

Motions of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. No Memoranda Notes, yes and no per line \$1.00 each for gravity.

DIED
BIRKETT—At the General Hospital, Guelph, on Tuesday, March 12th, 1934. John Birckett, beloved husband of Eddie Burnett.

MOORE—At 10924 125th Street, Edmonton, Alta., on Tuesday, March 12th, 1934. Arthur Edward Moore, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Reid, in his 84th year.

IN MEMORIAM
MCLEAN—In loving memory of Malcolm McLean, who passed on March 13th, 1933. A devoted husband and loving father.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER,
Ottawa

This and that

—Cap has started to run.

—Just another week until the first day of Spring.

—Maple syrup will soon be a delicacy on the family menu.

—Oakville collected \$20,000 in the tax sale held on Monday.

—Trying to get even with an enemy is a sure way of sinking below him.

—It's usually the man who opens his mouth widest who drinks in most scandal.

—Action Citizens' Band will hold another Sunday evening concert on March 21st.

—Super values are told about in the advertisements. Select your best values there.

—Canada's oldest resident, Mrs. Pahopolkowska, of Winnipeg, is dead, at the age of 113 years.

—The United Church Young People's Societies of the Rockwood and Acton Churches held an enjoyable skating party at the Arenas on Tuesday. Lunch was served in the United Church school room here following.

—On Friday last the valuable Chinese Chow dog belonging to Mr. Chas. Symon was run over by a truck loaded with hay. While serious injury to the back was suffered, the pet is improving and will likely survive the injuries.

—Following publication of an item in THE FREE PRESS a local business man received five letters in reply from outside points, three of them from the United States. Oh yes. THE FREE PRESS brings results from a wide field.

MOTION PICTURE THEATRES IN CANADA

Motion pictures, which provide a popular medium of entertainment to both the rich and the not rich, form the basis of a very substantial industry in Canada. According to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, receipts of motion picture theatres in the Dominion, during 1933 totalled \$2,954,200, exclusive of amusement houses. Motion picture theatres in operation numbered 924 and provided employment for 5,238 persons, other than proprietors, to whom salaries and wages totalling \$4,448,200 were paid. In all of the provinces except Saskatchewan an amusement tax is levied on the price of admission to theatres and other places of amusement, and from this source the various provincial treasuries were enriched by \$2,737,920.

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THE DIFFERENCE

An inspector, examining a class in religious knowledge, asked the following question of a little girl inhabiting it for a catch:

—What was the difference between Noah's Ark and Joan of Arc?

He was not a little surprised when the child, answering, said:

—Noah's Ark was made of wood, and Joan of Arc was maid of Orleans."

CORN PAIN and Warts Wart, undrinkable guests of Mrs. Pihl, were removed by Green Corn Salve. At Brown's

Entered Into Rest

JOHN WIGGINS, Norval, dying of a heart attack within five minutes of completing some clerical work at his home in Norval. John Wiggins, 65, was buried in Norval Cemetery on Saturday. Mr. Wiggins, born in Peel County, near Norval, had been a life-long resident of the Norval district. He was a member of the Norval Old Timers Association, and less than a week before his death had attended the annual old-timers concert presented by the Association. He is survived by four brothers: David, of Guelph; Robert A., of Windsor; Sam, of Milwaukee; and Albert, of New Westminster.

JOHN WILSON, Erin. John Wilson, former Reeve of Erin, and member of the Erin Council for a number of years, died at his home, in his 78th year, after a short illness, the effect of a stroke. Born in Caledon Township, Mr. Wilson moved to Erin at an early age. A prominent Conservative, he entered municipal politics shortly after his marriage, and besides being Reeve and Councillor, was a member of Wellington County Council; Director of the Erin Agricultural Society; Director of the Erin Cemetery Committee; and Past President of the Erin Conservative Association. A member of Burns' Presbyterian Church, he had acted in the capacity of Elder for a number of years. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Catherine.

