

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. Memorial Notices, etc. and see per line additional for poetry.

MARRIED
GORDON-McCOMB—At Kitchener, Ontario, on August 27th, 1935, Muriel Gertrude, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Howard McComb, of Montreal, to Thomas Elmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gordon, Grove Street, Guelph.

BORN
PRECIOUS—At Titchborne Ontario, on Monday, November 25th, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Precious (nee Ivy Coles), the gift of a daughter—Dixie Florence Ethel.

IN MEMORIAM
HUFFMAN—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, John Edward Huffman, who passed away December 24th 1932.

Sadly missed by
MOTHER, SISTER, and BROTHERS.

LOCALS

—And again—Merry Christmas!
—The FREE PAGES will be issued again on Tuesday next week.

—Roads have been splendid for both sleighing and wheeling.

—After Christmas comes the municipal elections in many centres.

—Prospects are that there will be no election in Caledon this year.

—Acton stores had particularly attractive Christmas windows this year.

—Hockey starts in Acton on Thursday night, with Milton as the guests.

—With a good coating of ice on the Arena, that centre is now in full swing.

—The FREE PRESS is rather abbreviated this week—owing to the mid-week holiday.

—Send in a list of your holiday visitors. All readers scan this column each week.

—The Christmas concerts have made the evenings busy ones the past few weeks.

—The boxing and wrestling ring at the Y.M.C.A. is quite a popular spot these evenings.

—The Juniors entertain at hockey on Friday night, and Etora will be the visiting team.

—Sale of one cent postage stamps alone at the Post Office in Acton on Monday was 4,800.

—The partitions for work shop and storage room have been built the past week at the Y.M.C.A.

—There has been absolutely nothing lacking in the appropriateness of the weather to Christmas.

—Gasoline has dropped another cent a gallon. We suppose to allow for the slippage of the season.

—The travel schedules have been thrown a bit off their timetables by the increased demands of the holiday season.

—Christmas mails the past week have been exceptionally heavy, but Postmaster Matthews and his assistants came smilingly through.

—The new calendars are now being handed out and will soon replace those that have adorned the walls the past twelve months.

—The usual session of the Police Court for this week will not be held. It's the Christmas season and all cases are adjourned for a week.

—The annual Christmas tree of Acton and district Legion was held in the Legion Hall on Friday evening. The Christmas tree had a good supply of gifts for the families of the veterans and a fine time was enjoyed.

—Food as Nurse—Swindled Banks
Approximately \$90 was obtained by a smartly dressed and attractive young woman who victimized two Guelph banks on Saturday. While bankers refused to discuss the rumor, which was current Saturday, it is understood that the young woman posed as a nurse for a well-to-do patient, whom she represented as being outside, and unable to enter the bank. In one instance, the woman secured \$50, and in another, she secured \$40, by cashing worthless cheques.

—IN A LUMP
" Cleaver, the butcher, was rather surprised when a slim young woman entered the shop and asked for twenty-five pounds of beef. All the same, he cut off the joint, and put it on the scales. "Will you take it with you, or shall I send it to your home?" he asked. "Oh," she murmured, blushing prettily. "I don't want to buy it. You see, the doctor said I had lost twenty-five pounds, and I wanted to see what it looked like in a lump."

—The worms that infect children from their birth are of two kinds, those that find lodgement in the stomach and those that are found in the intestines. The latter are the most destructive as they cling to the walls of the intestines and if not interfered with work havoc there. Miller's Worm Powder dislodges both kinds and while expelling them from the system serve to repair the damage they have caused.

Christmas Messages from Acton Pastors

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the All Holy, and that He has set aside all His Divine perfections and taken our human nature, in order to show His love for us, we must surely feel that it is our highest duty to love Him.

And when we remember that He humbled Himself for love of us and for love of our neighbor, we begin to understand that we cannot truly love God unless we also love our neighbor. Are there any poor who are honestly in need of help? Are we honest faithful to our fellowmen? How could men oppress the laboring man and deprive him of his just share of his honest toil, when they believe that Christ, their Redeemer and human nature, giving His life on the cross, and commanding every one of us for the love we bear Him to love our neighbor as we would treat Christ, means nothing whatever for the uplifting of humanity. The greatest enemy to-day, therefore, of the workingman, of womanhood, of childhood and of the human race is the man who tries to destroy belief in Christ's Divinity.

Such are the lessons that the Infant Jesus teaches us from the manger, purity and innocence of heart love of God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

A Happy Christmas to all.

J. L. McBRIDE.



ARROW BUS SCHEDULE

LEAVE WESTBOUND

9.45 a. m. — 11.45 a. m. (except Saturday) — 2.15 p. m. — 3.15 p. m. (Saturday only) — 5.15 p. m. — 7.15 p. m. — 11.15 p. m. — 1.05 a. m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

LEAVE EASTBOUND

7.00 a. m. (daily, except Sunday) — 9.10 a. m. — 12.45 p. m. — 4.30 p. m. — 6.45 p. m. — 8.00 p. m.

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Novelties — Hats — Horns — Ballrooms, etc.

Dancing—10 till 7

Admission 75c and \$1.00

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THE sincere feeling of good cheer and health and happiness and all the pleasant associations with Christmas are our wish to everyone of you. Merry Christmas.

B. D. Rachlin

ACTON - ONTARIO

STOP IT

Upper: "What did the doctor say about your heavy breathing?" Lower: "Oh, he said he'd put a stop to that."

