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BORN

PAPILLON—On Saturday, June 22nd, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. John Papillon, 1835, Main Street, Acton, the gift of a son, Edwin Joseph, weight 7 lbs. 10 oz.

MARRIED

DAWKINS-COON—At the home of the bride, Mrs. M. Coon, 19th Street, Acton, on Wednesday, June 19th, 1935, Vera Mae, youngest daughter of Mrs. Coon, and the late Dr. H. A. Coon, and Douglas Dawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dawkins, both of Acton.

MACPHERSON-SHIELDS—At the rectory of the Holy Family Church, King Street West, Toronto, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1935, by Rev. F. P. Coffey, Evelyn Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shields, Midland, to Mr. Eugene S. MacPherson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. MacPherson, Acton.

DIED

WHITLEY—At the Guelph General Hospital, on Sunday, June 23rd, 1935, Nellie Catherine Whitley, daughter of the late Daniel and Marion Whitley.

METCALC—At the Guelph General Hospital, on Monday, June 24th, 1935, Edna M. Creswell, beloved wife of Alexander Metcalc, in her 29th year.

MCKINNON—At Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1935, John A. McKinnon, beloved husband of Annie Aikens, in his 57th year.

CLEMENS—Suddenly, at his late residence, Rockwood, on Sunday, June 23rd, 1935, Calvin E. Clemens, beloved husband of Elizabeth Fitzgerald, in his 67th year.

DOUGLAS—At the home, lot 18, first concession, Esquewing Township, on Thursday, June 20th, 1935, Jessie Douglas, beloved sister of James Douglas, in her 66th year.

THOMSON—At the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Alexander, sixth line of Esquewing, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1935, Rebecca Thomson, beloved wife of the late Samuel Thomson.

—Showers are yet pretty frequent.

—Canada's sixty-eighth birthday on Monday.

—Dominion Day on Monday—and a public holiday.

—School closes to-morrow for the long summer vacation.

—Acton Park is beautiful these days, and admired by many visitors.

—Part of the wire fencing at the Florence's Cemetery was completed last week.

—The new Provincial Savings Bank in Guelph will be located in the Macdonald Block.

—Mason Knitting Company are building another extension to their plant on Willow Street.

—It is estimated that 16,000 visited the O. A. C. during the annual Fair and Home Week.

—The municipal officials have been patching the roadways and using a few loads of gravel to good advantage.

—Robert Kerr & Son, of Acton, were among the prize winning exhibitors at the horse show in St. Catharines last week.

—A broken water service on Mill Street has made it necessary to renew the service and caused rather an inconvenience on the main thoroughfare.

Canadian News Step-up Production

Egg production by Canadian farm hens during 1934 is estimated at 223,107,000 dozens compared with a revised estimate of 222,254,000 dozens in 1933, an increase of 853,000 dozens. This increase in egg production is shared by only three provinces, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, and is due principally to the somewhat higher production of eggs per hen.

Average egg production per hen for the Dominion as a whole totalled 108 eggs compared with 107 in 1933. The widespread number of egg-laying hens on farms in 1934 was 24,688,000 compared with the revised estimate of 24,927,000 in 1933, which represents a reduction of 239,000 birds. Egg prices advanced in all provinces and all provinces contributed to the increased valuation. The total value of farm eggs produced is placed at \$33,206,000, compared with \$27,577,000 in 1933 and represents an increase in average value per dozen of three cents. The average value of 15 cents per dozen was the highest recorded since 1931. Canada was the first country in the world to introduce egg grading in any form. This was done in 1918 for export purposes only at that time, but in 1923, egg-grading regulations were enacted to apply to domestic consumption and since then have proven to be a decided advantage to both producer and consumer. Canadians are generous egg eaters, with an annual per capita consumption of 258, the highest of any country in the world.

USED TO IT

"Just why do you want a married man to work for you, rather than a bachelor?" asked the curious chap.

"Well," sighed the boss, "the married men don't get so upset when I yell at them."

STILL DISAPPOINTED

"What's the matter? Ill?"

"I've been disappointed in love."

"But I thought you married Sylvia."

"I did."

Letters to the Editor

The Free Press welcomes letters to its readers, but does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed. All letters must be signed, but may be published under a pen name if so desired. Communications should not be over 200 words in length and must be received not later than Tuesday at noon to ensure publication in that week's issue.

