

LOCAL NEWS

—There has been a great deal of activity at all the churches in town this week.

—The girls of Beardmore and Co. office held a Christmas party on Monday evening.

—There's still time to arrange for a gift subscription to the Free Press for a thoughtful Christmas gift!

—The school children and teachers began their Christmas holidays this week. They return to school on January 3.

—The thermometer dropped to zero this week as cold, clear weather with not much snow precedes Christmas.

—There were good congregations at all of the local churches last Sunday, with special music and Christmas messages.

—Not much snow mentioning how many days till Christmas! Certainly all the youngsters know anyone who still has shopping to do.

—The strings of colored lights across the highway and the gay Christmas tree at the post office make the town attractive these cold evenings.

—Tuesday was the shortest day of the year.

—The Robert Raikes Sunday school certificates and seals were presented at St. Alban's Sunday school on Sunday, for attendance during the year.

—Santa Claus was busy on Friday evening, when he visited the Sunday school programs at four different churches! He managed to arrive at each one on schedule.

—White gifts were presented at the Sunday school of Knox church last Sunday morning, for the Halton Children's Aid society. A tree was placed in the S.S. room for the Christmas season.

—Four special Christmas anthems were sung at the Christmas service in the United church Sunday morning. The church was filled for the service when Rev. E. Currey preached a timely message.

—Some of the most striking Christmas cards mailed to the Free Press and some sprigs of holly sent from British Columbia have been in the Free Press display window this week. One of the most interesting cards is from Don McNeill's Breakfast Club.

HORSES PERISH IN NELSON BARN FIRE LOSS \$10,000, PARTIALLY INSURED

Fire which turned the slope of a hill into a fairyland Christmas glow and illuminated the countryside for miles, completely destroyed a large frame barn together with two valuable horses, farm implements and produce, owned by H. MacLennan, Nelson township, Tuesday night. The loss is estimated at over \$10,000 on which partial insurance was carried.

Mr. MacLennan, former manager of the Royal Connaught Hotel at Hamilton, could not explain the blaze, as when it was first noticed by him and his wife from their residence at the top of the hill, the barn was completely enveloped. He placed a call to the Nelson fire department also responded to give assistance but the place was doomed from the first.

The barn, situated on the fourth

concession and the old Guelph Line, about a mile and a quarter south of Mount Nemo, was a prominent landmark in the community. It was about 50 feet square, of frame construction on a stone foundation.

The farm is operated by Chester Murray and his two sons, Kenneth and David. The two boys tried to bring out the horses, which were pure bred jumpers, but it was no use. The implements lost included an orchard sprayer, hay mower, two furrow plow, hay rack, grain chopper, besides lumber and a large quantity of apples, some hay and straw and a buzz saw. Mr. Murray had been in the barn shortly before 7 p.m. and at 7:30 it was a mass of flames. Fire chief W. R. Mills could not estimate the cause as no one could get near on account of the intense heat.

FIRE SAFETY SUGGESTIONS FOR A MERRY FIRE-SAFE CHRISTMAS

Another Christmas season is here and again the public must carefully consider the dangers which lie in the careless and improper use of decorations. Many of these decorations are made of highly flammable material. However, Christmas being the joyful festive season that it is, tends to make us forget the ever-present danger of fire in the gay tinsel and glittering lights so frequently used.

The Yuletide fire loss statistics for the past number of years form such a consistent pattern that we can almost predict the number of deaths and disastrous fires which will occur this coming season. Sadly enough, the helpless children seem to be the most frequent victims, yet the decorations are up for their particular benefit.

In choosing your tree, obtain one which has been freshly cut and not too large. Remember, the larger the tree, the greater the potential hazard. Do not have the tree in the house longer than necessary. Keep it outside in the snow until you are ready to set it up. Just before setting up, saw the trunk diagonally at least one inch above the original cut. Then support the tree in a good solid stand in such a position that the diagonal cut can be completely immersed in water. The tree will absorb the water rapidly, therefore the water level must be checked daily. The tree should be situated in such a position that it does not block an escape route should it catch fire. Take down as soon as possible after Christmas.

