

# Personals

Miss Kay Brown visited with friends here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lorne visited friends in Acton over the holiday.

Mrs. G. H. Lantz and Carole Anne visited friends in Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. Jack Graham, of Toronto, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walters spent the holiday week-end at Ingersoll.

Miss Long, of Toronto, visited at the home of her brother over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Talbot spent the holiday at their cottage near Whitney.

Miss Margaret Garvin spent the week-end and holiday with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coon and boys visited friends in Dundalk during the holiday.

Miss Grace Lantz spent the holiday week-end with friends in Virginstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrowy McCutcheon and children of London spent the week-end in Acton.

Mrs. G. A. Dills, Miss Kay Brown and Dave Dills visited in Hanover on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McMillan and David spent the holiday with friends in Hamilton.

Mr. Gillings, now of Toronto, a native of Acton, England, called in Acton on the holiday.

Mr. Chester Wallace, of Toronto, spent the week-end with his sister, Miss Hannah Wallace.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Fobury and children of Hanover visited Acton friends on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Rumley and Job were at their cottage near Whitney for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haxard, of Stratford, spent the week-end with the former's parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wansborough and family of Toronto visited with his mother for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symon of Montreal visited with his mother and sister over the week-end.

Mrs. Mac Symon and Barbara spent a few days over the week-end at her home near Owen Sound.

Mr. Joseph Kaley, of Hamilton, visited with Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Phillips over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Leshman and Master Drew Leshman visited in Stratford during the week-end.

Miss Jean Smith and Miss Hattie Gram, of Toronto, renewed acquaintanceships in Acton on Saturday.

Mrs. George Warriner and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warriner of Toronto called on friends here one day last week.

Mrs. Edna Snyder and Mrs. Campbell of Toronto spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Jas. Symon.

Friends of Mrs. Dirk VanGosen will be glad that she is showing improvement following an operation at Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Annie Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn, David and Robert of St. Catharines, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilds attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Martin in the Anglican Church at Toronto on Saturday, May 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Mr. Donald Campbell of Toronto, Mr. Allen Kainer of St. Catharines visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson on the 24th.

Miss Aileen Murray, of Jamaica, Mr. Ernest Tash and Mr. and Mrs. Skeoch and family of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin and Frank Freeman, fifth line Erin, on Sunday.

Mrs. John Gibson, Mrs. George Elliot, Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hunter and daughters Carol and Jean of Hornby spent the holiday week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Stiles, Bracebridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Reid had a week-end enjoyable motor trip over the week-end calling at the Provincial Reformation Station at Midhurst, Penetanguishene, Midland and through the beautiful Muskoka District as far north as Bracebridge.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilds over the week-end were: Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Martin, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomson and baby; Judith, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Soanaki, Waterloo; Mrs. John Selinger, of Bridgeport; Mr. Ivan Martin, Baden; Mr. James Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Martin and Rosemary, R.R. 1 Acton.

# Church News

**United Church of Canada**  
Acton, Ontario  
REV. LOUIS PICKERING  
Minister  
Parsonage—Bower Avenue  
You Are Welcome At Any Hour

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 1949  
11:00 a.m.—The Hour of Common Worship  
11:30 a.m.—The congregation of the Children of the Church.  
Our Church School Assemblies at 10:00 p.m.—The Evening Service.

**Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG  
M.A., Minister

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 1949  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class  
7:00 p.m.—Divine Worship.  
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"

**Baptist Church**  
ACTON  
Rev. CHAS. R. GOWER, Minister

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 1949  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:30 a.m.—The Holy Test.

**St. Alban's Church**  
(Anglican)  
Rector—Rev. W. G. LUSTON, B.A.

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 1949  
Sunday After Ascension Day  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Beginners' Class  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer  
A Welcome Awaits You

# GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT AT MILTON



Pictured above is the car in which Sam Smith, well known Milton industrialist, was killed, at a grade crossing at the east end of Milton, when struck by a fast C.P.R. passenger train, last week. The train rammed into the side of Mr. Smith's car, carrying it nearly 200 feet from the crossing. Photo by Ross Pearson



Sam Smith, 63, of 147 Strathearn Road, Toronto, who was killed last week, when his car was demolished in a grade crossing accident last week. Photo by Ross Pearson

# Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1899

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 25th, 1899

Mr. W. H. Denny has sold the brick house on Church Street, belonging to Patrick Kelly, of Buffalo, to Mr. Rufus Warden, of Georgetown for \$600.

The section men of the G. T. R. here went out on strike on Monday morning with 1800 others employed by the G. T. R. system.