DR. A. P. CHOWN, Oakville. Victim of heart attack, Dr. Albert, army medical supplies, with rank of captain at the time of his retirement last week at the family residence, Colborne Street, Oakville, in his 77th year. He was the son of Edwin Chown, a

plumber, Kingston business man. After graduating in medicine from Queen's University, he started a drug business at Kingstree, which he operated for 40 years. He retired in 1928 and went to California with his wife, returning to live with their daughter here several years ago. During the war he enlisted with the Queen's University Medical Corps, and was in charge of Canadian army medical supplies, with rank of Major at London, Folkestone and in Belgium. He is survived by his widow and three daughters: Mrs. R. J. Edmunds, Ottawa; Mrs. A. S. Williamson, Hollywood, Cal.; Miss Helen, Oakville; a sister, Alice Chown, Toronto, and two brothers, Dr. Harry Chown of Winnipeg; and S. T. Chown, of Renfrew.

ANDREW K. ANTHONY, Georgetown. Andrew Kyle Anthony, who died at his home in Georgetown, in his 90th year, was buried in Greenwood Cemetery there on Saturday, from the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bessey. Born in Chinguacousy Township, near Brampton, Mr. Anthony spent the greater part of his life in Peel and Halton Counties, the latter part being in Georgetown. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a Conservative. There remain one son, Mr. W. C. Anthony, of Georgetown; and six daughters: Mrs. Fred Howes, Llawdow; Mrs. W. C. Bessey, Mrs. Herb Cleaver; Mrs. Harold Blumham, Georgetown; Mrs. Jillyard Wilson, Acton; Mrs. A. Leesle Aylmer; and twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Anthony is the last of his generation. A large gathering of friends from Grand Valley, Fergus, Hillsburg, Acton, Llawdow, London, Brampton, Woodstock and Aylmer, as well as those from Georgetown and the district, attended the funeral. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Howard, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. The pallbearers were six old neighbours, Messrs. E. Pleck, W. Grant, T. Hill, Wm. Cook, R. Givens, E. McWhirter.

CURIOS FLOATING ISLANDS

Near the City of Mexico is the Lake of Kochimilco, nearly covered with floating gardens, called chinampas, on which are raised flowers and vegetables for the city markets. They are formed of floating masses of water plants, covered with soil, and secured by poplar stakes. The latter take root, and surround the islands with living hedge. Among the largest natural floating islands are those formed by tangled masses of trees and brushwood carried down by great rivers. On the Mississippi and its tributaries these islands are known as "rafts." One of the most remarkable of these rafts began forming in the Atchafalaya, one of the lower arms of the Mississippi, in 1776 and gradually increased until by 1810 it had extended to ten miles in length, over six hundred yards in width, and eight feet in depth. Although it rose and fell with the water, it was solid enough to support the growth of trees, some of which were sixty feet in height. This vast obstruction was finally removed by the State of Louisiana at great expense.

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HOW AM I DOING?

This dialogue from an exchange is too good not to pass on to the column readers:

"How's things on the farm boy?"

"Pretty good, I guess; I won't know for certain until I hear from Washington."

"Hear from Washington?"

"Yep. They keep the books. I get a quarterly report on how I've been doing."

"2—How's crops, boy?"

"Everything looks pretty fair, although I wouldn't know very much about 'em."

"You wouldn't know very much about 'em?"

"Nope. I don't bother with details no more. You see, the Government's got a brigadier-general, a retired naval officer, and a couple of college professors. They've taken the responsibility of my shoulders."

"3—Got the old farm paid for yet, boy?"

"Shucks! I don't worry about the mortgage no more. Uncle Sam looks after that. I don't even know what the mortgage is. Some day when the Government men are around I'll ask them just for fun."—Detroit Free Press.

REAGAN'S SCHOOL FOUND

Police of Cairo, Egypt, have unearthed what they declare to be a school for beggars at which 100 small boys were taught the latest methods of the art. It was found following the arrest for beggary of a ten-year-old lad who had been missing from his home for several weeks. The boy said that he was playing in the street when a smartly-dressed Egyptian offered to take him to his home and give him good food.