent all of her life but two years in Milton and was very active in work in St. Paul's United Church. She was the daughter of Thomas Lavery and Charlotte Erwin. Surviving her are her husband, Robert James Hare, two daughters, Mrs. S. W. Hann, of Toronto, Mrs. Frank Crawford of Milton, and one son, Rev. Ross R. Hare, of Springfield. Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Thursday, December 23rd at 2:30 p.m.

BARGAIN BREAKFASTS

PRESTON, England (CP)—Bargain breakfasts at the equivalent of 50 cents a head, with chicken when available, are being supplied at a communal restaurant here.

LONDON

The output of saucers in Great Britain is one-third the pre-war production, and this pre-war production rusts and blackens quickly and does not last. Egg-whisks are no longer manufactured. The Board of Trade says "use a fork" to whisk your monthly egg.

Pensions Plan Discussed By Public Utilities

Other Items at Regular Meeting Held on Monday Evening

The regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday night. Reeve J. Mac Donald, Commissioner J. R. MacArthur were present, with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.
A letter was presented from the clerk of the Corporation requesting the wages paid casual and other employees. This information was to be supplied the clerk.
The matter of retirement pensions was discussed and it was thought advisable to request an officer of the H. E. P. C. to discuss with the local commission the various phases of the pension scheme. A large number of the municipalities now carry this pension arrangement. The representative was to be present at the first meeting in January if possible.
Secretary Miss B. H. Speight was by motion instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co., services	\$5.05
H. E. P. C. of Ontario power	3581.29
C.N.R. and transports express	3.25
press	19.49
Moffatt Limited, supplies	3.59
Packard Electric Company, transformer repairs	151.25
Canadian Line Materials, supplies	45.31
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	4.84
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	4.77
MacDonald Electric Limited, supplies	14.45
J. C. Matthews, postage	6.00
Imperial Insurance Office, Bond	8.00
Norman McEachern, gas	17.16
	\$3,960.56
Waterworks Dept.	
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, lumber	\$ 95
Hydro Dept. power, etc.	50.52
Hydro Dept. Nov. operations	202.37
Geo. Somerville, annual rent	1.00
	\$254.84

CAROL SERVICE AT KNOX CHURCH LAST SUNDAY EVENING

The annual carol service of Knox Presbyterian Church served as a fitting tribute of praise in celebration of the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The choir sang two Christmas anthems: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "The Christmas Song"; the Young Ladies Double Trio of Misses M. Somerville, D. Hansen, H. Folmes, J. Desorault, M. McPhail, and I. McLellan sang a special arrangement of the well-loved carol, "Silent Night."
The men of the choir sang "We Three Kings of Orient" and the congregation joined in the singing of "The First Noel", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Joy to the World."
The Christmas meditation "X-mas or Christmas" was based on the contrast between the approach of King Herod to the birth of Jesus Christ and the approach of the Wise Men of the east. It was declared that the same contrast exists even to-day as men and women prepare for the celebration of Christmas—some getting ready to desecrate everything for which the Name of Christ stands; while others are preparing to indigest in a humble and joyous fashion some thing of the spirit of self-sacrifice found in the Lord. Special lighting designed by the choir leader, Mr. E. Hansen, added greatly to the impressiveness of this Christmas service of worship.

NEW INFORMATION MAN WANTED BY UNO

—It happened years ago but only just now Archie Hepburn, one of the experts in the information bureau of the Canadian National Railways admitted to one occasion on which he was completely stumped. Actually, it was twenty-four years ago when Mr. Hepburn, with considerable knowledge of the East and further knowledge gained during railway construction work in the West, undertook the information desk at Winnipeg. During the first night there was a telephone call.
"When can I get a train to Uno?" queried the voice.
"Where are you going?" asked Mr. Hepburn.
"Uno."
"I don't know. Tell me where you are going."
"Uno" shrieked the angry voice.
"Why don't you have a man here who knows some thing."
"They do, madam, but just now he is out to supper. Can you call again later?"
After hanging up the receiver Mr. Hepburn checked the time table and to his surprise found that Uno was located between Rivers and Melville. Later on the matter was explained in a manner satisfactory to the good lady who had called and the episode terminated in a hearty laugh.