A MONTREAL LETTER

Among the Presbyterians, etc.—Old Memories Revived

Dear Free Press:

The Presbyterian General Assembly is here this year at Park Avenue, which looks up past the old Fletcher's Field, under the east end of the mountain, over which is the St. Jean Baptiste lighted cross, and in which is the immense St. George E. Cartier monument. The notice board of the church says, "Established in 1788," and on the corner stone of the present building is 1910. It is a fine building, with extensive accommodations for sectional gatherings, and is well suited for the present occasion, except when it is not well filled, or when it is not speaking very distinctly, there is a considerable confusing echo.

There is special interest attaching to this gathering as it celebrates the sixtieth anniversary of the union of four different bodies in Canada, in 1875—differing partly on account of provincial location, and partly on traditional variation in policy. The writer will remember the account, at the time, of the four bodies meeting in Montreal, in different places, and proceeding to a common centre—the present Brakins. I think with their respective officers, sitting at their union resolutions from four different tables, and a new Moderator and Secretary were elected at a reserved table. The same year the great three-church Methodist union also took place.

Of special interest on the present occasion was when on the night of June 10th anniversary of the great Union—a commemorative service was held, with a grand audience. After the Moderator had opened by the One Hundredth Psalm, as sung on the former occasion, further devotions were conducted by your neighboring minister, Rev. Dr. MacCullivar, of Guelph. Addresses, covering the past, present and future of the great denomination were given by Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan commissioners. Owing to the two historic addresses coming on late, I retired previously on account of distance.

An address at one of the sessions on Monday afternoon (19th) was the report on Sunday School and Young People's interests by Rev. Dr. W. A. Kinnawin, General Secretary, who is all over the country in the interests of "Canada's Greatest Asset." As Dr. Kinnawin is a former Acton community boy, it was with great pleasure I had the opportunity, on Sunday night, of hearing him speak of "The Child in the Midst," in a large Presbyterian Church near my home. Although never acquainted, we had at the close, a brief pleasant interview, in which names of departed mutual friends were gone over, he mentioning Kenney brothers and Archie Mann as being among the few left-of-his-boatmen.

Of course, I mentioned the P. Moore and the Free Press. "That was always a well-conducted paper—clean and wholesome," he remarked. I was considerably surprised to find Dr. Kinnawin as amongst those of apparently advanced years. But time rolls on.

As in all such gatherings in recent years, the social welfare of the people and means of attaining it from a Christian standpoint, received much attention, and will further, before the sessions close. There is an at the time this great Social Welfare Congress at the Mt. Royal Hotel, and other centres, meeting this time in Canada, but being from all over the continent, with hundreds of addresses.

As it is likely that a minister from a place of Acton's importance would be a commissioner, I was sorry that being so long away from the old home, I had no acquaintance with that gentleman, and therefore was unable to "spot" him, for which, possibly, he is thankful.

An immense Synod photo of 1869 is on display in the business room, showing, I am sure, Rev. Dr. Orniston, of Hamilton, at the Moderator's table, from a photo of him I saw in boyhood. Some of your venerable old-time Presbyterian readers may remember him.

As at the United Church Conference, there was on display a large assortment of books, papers and general church supplies, as representing the head supply house in Toronto. Even Stanley Jones' "Christ of the India Road" can be obtained, along with their own distinctly denominational literature.

I was considerably surprised to note the large number of ministers attired as ordinary business men as to material of suit, and style of neckwear. In the large photo group mentioned the prevailing neck attire was, as I remember myself, a white "choker" across the front of the collar. The present day circular collar, where worn, and it is

June Weddings

KIRKWOOD-YOUNG

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, in Erin, when their daughter, Kathleen May, was married to Donald G. Kirkwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkwood, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white crepe with veil caught with orange blossoms. Miss Jean Young, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, wearing pink point d'esprit. Mr. Sherlock Foreman was groomsmen. A reception was held, the bride's mother, receiving, assisted by the groom's mother. Later the couple left for a trip through Muskoka. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm in Erin Township.

DODSON-WALKER

St. George's Church of England, in Georgetown, was the scene of a charming wedding on Saturday, when Alice E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, Georgetown, became the bride of Derrick Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dodson, of Mount Dennis, Rev. W. G. O. Thompson officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white tulle with sprays of orange blossoms. The maid of honor, Miss Beale Walker, wore a gown of pale green crepe. Miss Hazel Walker and Miss Edith Ditchfield, bridesmaids, wore starched net. Mr. George Dodson, brother of the groom, was groomsmen, and the ushers were Mr. Oughtred Dodson and Mr. George Dodson. The bride's travelling ensemble was of white crepe, with long silk coat of blue. After a brief motor trip, Mr. and Mrs. Dodson will live in Mount Dennis.

