

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Johnson of Toronto visited in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Dryden of Guelph visited Acton friends this week.

Mr. Thomas Watson who was visiting in Orangeville has returned home.

Mr. Arthur Heston of New Westminister, B.C. visited Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Watson last week.

Mrs. George Lee of Nassau Bahamas is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Mellor.

Mrs. James Sykes and Mrs. D. Taylor left yesterday on a trip to Washington, Atlantic City and New York City.

Mrs. John Williamson and Mrs. Fred Anderson accompanied Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Miss Luena Campbell and Mrs. David Edmore to Guelph on Saturday to attend the funeral of their cousin, the late Albert Leonard Price, well-known as a chiropractic practitioner.

Mrs. H. Malpas, Miss Robena Clark, Mrs. Murray Cole, Mrs. C. Hanson, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. R. O'Hara, Mrs. F. Blow, Mrs. E. J. Mansard, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. R. M. MacDonald from Knox Church, Acton attended the 25th Annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph on Tuesday.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lane, Hillsburg, Ont. wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Velma Grace, to John Joseph Close youngest son of Mrs. Tom Close and the late Mr. Tom Close, Acton, Ontario, the wedding to take place the latter part of January.

HAZARDS OF BEING A FATHER

A French-speaking Quebec editor admits to the following: His young son wanted an after-school job. Papa suggested that he try selling subscriptions to the paper. In a burst of enthusiasm, the editor offered to go along for the first cold canvass to show how the thing should be done. The boy was glad to help and had had such confidence in his father as an old hand at earning a living that he recommended they try the house of a stranger.

Finding a stranger was not easy for the well-known French editor, but with only a few twinges of misgiving he drove over to the English part of the city, where the rival English language paper held sway. The boy knocked hard on a door and then, as the door was opened, he stood trustfully aside for his father to win with a fine sales talk. One look at the big, glowering prospect standing in the doorway unnerved the editor. As a prospect the man was even worse than being English; he was Irish. The thing was in his face. It was in his voice too, when he told the editor that he didn't want a subscription. He said that he already subscribed to the English-language paper. He didn't know any French. What was the good of buying a French paper when he didn't understand a thing in it? "Besides" he said and this was the crushing item, "I already subscribe to your paper. I have it sent to my boy. He's away to school and says it helps in his French lessons."

The editor felt clearly beaten, but he also felt the eyes of his son speculatively upon him. "Your boy is getting so he reads French quite well," he asked in his careful English. The Irishman launched into a eulogy of his son's command of the language. "When your boy comes home on his holidays," said the editor, "it would be pleasant to be able to keep up with him. And as you have figured out, there's no better way to learn French than by reading French newspapers."

UNIQUE MEETING PLACE FOR MASTER MARINERS

A unique floating headquarters took up its position recently on the River Thames in the heart of London. It is the Lively Hall of the Honorable Company of Master Mariners. It is the only floating livery hall in the world and has been constructed from an admiralty sloop named after Wellington, the capital of New Zealand. It will serve as a central meeting place for Master Mariners from every country and form a centre where advice and information. The ship in the River Thames at Temple will remain permanently anchored in the River Thames at Temple Stairs.

Church News

United Church of Canada Acton, Ontario REV. LOUIS WICKHAMING Minister Parsonage—Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1949 First Sunday After Epiphany 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service 11:30 a.m.—The Children of the Church Our Church School meets at ten 7:00 p.m.—The Evening Service. The Minister will conduct both services. You are Welcome

Presbyterian Church in Canada KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1949 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service 12:15 — Sunday School 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Baptist Church ACTON Rev. CHAR. R. GOWER, Minister

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1949 10:30 a.m.—Sunday School 11:30 a.m.—Tempted but Untouched by Sin 8:00 p.m. Friday—B.Y.P.U.