Ex-Wardens of Two Counties held Banquet in Brampton Church

O. R. Church, publisher of the Streetville Review, was for the seventh consecutive year, appointed secretary of the Peel and Halton Ex-Wardens' Association at their annual banquet held in the St. Paul's Church auditorium, Brampton, Friday evening, December 17th.

There were sixty ex-wardens and guests present for the banquet and an excellent dinner was provided by the ladies of the church. All parts of Peel and Halton were represented. G. F. Skinner, Port Credit, occupied the chair and conducted the program, which consisted of addresses, vocal number, elocution, etc. The principal speaker was Colonel T. L. Kennedy, member for Peel and Minister of Agriculture, who gave a very interesting address, instructive and humorous. Miss Ruby Armstrong was the elocutionist and captivated her audience. The soloist of the evening was Miss Pleasants, of Port Credit. She was accompanied on the piano by Rev. Mr. Osborne, also of Port Credit.

The following toasts were proposed and replied to: Our Visitors, Albert McBride and John Gilbert; The County Council Officials, Cecil Gott and David Wilson; The Ladies, W. A. Bates and Mrs. C. H. Readhead and Mrs. D. J. Lammy.

A hearty vote of thank was tendered to all who participated in the program and to the ladies of the church for their excellent catering. After the program the ex-wardens held the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, John Irving, Milton; vice-president, W. A. Bates, Brampton; executive committee, E. D. Maguire and W. Hostrawser for Peel; L. Kerns and Chas. Readhead for Halton. The next banquet will be held in Halton County.

DAD

He may may wear last year's hat, his fingeralls may need manuring, his vest may hang loose, and his pants may bag at the knees and his face may show signs of a second days' growth and the dinner bucket may be full of dents and doughnuts; but don't call him the "old man." He's your father. For years and years he has been rustling around to get things together. Never once has he failed to do the right thing by you. He thinks you are the greatest boy on earth bar none, even though you plaster your hair back, wear smart clothes, smoke cigarettes and fall to bring home a cent. He is the man who won the love and life partnership of the greatest woman on earth, your mother. He is "some" man and not the "old man." If you win as good a wife as he did, you will have to go some, boy.—Charlotte (N.C.) Desert Dust.

KARACHI

Large quantities of Australian wheat have been imported into India. During the six months last winter, 30,000 tons were imported into Karachi alone.
He went into poultry this year in a moderate way, and is using more grain than formerly. He says cleaning and grading pays good dividends both for grain and mash feeding. Then the proper ingredients according to formula can be incorporated. In spite of the bitter cold, our flock are producing over 30% and are only six month pullets, with a dozen yearlings. So many conditions enter into the successful handling of a poultry flock. Comfortable, well lighted and ventilated quarters, kept clean and vermin proof, with good feed and plenty of drink. We're fortunate in having plenty of skim milk and find they use more milk than water. Demand for eggs is keen, so we have no trouble with what surplus we have. Home this time of year, takes some. Now that winter has set in, bush work has taken on more importance. Prominence is being given in all the papers of advertisements in all the dozens and magazines. Most of the radio programs reserve space to tell of its importance and peculiar to say, it's farmers who are expected to rally to the call. A farmer has to be the country's most experienced man. When the need develops, he is supposed to be available with slight training, to perform any type of work and be available when the call comes. So farmers can be somewhat proud they are such an honored and much sought class.
We're fortunate in the country area to be so free of the flu, that is so prevalent so many places. The towns and villages haven't escaped but that's where people congregate, which seems to encourage its spread. Now I must close so my letter won't become too long.
To all my readers, to my many friends, and to The Editor and His Staff of The Acton Free Press a Merry Merry, Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.
Cordially Yours
R. W. JOHNSON.

NO TREE IS BIG ENOUGH

To hold the Happiness we wish all our friends for this Christmas and the years to come.

MacDonald's Bakery

The Bake Shop will be Closed ALL DAY MONDAY and No Delivery will be made.



To All Our Customers and Friends
Who for the past year have patronized us, we take this opportunity of wishing you
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Acton Exclusive Footwear Store

E. Braids, Prop.

Letters to the Editor

R. R. No. 1, Thornloe
Dear Frazz Pamas:
Now that the weather is so severe in this country particularly, and my old body is one that can't take it, I have a bit more time for the occasional friendly letter. All summer we have an excellent mail service, delivered out on the Rural Routes by auto, within an hour of its arrival by train. But when real winter sets in, like it has done the past week, with continued storms to block all the side roads and concessions, with bitter cold, the cars become useless, then our couriers have to go back to the horses and have a covered cab built on their sleigh, with room in front for a tiny stove. A comfortable seat is usually part of the interior. Our man uses a single car seat and his route is 34 miles so its a long trip, 3 days per week, usually taking him about eight hours.