One of the most common causes of Christmas tree fires is the colorful lights that decorate the tree. These lights should carry the approval label of the Underwriters' Laboratories and each connection and socket should be checked for fraying and damage. There should not be more than four sets on each house circuit and this circuit should be backed up with a fuse not over 15 amperes. All electrical decorations should be turned off before retiring or leaving the house.

Due to the use being made of celluloid and flammable plastics in the manufacture of gifts and children's toys many of these items are found to be highly flammable. There are also many toys on the market which operate on alcohol or gasoline and the danger inherent in some of these playthings must be appreciated.

Only metal, glass, asbestos or should be used to decorate the house and above all, allow no smoking near the Christmas tree. The fireplace must not be over-

loaded and a substantial screen should be placed in front of the open hearth to prevent the possibility of flying sparks. Each year the death of some good-hearted would-be Santa Claus is recorded because of his costume or simulated beard being set afire. Furthermore, many of the children's gifts include flimsy paper or cloth costumes which, when ignited, transforms the child into a human torch. On y flames-proofed material should be used in these costumes.

Church candlelight services have ended in funeral services in past instances. Safety battery candles, if used in this type of service, are just as effective and are safer than open-flame candles.

Panic is just as responsible as fire itself for many unnecessary deaths. Pre-planning will assist greatly in handling an emergency should it occur. Keep calm, call the fire department immediately and walk, don't run, to the nearest exit.

I trust that you will do all in your power to make this Christmas a firesafe one in your own home. Children are the usual victims when tragedy caused by fire strikes in the home. Let us all help to attain a Merry Firesafe Christmas for all.

This Week's Photos For Next Week

We regret that the engravings intended for publication in this week's issue have been delayed in the Christmas transportation rush. They will appear in next week's issue. We presume, of course, that prior to that the Christmas rush will be over.

Fun With Purpose Theme of New Toys

There is record good news for parents as well as children in Santa's bumper crop of playthings ready for 1964 Christmas trees, reports the American Toy Institute.

Prices are about the same or lower than last year.

New toys put major emphasis on "fun with a purpose" with a wide selection of career training projects designed to appeal to every age group from the crib set to teenagers.

There is a variety of new toys designed to give value to the acquisition of good grooming, eating, and sleeping habits.

Toyland is more than keeping up with grownup scientists, providing a selection of three-dimensional scenery for train sets, super-streamliner cars, strato planes as well as space guns and space ports, and new thrills for dedicated young cowboys and cow girls continue to top the best seller list.

An important new trend in 1964 toylands spotlights "how to do it" kits

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WANT-ADS

FOR QUICK RESULTS

Births, Marriages Deaths, Etc.

BORN

PECK—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Peck (Beale Reid), Georgetown, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Bruce Alexander, on December 2, 1964 at Guelph General Hospital.

DIED

HARRIS—William Harris of Rockwood, Ont., in his 81st year, husband of Edith A. Walker (deceased) and father of Edgar W. Harris of Rockwood.

A private funeral was held on Saturday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, with interment in Rockwood cemetery.

RAMSHAW—At the home of her daughter, 18 Edenbridge Court, Kingsway, Toronto, on Friday, December 17, 1964, Gertrude M. Chisholm, in her 88th year, wife of the late Alexander Ramshaw; dear mother of Jess (Mrs. Frank Mantoni), and the late Clifford and Chisholm Ramshaw.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley Funeral Home Monday afternoon, December 20, Interment Fairview cemetery, Acton.

SWITZER—On Sunday, December 19, 1964, at Acton, Rhoda Priscilla Ingram, in her 88th year, beloved wife of Joseph Cowan Switzer and dear mother of Mrs. (Mrs. D. Ismond), Jean (Mrs. F. Whittam), Irene (Mrs. J. E. Bloom), Arnold, Marjorie (Mrs. L. Fisher), Fred and Doris (Mrs. Ted Brown).

Funeral service was held on Wednesday at St. Stephen's Anglican church, Honey, Interment, St. Stephen's church cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

BLOW—In loving memory of Mr. Fred Blow, who passed on December 23, 1945. Lovingly remembered always, wife and family.

CARDS OF THANKS

Bus Morton would like to thank friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown him while in the hospital and since returning home.

