

Personals

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

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Kennedy, Toronto, visited at her home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gordon and Nancy, Toronto, visited here on Sunday.

Mrs. R. M. McDonald is spending the holiday season with her son and family in Detroit.

Mrs. J. C. Leslie left this week by plane for her home in the west after attending the funeral of her sister, Miss Pearl Bell.

Mrs. A. Buchanan Sr. left on December 10th to spend Christmas with her daughter in Stratton, making the trip by plane.

The friends of Mrs. James Symon are glad that she is improving following an operation in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, two weeks ago.

Mrs. M. Creasy and Mr. George Elliott Sr. are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wansborough, Toronto, expect to spend New Year's in New York city, they are leaving for West Palm Beach, Fla., where they will stay for the winter months.

The friends of Mr. D. G. McLellan were glad that he was able to return home on Thursday from the Kitchener Hospital, where he had been confined following an accident which he sustained a week or two previously.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron, of Innisfail, Alberta, announce the engagement of their daughter, June Helen, to Mr. Alexander Freeman Brown, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ralston Brown, of Calgary, Alta. The marriage to take place December 26th at Innisfail.

American Pays U. S. Premium Makes Suggestion

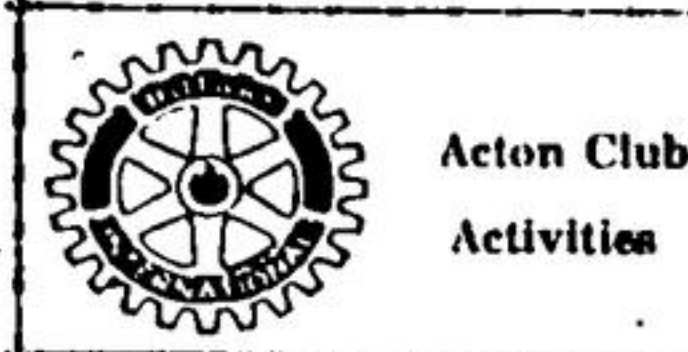
Christmas brings a lot of fine thoughts and messages and the editor of the Free Press gets a share and appreciates every one. But this letter from Charlie McCann from Belleville, New Jersey was an unusual that we share it with our readers. Charlie served his apprenticeship in printing in the Free Press before the editor was in school and is one of the ace linotype operators on a daily in New Jersey. But here's the letter.

Mr. Dills,
Editor Free Press
Dear Sir:
Enclosed you will find money order for Free Press subscription (\$3.00), not wishing to risk our premium bills in the heavy Christmas mail.

A thought: If all American readers of Canadian old home papers could send subscriptions in American bills it would help to bring exchange rate even. Can your Press Conference solve problem?

The Free Press is top value for anyone's money.

Charles E. McCann
139 Chestnut St.,
Belleville, N.J.



Acton Club Activities

Tuesday was the Christmas dinner of Acton Rotary Club with turkey and Christmas pudding and all the trimmings. A number of the elderly men of Acton were guests of the Club. The appreciation of the Club's hospitality was very ably expressed by W. J. Gould.

Secretary J. Royston reported on the distribution of Christmas baskets in co-operation with Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. and also of the Crippled Children work.

Christmas cards and songs were featured on the program. President Alf Long reported on Christmas shopping Acton Club had done for an American club and the letter of appreciation received.

Canada in 1948 exported full-fashioned hosiery to 34 foreign markets and due to the shortage of dollars in many countries has not yet recaptured completely pre-war overseas trade.

Canadian mothers have given birth to six sets of quadruplets but the Donnas still stand alone so far as quintas are concerned.

Church News

United Church of Canada
Acton, Ontario
REV. LOUIS PICKERING
Minister
Parsonage—Hower Avenue
Miss O. M. Lampard, A.T.O.M.,
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1949
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Subject, "The Babe of Bethlehem"
7:00 p.m.—Subject—Good Tidings of Great Joy.
Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, B.A. will conduct both services
All are cordially invited

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1949
Christmas Services
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
12:15 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Service of Song
"For unto you is borne this day a Saviour."

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1949
11:30 a.m.—"The Manger and the Throne"
Combined Sunday School and Church Christmas Service.
Friday—B.Y.P.U. Cancelled.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
11:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve. Holy Communion.
CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. Sunday School scholars will attend this service.
The evening service has been withdrawn.
A Welcome Awaits You



In a sincere wish that you and your family may gather together this year for a merry, merry Christmas!

VanWyck Cleaners

Our thanks for your patronage in 1949. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

BROWN'S
Fruit and Grocery

Do You Need a Plumber?