MACPHERSON-SHIELDS

A quiet wedding of local interest was solemnized in Toronto on Saturday when Miss Evelyn Mary Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shields, Midland, became the bride of Eugene S. MacPherson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. MacPherson, Acton. Rev. F. P. Coffey officiated. The bride was prettily attired in a gown of forget-me-not blue, designed on Princess lines, with a jacket and a small hat, of matching tulle trimmed with lace. She carried a bouquet of Tallman roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Irene Shields, frocked in pink chiffon, with a large white stiffened lace hat and wearing a corsage of pink roses, corn flowers and lilies of the valley, was her sister's bridesmaid. Mr. Harold Martin acted as best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Royal York Hotel, after which the bride and groom left, amid showers of confetti, for a honeymoon trip in Muskoka. The bride travelled in a green three-quarter-length suit, with brown hat and accessories. On their return they will reside at 1914 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

CANADIAN-MADE FARM IMPLEMENTS

Canadian-made farm implements and machinery are enjoying increasing popularity both abroad and at home. Expanding foreign markets have become a feature of the Canadian farm implement industry in recent years. Exports of Canadian farm implements and machinery in 1934 had a value of \$1,524,498, and by 1934 this had doubled to \$3,256,843. Canada now exports agricultural machinery to seventy different countries or groups of countries, with British South Africa, her best customer, taking goods to the value of \$987,098 last year. The United States came second with \$500,429, the United Kingdom third with \$455,607, and Australia and New Zealand fourth and fifth with \$169,175 and \$102,733 respectively.

Home markets also show expansion, and Canadian manufacturers to-day supply the major portion of the necessary machinery and equipment used on Canadian farms. In pre-depression days only 40 per cent, or less of the farm implements made available to farmers was manufactured in Canada, but by 1932 Canadian industries furnished 64 per cent of the farmers' requirements. Detailed figures for more recent production are not available, but employment figures in the agricultural industry showed an increase in activity of approximately 67 per cent. In the past two years, while imports have increased only 45 per cent. These figures indicate that the percentage of farm machinery requirements made in Canada was considerably greater in 1934 than in 1932.

NOT SPEEDY ENOUGH

Father—"It's a good plan, my dear, always to think before you speak." Daughter—"But dad, when I do that the girls have changed the subject."

usually on Sunday, was a later innovation. In this connection I may repeat an incident related by our mutual friend, Rev. Dr. Lloyd Smith, in one of his addresses at a "week night" here for our pastor, of an Irishman offering to treat a minister in a hotel waiting room. On his declining, as he did not drink, he received the reply, "Ah, now, don't tell me that you've got yer collar on wrong already."

This great gathering closed to-day, June 19th, and is to be held next year in Hamilton.

Respectfully,

J. S. COLEMAN.

4057 Wilson Avenue, Montreal, June 13th, 1935.

"The Susan Jane Gift Shop"

By MARTHA BLAKE

THESE words painted in a vivid violet on a soft blue background, startling, but not inharmonious, greeted young Lester Clark when he arrived at last at the objective of his long trip to the East. They were on a large wooden sign that swung alongside of the door of his father's old office on Beverley avenue, in his old home town of Sprucehurst.

Lester Clark had not actually lived in Sprucehurst for a decade or so. He had gone away to college and medical school, with only occasional visits to his home. There his father, old Doctor Clark, had died suddenly while Lester was an intern at a big New York hospital, an aunt had closed the house, disposed of the furniture in storage or at the second-hand stores. Now Lester was determined to go back to the old home town of Sprucehurst to begin again where his father had left off.

The old house which had belonged to Lester's aunt was tenacious, Lester had heard. He had come back to the city, bent first on buying the house through her agent and then settling down at his father's old stand.

It would be a sad homecoming, finding his old home so lonely and desolate. There were criss white curtains within, and piled neatly on a table just within one window was a pyramid of gayly-colored knitting wools.

Lester Clark stood looking rather blankly at the Susan Jane Gift Shop. Just beyond the pile of gay wools he caught sight of a neatly coiffed chestnut head. The head was bent as if its owner was intent on his work. Doubtless this was Susan Jane.

So Lester Clark went to the office of Quick & Snell before taking time to look up any of his old friends in Sprucehurst. Mr. Quick was embarrassed. Still he felt sure that within a day or so matters could be adjusted. Miss Jane—Susan Jane—would be in town. Doubtless she would see the situation and would want to open her shop somewhere else.

It was later in the day after Mr. Quick had called on Susan Jane and received her firm refusal to vacate the premises.

Lester Clark had so definitely made up his mind on starting in his father's old office that this information seemed to leave him at sea.