He has a regular noon stopping place, where he has dinner, rests and feeds his team and during very bad, stormy weather, often changes horses. This week, owing to the change over coming rather sudden, he apparently wasn't prepared and we've missed two days mail. It's rather an annoyance, because mail always seems so important, either to send or receive, but will soon be corrected and become regular. After the roads filling up with continued storms, then it turned bitter cold. Thermometer dipping to 30 below and the following morning down to 46 below. It's not easy to take outside, but by continually string day and night, we've been able to keep it out.

We're among the fortunate ones having a good big pile of nice dry wood, so it's no hardship to keep warm inside.
From my perusal of a number of rural and farm papers, seed grain is a question that's occupying a great many minds just now. It seems to be scarce in a great many localities, in the south end of the province. Halton needs some thousands of bushels.
We farmers in the North are blessed this year with good crops and of exceptional good quality. Just now three local power driven seed cleaning plants that I know of are running at capacity, cleaning farmers' own requirements, also that which is being prepared for sale and export. One plant, our local one in Earlton, has already shipped one car of 2000 bushels and the price was 90c per bush, bags included, F.O.B. here. It seems rather a big price, \$2.70 per bag, but when one counts the price at the farm, \$1.50 per cwt. or three bus, then hauling to cleaner, 8c per cwt. for cleaning and grading, about 20% loss or scrap, 18 cents each for new bags, then the loading and tugging, one feels they have earned the difference.

It's expected about 8 or 10 car loads will be available from Earlton alone. Our farmer boy, Wilfred, has been hauling all his grain and having it cleaned. Then he says he knows positively just what he has and what he needs for both seed and feed.

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MERGER FAVORED

LONDON (CP)—A merger of two church organizations—the Ecclesiastical Commission and Queen Anne's Bounty—which between them have an income of approximately \$25,000,000 yearly, has been recommended by the financial commission of the Church of England Assembly.

PITBOY CHANGES MIND

NOTTINGHAM, England (CP)—Sydney Page, 18-year-old pitboy who started a strike in the Nottinghamshire coalfield in September by refusing to work underground has gone into the pits at last.
He went to prison after his refusal to work underground, but when the miners went out he offered to go below provided he was medically fit. Medical and X-ray reports showed that his health was in good condition.

GUARD KENYA'S WATER

NAIROBI (CP)—About a hundred picked natives are being trained to guard the quality and quantity of water throughout Kenya. They will work under the orders of honorary water wardens.
LONDON—Indirect taxes are varied in Britain. It is estimated that on an annual income of \$4,000 a married man with two children would pay about \$400 in indirect tax, in addition to \$1,600 in direct tax.

Our Very Best Wishes To You

We are saying it in person to all whom we can see. And to be sure that we have not missed anyone, we here and now send our Very Best Wishes to You for a Very Merry Christmas.

W. D. TALBOT

MILL STREET — ACTON, ONTARIO

Merry Christmas To All

Our Wish to One and All is that Your Christmas will be the Happiest Possible and the Year ahead bring Greater Joy and Happiness

Whitham's Garage

YOUNG STREET, ACTON — JOE WHITHAM

Men and Women of The Armed Services May Travel Anywhere By Bus

Between December 21st and January 5th

During this period the 50-mile bus travel restriction will not apply to members of the Armed Services nor to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Men and women of these services may travel between any points served by bus, going on or after December 21st and returning not later than January 5th.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION AT HAROLD WILES — PHONE 58

GRAY COACH LINES

JOHN MORRIS

John Morris, who regularly broadcasts to Japan from London, is the British Broadcasting Corporation's Far Eastern Program Organizer. He spent four years in Japan, as a University lecturer on English literature, and as an adviser to the Japanese Foreign Office. Because of this last, he was the only Englishman allowed to remain in Japan after the war.

Since his repatriation, in 1942, he has written a book on Japan called "Traveller from Tokyo." He knows the Japanese language, but broadcasts are given in English, which numbers of Japanese understand. Mr. Morris was formerly a major in the Gurkhas, in India and knows the East well.