A quiet wedding was consummated at the home of Mrs. Mary C. Orr last Wednesday evening when her youngest daughter, Kate, was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Mark Sutton, Rev. E. I. Crawford, the pastor of the young couple, performing the ceremony. Miss Mamie Macaula was the bridesmaid and the groom was supported by Mr. A. T. Brown.

Mr. David Henderson, M.P. has taken very commendable steps in urging the government to take immediate steps to recall all the twenty-cent silver coins now in circulation. The business community and the public generally find them a nuisance, and will be very grateful to Mr. Henderson.

Mrs. W. H. Storey was in Guelph on Saturday visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Dryden. Mr. Hugh Campbell who has been deputy registrar of Halton for a quarter of a century, has resigned.

# DIED

CAMPBELL. In Acton on Monday, 22nd May, Archibald Campbell, aged 88 years.

# WERE TREATY LEADS

The Atlantic Treaty, as Canadian spokesmen have always insisted, must be more than a temporary alliance against a particular danger, states The Financial Post. It calls for co-operation in economic and cultural as well as in military matters. The safety of all the signatories demands that they live up to this pledge, for the Russian technique of aggression calls for economic as well as military defenses. Any area of poverty and discontent is a weak spot. If Western Europe had not had the material support and the moral backing of E.R.P. during the last critical year, the boundaries of Communism would now be a lot nearer to this hemisphere than they actually are.

Under the European Recovery Program Canada has been a beneficiary rather than a contributor. Under the North Atlantic Treaty she may be called on to help to arm her allies in Europe. The U.S. Congress will be asked for \$1,250 millions for this purpose. Canada will also have to take the share of the burden within her means. If that seems costly think what it would cost to have Western Europe overrun by communism.

# AIR CAR-FERRY

Silver Airways Ltd., an associate of British European Airways Corporation, has instituted a schedule of air car-ferry service operating four times a day each way across the English channel between Lympne in Kent, and Le Touquet in France. The fare for the single journey will be \$12 for cars up to 12 h.p., including four passengers and luggage. The service is run with Bristol Freighter Aircraft and started operating on April 14th.

Ocean waves reach a height of 50 to 60 feet off the Cape of Good Hope.

# Diaries of Local Pioneer Given to Western University

Rare and valuable records of life in Southern Ontario a century ago were given to the Lawman Library of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.

They are the diary and personal letters of John Newton who went to Halton County from Ireland in 1842 and kept a detailed account of his experiences in England, Ireland and Canada.

They were given to the university by James F. and John Newton grandsons of Mr. Newton who operate an insurance firm in Sarnia.

"These records fill in an important chapter in the history of Irish immigration," stated Dr. J. J. Talman, chief librarian after a preliminary examination.

Included in the trove are a diary in three volumes, another volume involving a journal and letters, two copies of a rare piece of Canadiana, unrecorded in any bibliography and previously not known here. The last is a volume of poems by Mr. Newton, "The Immigrants and Other Pieces," printed by J. Robertson in Hamilton in 1846.

Other pieces of literature included a copy of the Walkerton newspaper, The Bruce Weekly Herald, of 1861, comparatively early for this region, early medical and other technical books and a photograph of the Newton family.

"We are fortunate to get this Newton diary," said Dr. Talman. "From it we will be able to find many forgotten facts about how people made a living when they came to this country 100 years ago. There are few such records because among the settlers who were observed not many could write and chances of these old records surviving were not good. Another valuable aspect of the Newton letters is that they represent a two-way correspondence between Mr. Newton and his wife who lived in Ireland."

The personal stories told in the letters was a happy ending to a near tragedy because for a time after Mrs. Newton left Ireland to join her husband in Canada he lost all trace of her.

The diary and letters remained for many years in the former family home an old stone building in Lambhouse near Acton which had been a tavern before the Newton family moved into it.

Dr. G. L. Smith, a graduate of Western and Professor of history at Wayne University, was instrumental in securing the books from the Newton family for the library.

When the farmhouse was sold a few years ago the documents were taken by the Newtons to Sarnia.

From the diary it is learned that John Newton was born in 1812 in the Village of Tong, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. His father who mined coal lost his money and died. Newton went to work in a woolen factory and later in a coal mine until he was 17. But he had picked up an education and became superintendent in a worsted mill in Ireland. When this business failed he tried to re-establish the business in France, but without success. Then he came to Canada and taught school and worked for a woolen manufacturer until he was able to start his own mill.

# U.S. LAND VALUES

The first drop in ten years in national average of land values is reported in the United States. During the four-month period ending February 28th, 1949, land values showed a decline of one per cent from the level of November, 1948. The volume of voluntary farm sales declined by 12 per cent during the year ending March 1949.