St. Alban's Church (Anglican) Pastor—Rev. W. G. LANTAN, B.A.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1949 Epiphany II 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School 11:30 a.m.—Holy Communion and Beginner's Class 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Monday January 17th—The annual Vestry meeting. A Welcome Awaits You

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THE JAMES-MOORE WEDDING IN TORONTO CHURCH

At a candlelight ceremony in Simpson Ave. United Church, Toronto, Marion Grace Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Toronto, became the bride of Lloyd W. M. James, son of Mrs. S. G. Smith, Toronto, and the late William James. Rev. W. F. Banister officiated. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a mid-Victorian gown and her shoulder length veil was held with a coronet of seed pearls. Her flowers were red roses and white hyacinth petals. Maid of honor, Mrs. Raymond Toffenure, chose blue nylon net with headpiece of pale blue plumes and carried pale pink carnations. Donald Henricks was best man and the ushers were William Moore, the bride's brother and Kenneth Harris, the groom's brother-in-law. During the ceremony and the signing of the register, the soloist, Catharine Shaw, sang, "Because" and "Ave Maria," with E. Jamieson at the organ. After a reception at the St. Regis Hotel, the couple left on their honeymoon for Franklinville, N.Y., and Lake Placid. They will make their home in Toronto.

ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE EARTHQUAKES IN RECORD IN CANADA OCCURRED ALONG THE CENTRAL EAST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND ON JUNE 23, 1946.

LETTER BOX

Acton, Ontario, January 11, 1949 The Editor Acton Free Press Acton, Ontario Dear Sir:

Would it be asking to much, sir, for space on your front page for an item of real importance, expressing the thoughts of many local residents, particularly young people?

When are the skaters of Acton going to have some use of the local arena, apart from the children on Saturday morning and afternoon? For the past two seasons the arena has been closed several nights when it could have been and should have been open for public skating. Someone may tell you that skating does not earn sufficient revenue to make it worth while opening up, but the truth is that very few know when there is skating and who wants to walk down to the park on a cold winter night only to learn that the ice is being prepared for a hockey match the next night? Is there not sufficient time and better freezing conditions after 10:00 p.m. to make-ice for the next night? Perhaps many tax payers are not aware of this racket that is controlling our municipal arena. The mayor the management announce two definite nights for skating a week (mild weather ONLY excepted) the better for all concerned. From the opening of our arena, season of 1938-39, until it was closed for storage during the war, every Wednesday and Saturday night was skating night, with few exceptions, and much larger crowds attended. This statement will be verified by many former skaters. We had much more skating then and just as much hockey nearly always in the play-offs and once a provincial championship, 1938-39.

When the original petition went around Acton for citizens to guarantee so much cash each year that the rink did not pay its own way, the writer was one who signed in order to have an arena for skating and hockey, but now it is practically dominated by hockey interests. If the present management cannot provide two regular nights per week for skating without interfering with hockey or other engagements, it is time for a change of management. Wake up Acton, we have a rink, let us get the most out of it. There is revenue to earn while the weather is cold. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am Yours very truly A Citizen

DUBLIN INSTITUTE DECEMBER MEETING AT MRS. J. DENNIS

Mrs. John Dennis was hostess to the Dublin Women's Institute meeting in December with Mrs. Robertson presiding. Roll call was answered by telling of an outstanding Christmas remembered. Twenty-eight members responded. Mrs. Walker gave a splendid paper on Christmas customs in many lands. Mrs. Walker also gave a display of many useful and ornamental Christmas gifts made at home. Mrs. Barber spoke on the standing of hospitalization. Mrs. D. Barber, district director, gave a splendid report of the district directors' meeting at Milton. Miss M. Somerville reported on the rally at Limehouse. Mrs. W. Watkins and Mrs. VanGozen also attended this rally and assisted in giving a demonstration on public speaking. \$10 was voted to Save the Children Fund and to the British Care Fund. An exchange of gifts was held. A hot lunch was served by the hostess and committee and a social hour enjoyed.