Mr. R. Cross would like to thank all those who were so kind to him during his stay in Guelph General Hospital, also Dr. Garrett and the hospital staff for their kindness.

Coming Events

This office cannot be responsible for conflicting dates of events

Bible Society F. Reside, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, December 26, Knox church Sound film Annual meeting and election of officers

The Erin Fire Department will hold their regular Firemen's Dance on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 1964. Music by Debora's orchestra. Admission: \$3.00 per couple.

Halton County Junior Farmers' annual New Year's Eve Frolic, in Trafalgar Hall, Friday, December 31, 1964. Dancing 9:30. Novelty and favors. Admission: \$2.50 a couple or \$1.50 per person.

CHRISTMAS PARTY at Steuartown Hall December 28. Euchre at 8:30 sharp. Dancing to Doris Hull. Lunch provided. Good prizes for euchre and novelty dances. Admission: 50c. Sponsored by Balfinad Women's Institute. a-23-2

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of FRANCIS J. LINGARD, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Francis J. Lingard, late of the Town of Acton, in the County of Halton, Tanner, deceased, who died on or about the Twentieth day of August, 1964, are hereby notified to send to the undersigned solicitor for the Executor on or before the Thirty-first day of December, 1964, full particulars of their claims. After that date the Executor will proceed to distribute the Estate having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

DATED at Acton, Ontario, this Seventh day of December, 1964.
C. F. LEATHERLAND,
Solicitor for the Executor. a-24-3

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of WILLIAM FRYER, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of William Fryer, late of the Town of Acton, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, deceased, who died on or about the Fourth day of July, 1964, are hereby notified to send to the undersigned solicitor for the Executor on or before the Thirty-first day of December, 1964, full particulars of their claims. After that date the Executor will proceed to distribute the Estate having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

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RATES

No charge for announcements of Births, Marriages, Deaths and Engagements.

In Memoriam 50c plus 10c per line for verses. Articles for sale sent via 2c a word. Minimum cash 35c. Box No. 10 to this office 15c additional. Coming events—10c per count line. 50c minimum. Cards of thanks 50c. Billing charge of 10c added to all accounts if not paid until after insertion and added for each bill rendered.

Latest Time for Insertion—1 p.m. Wednesday.

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Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of GRACE LILLIAN DENTON, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of GRACE LILLIAN DENTON late of the Township of Esquimaux in the County of Halton, Ontario, deceased, who died on or about the 26th day of October, 1964 are required to send to the undersigned solicitor for the Administrator on or before the 31st day of December, 1964, full particulars of their claims. After that date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the Estate having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

DATED at Guelph this 2nd day of December, 1964.
KEARNS, MCKINNON, CLARE AND KEARNS, 20 Douglas St., Guelph, Ont. Solicitors for the Trust Administrator. a-24-3

Wanted

WANTED—Housework by the day. Phone 97412.

WANTED—Pair boys' hockey skates size 8. Don. Write phone 1908.

WANTED—Housekeeper for 3 weeks beginning in February approximately. Phone 2091.

WANTED—Typist, stenographer or bookkeeper required full time work. Apply to Box 42, Free Press. a-25-2

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WANTED—Application being accepted for experienced linemen. Please state qualifications, age and salary expected by letter to Secretary, Georgetown Hydro-Electric Commission, Georgetown, before January 1, 1965. All applications will be treated with strictest confidence.

For Rent

FOR RENT—House, mostly furnished. Apply 11 John St.

TO RENT—Apartment available for January 1, 1965 in Acton, 3 rooms and bath. Heavy wiring. Decorated this year. Central location. Apply Box 68, Acton.

Miscellaneous

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We echo the gay message of the jingle bells in wishing for all of you a hearty and happy holiday!

FRANK'S GROCERY

GREETINGS

At this festive time of year we want to pause for a moment to say: Thank You for your patronage—and may you have a merry, happy Holiday!

WILLIAM R. BRACKEN

FINE YOUNG FARMERS

It is somewhat interesting to note that of the six Saskatchewan 4-H club members who were named Dominion champions at the Royal Winter Fair, four bear names which would indicate they are of central European ancestry. They are probably third generation Canadians, who have beaten the best in their field.

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