# MAY MEETING OF SCOTCH BLOCK INSTITUTE HELD AT MRS. C. SERVICE

The May meeting of the Scotch Block W.I. met at the home of Mrs. C. Service on May 12th with the president in the chair. The regular business was carried on. The Finance Convener reported the different ways they had planned to make money during the year and the refreshment committee discussed the menu to be served at the banquet in the Town Hall, Milton. Our Home Economics Convener gave a splendid recipe for Pineapple Jam \$25.00 was to be donated to the Crippled Children and the same to the Salvation Army. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. G. McGibbon were appointed Representatives to the Children's Aid Society. Mr. Dredge, Mrs. L. Willis and Mrs. G. McGibbon are to be a committee to look after the Milton Fair exhibit. It was decided to have a bazaar in the fall and to have the copper boxes another year and also the Roll Call contest. Mrs. D. Allen and Mrs. N. Lawson were appointed captains for the copper boxes and Mrs. D. McGibbon and Mrs. G. Hopkins captains for the Roll Call contest.

The Roll Call, "your favourite radio program and why was responded to by all present. Mrs. R. Dredge read a paper on the Institute Prayer and told of its background and the author, Mary Stewart. Mrs. Murray gave the report of the officer's conference on the day of May 3 and Mrs. Service continued with the program that followed at night. Mrs. C. Hardy conducted a contest won by Mrs. F. Grant, also a draw. The one that drew the lucky ticket won a parcel each one putting in the amounting to \$2.30. The National Anthem brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close after which a splendid lunch was served.

# Engagements

Canadian railways are turning to the use of diesel locomotives in order to reduce high operating costs.

The engagement is announced of Elton Howey, daughter of Mrs. James Russell and the late Lorne B. Howey, of Halleybury to Wallace James Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Read, of Toronto. The marriage will take place on June 25, 1949, at 10 o'clock in Blessed Sacrament church, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cairns announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Elsie Ilena, to John C. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson, of Millgrove. The wedding to take place in St. David's Church, Campbellville, Saturday, June 11th, at 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Hill, of Brampton, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Vivian Elizabeth, to James Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan W. Camp of Campbellville. Marriage is to take place in Christ Church, Brampton, Saturday, June 4th.

# THE MILNE-CRIPPS WEDDING AT MANSE ON SATURDAY

Knox Presbyterian Manse was the scene of a lovely wedding on Saturday, May 21st, when Ella Mae Cripps, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cripps, Church Street, became the bride of Kenneth Ramsey Milne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne, Rockwood.

The bride looked charming in a floor length gown of white nylon sheer over satin, fashioned with off the shoulder bodice and wearing a finger tip veil draped from a head-dress of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses.

She was attended by Miss Bertha Ingles who chose a floor length gown in rose beige shade with matching head-dress and carried Johanna Hill roses.

The groom was attended by his brother James Milne of Rockwood. Mrs. Jas. Bradshaw presided at the piano and played the wedding march and during the signing of the register.

Rev. R. H. Armstrong officiated, this being his first wedding since coming to Acton.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Miss and Misses were in profusion. The bride's mother wore navy and white. The groom's mother, black and aqua, both wearing corsages of roses and lily of the valley.

The bride's table was pretty with Scottish lace cloth centered with the bride's cake which was flanked by pink tapers and pink and white flowers. Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole served the wedding luncheon.

For a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other points, the bride donned a tailored suit in grey tone with black accessories and wore a corsage of yellow roses.

This young couple were the recipients of many useful gifts and good wishes from friends and on their return will make their home on Church Street, Acton.

Guests were present from Brantford, Guelph, Rockwood, Everton, Georgetown, Acton and District.

# AUSTRALIAN TRACTORS

There has been a great shortage of farm tractors in Australia for the past ten years. Estimated annual demand for all types is placed at 10,000 while requirements during the next few years are in excess of 20,000.

During March the first Australian made farm tractor came off the assembly lines at a plant in Victoria which will eventually produce 1,000 machines annually. A second plant is expected to be in operation within the next few weeks. Local production by both plants is expected to reach 4,000 units annually.

Meanwhile it is officially reported that importation of 34,563 farm tractors has already been scheduled during 1949 and 1950. These will be supplied by Great Britain, the United States and the European countries, including France and Italy.

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**"Rose of Washington Square"**

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Louis Hayward, Janet Blair, in  
Robert Stevenson's Beloved Story  
**"BLACK ARROW"**  
PLUS  
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**"MONTANA MKE"**

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