It was on Lester's third call that the bride and groom left, with the lease with the greatest acerbity, that Mr. Quick seemed to see a way out.

"Of course," he said with a mild smile on his face, "it isn't likely that Susan Jane will remain in business—it is very—indeed."

"Isn't she packing it up?" "That isn't it. She really seems to be going very well. The point is that Miss Jane is more than commonly attractive. I know of two—i might say three—young men who would marry her tomorrow if she consented."

Lester had a distinct anticipatory image of this Susan Jane person—gentle, calculating, possibly pretty; but the kind of woman that would appeal to Quick, with a horizon that stretched only from one business deal to another.

Still Lester decided that he would try to appeal to the sentiment of this unyielding "Susan Jane" person if he could.

Susan Jane proved charming. There was nothing the least aggressive or tactless in her appearance. She stood before him as he explained, her shy, blue eyes opened round, looking straight into his. They were disconcerting, those eyes, and as Susan Jane stood there the picture of trustful innocence he did not know whether the real Susan Jane beneath was laughing at him; whether she was about to yield to his request, or whether she was really, really, really with him just a little.

The effect was that Lester Clark didn't carry out his errand just as he had planned it. When he had finished his explanation Susan Jane laughed, a spontaneous, easy laugh, like that of a child, and Lester found that he was laughing with her.

When he lived in this community school boyhood, you, Stanley, have won a high place in the respect and affection of your friends and neighbors. Everyone has found you a willing community worker, ever ready to give a helping hand.

We all join in wishing you most heartily a long, prosperous and happy wedded life and may you be blessed with God's richest blessings. We would like you to accept these gifts as a token of the esteem in which you are held by the members of the Institute and neighbors.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER PICNIC

I. O. D. E. Oyster Planked in Acton Park Last Evening—O'Connors and McGregors Stars for Supper

Last evening the Lakeside Chapter of the I. O. D. E. held their annual picnic in Acton Park, and had a most enjoyable outing. It had many unique features. For instance, the guests were divided into two families, the O'Connors and the McGregors, and each side strove to become a member of a Scout troop, it would be possible to mould the vast majority into good citizens. Chief of Police Col. E. M. Slader, Saint-John, N. B.

The aim of the Boy Scout Movement is to build good citizens! You can't drill character into a boy like you can a multiplication table. The seeds of character are already within him, and there is no bad boy that does not possess a few good seeds, and all good boys possess a few bad ones. Which kind will grow and flourish depends a great deal on environment and surroundings.

What kind of environment would you have for the youngsters of Acton? The 1st Acton Troop of Boy Scouts provides a clean atmosphere, a friendly spirit, high ideals and an active program. The Troop Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lowrie, is endeavoring to raise funds necessary for our continued activity of the Troop. Your co-operation and support in this worthy enterprise is respectfully requested.

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PRESENTATION

By Bannockburn Institute and Friends and Neighbors to Mr. and Mrs. S. Morrison

On Thursday evening, June 20th, a number of neighbors and members of the Bannockburn Women's Institute gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison to wish them much happiness in their married life.

The chairman for the evening was Mrs. Jas. Mann. The program was opened by singing "O Canada." This was followed by a recitation by Miss Doris Harding; solos by Miss Alice Clarridge and Mr. W. J. MacDonald; and violin selections by Mr. P. Freeman and Mr. Harvey Fisher.

Ms. E. Willey was then called on and read the following address: Thursday, June 20th, 1935 To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Morrison Acton, Ontario

Dear Reins and Pleasure: It is with great pleasure that we, your friends and neighbors, are gathered here, to-night, to extend to you our most sincere congratulations upon your new step in life, and to welcome you, Reins, into our midst.

Although we have not known you as long as Stanley, we do not feel you were a stranger. It was always a pleasure to see you at the social gatherings in the neighborhood and we only hope you will feel at home in this community.

Having lived in this community since boyhood, you, Stanley, have won a high place in the respect and affection of your friends and neighbors. Everyone has found you a willing community worker, ever ready to give a helping hand.

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Messrs. W. J. MacDonald, Jas. Mann and Roy Young then presented Mr. and Mrs. Morrison with mantle lamps and a bridge lamp. Mr. Morrison gave a very suitable reply, after which all joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

Lunch was then served and a social time spent by all.

Boy Scout Notes

"Nine out of ten criminals begin their wrong-doing between the ages of 12 and 18. I do not recollect any Boy Scout being brought before the court in Saint John during the last four years. If it were possible for every boy in the city to become a member of a Scout troop, it would be possible to mould the vast majority into good citizens."

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