PHONE 319w
John Calder
CHURCH ST., ACTON
Let Me Estimate For Your New Bathroom



We want you to have something that cannot be placed beneath the tree—our best wishes of the season.

E. Braida Shoe Store

UNITED CHURCH W.M.S. NAMES OFFICERS 1950 AT PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Mason on Tuesday with the 1st vice-president, Mrs. B. Mowat, presiding. Mrs. R. Arnold, in charge of the program, took as her theme "Christmas service and our faith in Jesus Christ." Opening worship service was conducted by Miss Malprize and the devotional "Faith" was in charge of Mrs. Thomson. Mrs. J. J. Stewart gave a reading. Mrs. C. L. Poole conducted a carol service telling the authors and origin of each carol, a verse of which was sung. She also read a paper on "Love" which was much enjoyed. The Society sent a plant to Mrs. E. J. Caldwell who has had to resign as president on account of illness. Cards will also be sent to the sick and shut-ins.

The officers for the Society for 1950 are as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. E. J. Caldwell; President, Mrs. M. Z. Bennett; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. B. Mowat; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. A. Dills; Recording Secretary and Press, Miss E. Hawthorne; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Lambert; Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. A. Dills; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Brown.

The Secretaries of the various departments include: Temperance, Miss D. Simmon; Mission Band, Mrs. L. Lovell; Christian Stewardship and Finance, Mrs. Thomson; Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave; Supply, Mrs. J. Moore; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. A. T. Brown; Associate Helper, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; Life Membership, Mrs. J. Lambert; Pianist, Mrs. R. R. Arnold; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. M. Burns; Auditors, Mrs. F. Cleave, Mrs. C. L. Poole; Official Board, Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

The Connaught Tunnel through Mount Macdonald in the Rockies is more than five miles long.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of ROBERT PERRY WATSON, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Confectioner, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert Perry Watson, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Confectioner, who died on or about the First day of April, 1949, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned before the Seventh day of January, 1950, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed.

Dated at Acton this Fifteenth day of December 1949
C. F. Leatherland, Acton, Ontario,
Solicitor for Thomas Watson, EXECUTOR.

Obituary

MISS PEARL C. BELL
Born in Nassagaweya Township and a life-long resident of this district, Miss Pearl Clifford Bell passed away last Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, at the age of 64 years. Miss Bell had been in failing health for some months.

Miss Bell was a graduate nurse of Edmonton General Hospital and followed her profession for several years in Calgary, Alta. Fifteen years ago she came back to Acton to care for her aged parents, Alex and Susan Bell. Through all these years she has been a dutiful daughter and gave them loving care in their declining years. Her father passed away in April, 1947 and mother in her ninety-second year. She had her constant attention and loving care since that time. She was a member of Knox Church, Acton.

Besides her mother, Miss Bell leaves one sister, Mrs. J. C. Leslie (Agnes), of Calgary, Alta., who has been home since her illness. The sympathy of many friends here goes to them in their bereavement. The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at the Victoria B. Rumley Funeral Home and Rev. H. Armstrong, her minister, was assisted by Rev. Mr. Luxton, of St. Alban's Church. Many friends gathered and floral offerings also bore tribute of friendship and esteem. Pallbearers were Messrs. Tom McMillan, Linas McMillan, Edw. Cardie, Wilfred Kennedy, Edward Dudge and Harold Bell.

MRS. ANNA PENTLAND
Mrs. Anna Pentland, mother of Mrs. J. K. Gardiner, passed away last Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph where she had been a few days after suffering a fractured hip. She was eighty-seven years of age. For the past thirty years since the death of her husband she has resided with members of her family and for the past seven years has been with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Gardiner.

Mrs. Pentland was born in Dunrobin, a daughter of the late John and Phoebe Kerr. She was twice married, her first husband being George Livingstone and later she married James Pentland who passed away thirty years ago.

Five of her family remain to reverse her memory: James Livingstone, Collingwood; Mrs. J. J. Jeffrey, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. J. Rotz, North Battleford, Sask.; Mrs. J. K. Gardiner, Acton; and George F. Livingstone, Montreal. One sister and a brother also survive her, Mrs. E. F. Burke, Midland and Mr. E. V. Kerr, Camrose, Alta.

The funeral service was held in Acton at the Victoria B. Rumley Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, assisted by Rev. C. L. Poole. Mrs. Pentland attended the United Church here.

The remains were taken to Collingwood on Monday where a service at the Trott Funeral Home there was largely attended by many friends in her home community. Service there was conducted by Rev. Mr. Kerr. Pallbearers were Chalmers Goraline, Dr. R. E. Robinson, Jas. Brown, Douglas McArthur, Duncan Currie, Alfred Leitch. Interment was in the mausoleum at Collingwood.