\$10 BID FOR TORONTO TELEGRAM

Newspapermen are still arguing about the way British United Press got the result of the bidding for the Toronto Evening Telegram. Says Napier Moore in his Financial Post "Scratch Pad." Informed that the meeting at which the sealed tenders would be opened would be closed to the press. BUP itself put in a tender. It was for \$10. And, to fulfil the requirement that bidders must deposit 10 per cent of the amount offered, it was accompanied by a certified cheque for \$10.

Under the rules, the BUP's bureau manager, as a representative of a tenderer, was entitled to be present when the bids were opened. Thus, leaving the meeting, he was able to pass to his waiting reporter word that George McCullough has acquired the Telegram for \$3,610,000 before the official announcement was made.

Some members of the fraternity chuckle over what they consider was smart work, others doubt that it was ethical. We must say we found the incident rather refreshing. France has lightweight railway trains of pneumatic tires.

Eramosa Council Starts 100th Year At 1949 Session

Minutes and Records All In Order — Extracts of 1850 Meeting Are Read

The Council for the Township of Eramosa held its 100th Inaugural meeting on Monday at one o'clock in the Town Hall, Rockwood. The Clerk reported that at the Nomination meeting on November 26, 1948 Mr. D. D. Gray had been elected Reeve for the 11th consecutive time; Mr. E. H. Bonham was elected Deputy-Reeve; Ex-Reeve Jos. R. Hetherford, Messrs. Thos. G. Hutchinson and Fred L. Cox were elected Councillors, all by acclamation.

These gentlemen were sworn in by the clerk and declared to be the Council for the Township of Eramosa for the year 1949. Rev. John W. Oliver of Rockwood United Church opened the proceedings of Council with an appropriate address and prayers.

In his inaugural address, Reeve D. D. Gray expressed the pride of the Council and of the ratepayers in the competition of 99 years of municipal business with records intact showing that never had one dollar of public funds been stolen or otherwise dishonestly misused; he also mentioned the fact that no attempt had ever been made to unseat a member of the Eramosa Council for malfeasance or other default.

The clerk read extracts from the "Journal of the proceedings of the Municipal Council of the Township of Eramosa" incorporated by 12th Vic. Chap. 81. Dated January 1st, 1850.

Among the many visitors bringing greetings to the meeting, were Mr. Stanley Fulton, Road Supt. of the neighboring Township of Nassagaweya; Alderman Henry A. Hoaking of Guelph; Ex-Warden S. McLean of Fergus; Ex-Deputy Reeve Roy I. Leslie; Ex-Police Village Trustee C. H. Pearson; John Bonham, Mr. Russell Dwyer, Mrs. F. W. Dixon, Guelph; Trustees Chas. Young and James Mark of Eden Mills; Cliff McDougall of Eramosa; Mr. and Mrs. Marlinton of Eden Mills Athletic Association; Mrs. J. Gilbertson of Eden Mills W.I.; Mayor Gordon Rife and R. W. Gladstone of Guelph sent best wishes.

Council appointed officials as follows: Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and Relief Officer, Frank Day; Auditor, S. R. Reid; Weed Inspector, Wm. Hamilton; Assessor, Welcome R. Shaw; School Attendance Officer, Thos. D. McCutcheon; Road Supt. Percy R. Peavy; Live Stock Valuers, Geo. C. Payne and Lorne Allan; Pound Keepers, Robt. Alexander; Quail, Ken Patz; Four Councillors: Adam Weatherston, Everett; Henry Harden, Eden Mills; Leonard Gardiner, Rockwood; Fence Viewers, Geo. C. Payne; Thos. W. Cox, Geo. Grievie; Milton Swanston, Jos. L. Oakes, Frank Oatlander.

The bond on the treasurer was examined by Council and was declared to be satisfactory. Provision was made for borrowing up to \$50,000 as necessary and an appropriation was made for a similar amount for expenditures on roads.