IMPOSSIBLE

"How you doing?" "Not so good. It's hard to make both ends meet." "What you doing?" "Cutting cord I wood."

HELP

Young Man—"Young Lady, what do you usually get for touching a young man like me some new dance steps?" Attractive Dancing Teacher—"One of my assistants."

Wuletide

WE wish to extend our most sincere good wishes to our fellow-townsmen and to any strangers that may be within our gates at Christmas time.

M. Edwards

Mill Street Acton

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for Acton Free Press

GVENOLDINE F. CLARKE

AN AFTER CHRISTMAS STORY

For the Children

Now, settle yourselves comfortably, children, and be very quiet and you shall hear an after Christmas story about Santa Claus.

For the last few weeks every little boy and girl has been thinking and talking, and perhaps even dreaming, about their dear old friend, Santa Claus. And of course you all know exactly what you wanted for Christmas and what you hoped he would bring you and so, of course, you all tried ever so hard to be very, very good because it was getting so near Christmas.

But how many of you think about Santa Claus AFTER Christmas? Ah now—that is quite a surprise question, isn't it? Perhaps some of you think, because Santa Claus only comes once a year, you need only think about him at Christmas time. That is a great mistake. Listen to me a minute and I will tell you something that is very important.

For weeks and weeks before Christmas Santa Claus and his helpers have been very busy—sorting out toys, pretty things that children like to wear, skates and skis, and oh—just everything you can think of. Besides that, Santa is very busy going over the reports that his helpers bring in about all the little girls and boys, telling him whether they have been good and whether they have worked hard at school or whether they had been naughty and cranky—perhaps not wanting to go to bed at night, or perhaps squabbling with their brothers and sisters or the little boys and girls next door and not wanting to share their toys.

You see, Santa has to look over all these reports his helpers bring in before he knows whether Jimmy or Joan deserve the splendid things he has waiting for them in his toy shop. And so, with all this work, by the time Christmas is over, Santa is very, very tired indeed and when he gets home from his last trip he rolls himself up in a reindeer robe and has a long, long sleep.

But before he goes to sleep he calls in his After-Christmas Helpers and he hands each of them a list with the names of all the little people he has been to visit and he says to them—"Now, my good helpers, I am exceedingly tired. My shoulders ache through carrying a bag on my back for so long. I have filled hundreds and hundreds of stockings and left parcels on so many trees—but oh—won't these children be pleased when they wake up on Christmas morning and find what old Santa has left for them?" And dear old Santa, tired as he is, just chuckles to himself, as he thinks of all the little boys and girls who have been made happy through his great love and kindness.

"But now," he said to his helpers, "my work is done for a little while but there is still work for you to do. As you know, my greatest joy is making little children happy, but I want to be quite sure that they, in turn, are trying to make people happy too because no one is too small to do that. I also want to know if they are being very careful with the things I brought them; putting their toys away after they have finished playing with them; being careful not to break them or to tear their nice books. Most of all I want to know if they are playing happily with each other, or if they scarp or fight. If Joan wants to play with Jimmy's train for a little while, or Jimmy wants to build with Joan's blocks, I don't want either of them, to say—"No, they're mine —you shan't have them!" I want my girls and boys to share the toys that I bring them. And, most of all, if every one of these children hears of a little girl or boy whose name was not on my list, I want be, or she, to give them some of their own toys and try and make them happy until such time as I can look after them myself."

"And now," said Santa Claus to his helpers, as he snuggled down a little further into his reindeer robe, "go you out into the world. Go you east and west, north and south. Go you into every home and when you come back tell me what each child is doing with the presents I gave him, and whether he or she is a good boy or girl and doing what Mother and Dad tell him. While you are away I shall rest and then when you get back I will go over your reports and see what you have done for me next Christmas."

"Oh dear, oh dear—I'm so tired—but I'm very happy," yawned poor old Santa. "The dear little children . . . I murmured sleepily—"I hope . . . I hope . . ." but the After-Christmas Helpers never heard just what Santa hoped, because the poor old fellow had fallen fast asleep. And so his helpers tip-toed away out into the world to start their work just as Santa Claus had bidden them.

And because I know Santa's helpers are watching you all the time, I am telling you this, just to remind you, so you won't forget to be just the kind of boy and girl Santa Claus loves to visit at Christmas time.

THE DANCE

Said the dowager, as she watched the crowd busily enjoying themselves: "In my young days, shaking in one's shoes was a sign of timidity, but now it is merely a new dance!"

Our Season's Greetings

TO you and to yours in our community may this indeed be a Christmas of hearty good cheer. May the holidays bring you great happiness and the future years even more.

ELLIOTT BROS.

MILL STREET ACTON, ONT.

SUCCESS

TO you and to your family and to everyone of us in Acton and district we wish a Merry Christmas and success through the year to come.

We are grateful for the patronage of town and country for the past year, and wish you all success in return.

Hinton's 5c to \$1 Store

Good Will Toward All!

AS on that first Christmas when the Three Wise Men bore gifts, so on this Christmas, 1935, do we give in the spirit of rejoicing. To you and yours we wish a Merry, Merry Christmas, good health and happiness.

F. L. WRIGHT

GENERAL INSURANCE ACTON ONTARIO

A Merry Christmas

AT this season of the year we pause to thank our patrons for their assistance in the pursuit of our successful business and to wish them all A Merry Christmas.

M. PALLANT

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

MILL STREET ACTON, ONT.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

WE take this opportunity to wish our many patrons and friends a Very Merry Christmas.

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