Mrs. Margaret Sophia Watson, Resident of the Churchill district for over fifty years, Mrs. Margaret Sophia Watson passed away on Thursday of last week at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph in her eighty-second year. She had been ill only a day or so and in fact had taken part in the arranging of Christmas baking.

Born in Garrafraxa Township near Orton, Margaret Sophia Stauffer was a daughter of the late John Stauffer and Margaret Ann Foster. In 1896 she married John Snyder and came to the Churchill district on the farm there. He died in 1900. In 1912 she married the late William Watson, who died in 1936. Two daughters remain to reverse her memory, (Margaret) Mrs. Chas. Robinson, North Bay and (Annie) Mrs. Annie Moore at home. A brother and sister also remain, Abraham Stauffer of Slettler, Alberta and Mrs. Hedley Hart of Cochrane, Alberta.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon with service in Churchill United Church in charge of Mr. Gibbs, minister, and assisted by Mr. Marsh. Burial was in Churchill Cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Lionel Watson, Lloyd Stauffer, Clifford Stauffer, Byron Stauffer, Clyde Barton and Fred Millar.

Many beautiful floral tributes also bore testimony of sympathy and esteem and the flower bearers were Harry Collier, Jas. Adams, Geo. Leslie, Murray Talbot, Leslie Swackhamer and Wallace Swackhamer.

RELIEF
"Gosh, I need ten bucks and I don't know where to get it."
"I'm glad of that. I was afraid you thought you would get it from me."
—Current Cop.

Eramosa Board Asks Dept. Grant Title No. 2 School Ground

At a special meeting of the Eramosa Township School Board in No. 10 school on December 15th the secretary was instructed to request that the Department of Highways grant title, as soon as possible, to the new school grounds for No. 2 School to allow for immediate commencement of necessary operations.

Mr. T. W. Saunders and Mr. G. F. Swanson were appointed a committee to secure plans from the O. A. C. for a new school similar to No. 10 with slight alterations.

No action was taken on the renewed suggestions that National Film Board pictures be shown in the schools.

Present at the meeting were E. H. McCannell, H. Adsett, G. F. Swanson, T. H. Saunders and Inspector W. R. McVittie.

The Eramosa Township School Board held its final meeting for the year in Rockwood School on December 7th.

Mr. Hugh Sampson interviewed the Board, urging the consideration of larger school units when new building is in prospect. He suggested the remodeling of the Speedside School and the discontinuance of transportation to Guelph for Manual Training and Household Science.

A letter from the Ontario Teachers' federation requested the Board to adopt the new Salary Schedule with a minimum of \$1800. By resolution the Board announced its intention of adopting the new schedule in September 1950.

One tender was received for a new No. 2 school. In the absence of the Inspector, the matter was laid over along with the question of pupil insurance.

The personnel committee reported a vacancy at No. 10 school at December 31st. Mrs. M. B. Storrie was appointed to the position.

The bus contractor was requested to call at all schools in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Items 1, 2 and 4 of the Inspector's report on No. 1 School were referred to the Secretary for appropriate action. Covered receipts for the refuse were ordered for all schools in accordance with recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health.

The Secretary was instructed to supply the local press with minutes of Board meetings and to print and distribute annual reports as usual. Accounts amounting to \$3311.55 were passed for payment.

Present at the meetings were Messrs. E. H. McCannell, G. F. Swanson, H. Adsett and T. W. Saunders. Chairman Wm. H. Hindley presided at the meeting and expressed his appreciation to the Board for their co-operation during the past year.

Our Sincerest Wishes

For the very merriest Christmases and the Happiest of New Years' go to one and all

Whitham's Garage

Acton Creamery Limited

GRADE A LARGE EGGS GRADE A MEDIUM EGGS
32c DOZEN 30c DOZEN

BUTTER 63c/LB.

WE WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

ATTENTION League Bowlers!

There will be no league Bowling during the Christmas holidays.

OPEN BOWLING EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Turkey Roll for high triple Christmas week. Everybody eligible.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

Acton Bowling Lanes

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Last Minute Suggestions

SHIRTS \$1.98 to \$8.50
PYJAMAS \$3.98 to \$6.95
TIES 65c to \$2.00
SLIPS \$1.85 to \$4.50
HOSIERY \$1.39 to \$1.65
NIGHTIES \$2.85 to \$7.50
PANTIES 2 for \$1.00

Eisen's Clothing Store
Main St., Acton.