The Reeve and Clerk were instructed to apply for the usual subsidy on road expenditure for 1949. Council agreed to the proposition of Eden Mills that \$200 of village funds be used to assist in the purchase of athletic grounds. An outstanding loan of \$800 from 1948 from the Royal Bank of Canada was confirmed.

The Clerk reported that the statutory Railway tax of \$114.35 had been absorbed in the maintenance of township patients in Ontario Hospitals. No action was taken on a request from Eden Mills that \$500 be paid to the Guelph Hospital Commission in return for assurance that the extra charge of \$1.00 per day would be eliminated for residents of Eden Mills.

Mr. Frank Day tendered his resignation as a municipal official effective April 30th or at such earlier date that might be convenient to Council. A resolution was passed accepting the resignation with regret stating that Council would miss the efficient services rendered and in-structing the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve to take necessary action concerning a successor.

Accounts passed amounted to \$4839.63 and council adjourned to February 7th, at 1 p.m.

GREAT TEACHER

Ten year-old Son (on-eight-seeing tour): "Hey Pop, what's that building?" Father: "I don't know." Son (later): "Pop what's that big sign for?" Father: "How should I know?" Son: "Say Pop you're not mad when I ask these questions, are you?" Father: "No son, it's the only way you'll ever learn anything."

AC-TEEN TOPICS

The recent appearance of the sun seems to have melted the possibilities of winter sports for at least a little while. No doubt the base was can be applied to skis, and everything prepared for that gigantic snowfall that must surely come to the hills of Acton.

At the Penguin Club last week there were several new and different items on the program. A suggestion box was conveniently located for the collection of ideas on the improvement of the Ac-Teen organization. Although the value of the suggestions has not been judged no doubt the future will see some of the results put into action.

A beauty contest of particular interest was staged at the regular do last week. The judges, six girls, masculine beauty authorities, presided over the contest for choosing the boy with the most feminine legs. Winners of this odd contest were Claire Hurra, and Jim Skelvingo. Each of them being awarded a dollar for their attractiveness. The spot dance of the evening was won by JoAnn Veldhuis and Mab How.

The Penguin room received a lot of attention during the evening, and as intermission progressed a sing-song issued forth from the hallowed haunts of the restful few.

An interview with a few invidious members of the club executive brings word of big doings at the end of the month with two visiting clubs and an evening of fun, excitement and surprises all planned.

More special events seem to be in the air and the club seems to be 'living up' last week everyone had barrels of fun merely because there was a little variation, something different. No doubt too, if the executive received a Mills volunteer co-operation rather than forced labour the lunch would be returned to the regular evening's agenda. If you have any suggestions no doubt the executive would be glad to hear from you. Perhaps a regular period of novelties would be an interesting feature for each week's program. And as one snowflake said to the other "Let's melt."

Bantam "C" and Midget Hockey Schedule for Season

Acton has two teams entered in Ontario Minor Hockey this season and double header games will be featured in the following schedule of play.

Bantam "C" Saturday, January 15th, 11:00 a.m.—Elmira at Elora. Saturday, January 15, 2:30 p.m.—Acton at Fergus. Monday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.—Fergus at Acton. Wednesday January 19, 7:00 p.m.—Elmira at Acton. Saturday, January 22, 2:30 p.m.—Elmira at Fergus. Saturday, January 22, 11:00 a.m.—Acton at Elora. Monday, January 24, 7 p.m.—Acton at Elmira (in Elora). Wednesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.—Fergus at Elora. Friday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.—Elora at Acton. Saturday, January 29, 2:30 p.m.—Fergus at Elmira (in Fergus). Monday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.—Elora at Fergus.

Midget "C"

Saturday, January 15, 4:00 p.m.—Acton at Fergus. Monday, January 17—9:00 p.m.—Fergus at Acton. Wednesday, January 19, 9:00 p.m.—Elmira at Acton. Saturday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.—Elmira at Fergus. Monday, January 24, 9:00 p.m.—Acton at Elmira (in Elora). Monday, January 31, 9:00 p.m.—Fergus at Elmira (in Fergus).

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