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Deaths of Births, Marriages and Deaths are listed in this column without charge...

BORN

PAPILLON—In Acton, on Wednesday, March 25th, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Papillon, a daughter.

DEED

McLEAN—At Ottawa, on Monday, March 23rd, 1936, Agnes McLean, beloved wife of the late Malcolm McLean, of Acton, and mother of Mrs. Norman Lambert, of Ottawa, in her 74th year.

AGNEW—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Hemstreet, Acton, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 24th, 1936, Jennie Eastbrook, wife of the late John Agnew.

WOODS—In memory of George T. Woods, who passed away March 20th, 1936.

Time rolls on, we are reminded Of the day our hearts were crushed, When God took you, oh so quickly, And we all in gloom were thrust.

WIFE and FAMILY.

LOCALS

—Spr's running. —April 1st—All Pools Day—next Wednesday.

—Good Friday—two weeks from tomorrow. —Snowfalls are nearly all clear of snow again.

—Maple syrup will soon be on the menu again. —Housecleaning, we suppose, will be the next upset of the season.

—March provided some real snow storms and proved very lion-like. —A sign of spring—A grasshopper was picked up on Monday—alive and hopping.

—Hockey wound up in Acton on Saturday night, after a pretty successful year. —Brampton Fair grant has been increased by Peel County Council to \$300 this year.

—Mrs. Geo. Mason is this week's winner in the Monarch Yarn contest at Miss Rozelle's.

—The first electrical storm of this spring was on Tuesday evening, but not very severe. —Fut drivers are liable to splash pedestrians these days. It isn't necessary to drive fast through towns.

—Sometimes the barefoot driver has a husband who manages the kitchen from a chair at the dining room table. —Bride used to be where you stood at midnight. Now midnight is when you find out where you stand at bridge.

—If you have visitors or are going away, tell The Free Press about it. The personal column is one that all enjoy. —We don't know about hitching your wagon to a star, but plenty of motorists seem to be trying to hang their cars on one.

—Galt and Guelph police magistrates will exchange duties for a short time, in keeping with the policy of the Department. —At the evening service in the United Church on Sunday, Rev. Dr. Morrow sang that splendid solo, "The Holy City," which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation.

—The first fresh fish to reach the editor's desk this year came from Manitoulin Island. It was a fine lake trout, sent down by Mr. George Bishop, and it was good!

—Mr. Neil McKinnon, of Hillsburg, recently sold his champion Clydesdale gelding, "Andie," to Mr. Scott, of Comestory, for perhaps the highest price ever obtained in these parts for a horse. —During the past ten days the greenhouses of A. H. Bishop & Son have shipped 66 dozen daffodils and 170 dozen tulips to Toronto. The greenhouses are a pretty sight now, with so many flowers in bloom.

SMALL EGGS

The smallest hen's eggs we have seen were brought into The Free Press office on Monday by Howard Switzer. The one was found in a nest on the farm on Friday and was not much bigger than one of the old-fashioned ones that the boys used to have.



Maxim Litvinoff Soviet Foreign Minister

MINSTREL FLASHES

The initial presentation of the "Minstrel Flashes" was received with hilarious approval by the young "First Nighters" at the Town Hall last evening.

Twelve spectacular "Flashes" make up this spectacular Minstrel, with the colorful "Hotel Broadway" of Flash III, offering forty-five minutes of song, dance and jest.

The Bell Boys, who "come to sing, dance, laugh and have some fun," are Bill Harrop, O. Masales, Lloyd Eastbrook, Norman Gibson, Tom Nicol, John Nicol, Bill Hall, Jack McMullen, Elva Baarsden, Sam Simpson, R. Spivelegel, George Simpson, Mrs. Cameron Leishman, and "Mammy," sings "Memory Lane"; and Edna Hinton is "Our Girl Maude"; Old Black Joe is Jim Smith.

In Flash I, the Toytown Admiral, sung by Mrs. Gardiner, supported by a chorus of forty children, will delight the hearts of the audience. A special surprise in this number is the duet, "Animal Crackers," sung by those well-known artists, Betty Gibson and Billie Vincent.

In Flash II the theme song, "On the Radio," is sung by Ruth Gibson.

Part II is a revue. The four comedy-dramas have a recognized, all-star cast, including Fannie Hirst, Jack Reid, James Ross, Meryl Grindell, Bert Masat, Josephine McKeown, Joe Whittam and Bill Coleman.

In Flash V Mrs. Burton sings "You're Just a Flapper from an Old Bouquet," to the "Girl of Long Ago," is Kay Chapman. They are supported by a chorus of six charming young ladies.

In Flash VII, Mary, Paddy Harrison, and Tom, Jean Bennie, with ten other Farmers and Farmerettes, are very gay about the season's crop.

Dorothy Dunn and her Syncopating Sinners, execute some intricate steps, with a truly professional polish in Flash IX.

Considerable time and trouble on the part of nine of our prominent young townsmen has resulted in bringing to the stage for the two performances the "Ballet des Fleurs," famous in all the three European centres. This number is a surprise which will be presented with pride and pleasure by the committee in charge.

The Wedding Party, with Cathra McGill as Preacher; Joe McGeachle, the Groom; and Herb Woods, the "Bloomer, Blushing Bride," concludes the broadcast.

Ruth Gibson is the soloist, and the entire company signs off with Good-bye—Good Luck.

Mrs. Thomas Byrne is the accompanist. Directed by Eileen McCarthy, "Minstrel Flashes" is the latest John B. Rogers Production. —It is fast-moving from start to finish, the exciting and scenery presenting an elaborate spectacle.

With the excellent talent lined up it promises to eclipse all previous performances along these lines. After a record of 64 years of unbroken support of all local functions requiring their services, the Acton Citizens' Band, is deserving of the maximum support of those they have served, in their presentation of the greatest entertainment of many seasons.

OPINIONS

When is a sailor very wooden? When he's aboard.

When is a soldier not half a soldier? When he is in quarters?

What is hot in cold weather? Mustard.

WE DARE TO SMILE

Diner (to waiter)—"What's the name of that selection the orchestra is playing?"

Waiter—"Go, Feather Your Neck."

Diner—"Go, jump in the lake. I asked you a civil question."

One Minute Pulpit

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.—Romans 5:19.

The LETTER BOX MORE OBSERVATIONS

This Time — Newspapers

Dear Free Press: For some time, the Calgary Daily Herald has carried on alternate days a series of copyrighted reserved articles on "Ontario and Western in Public Life," by Mr. Fred Cook, for about fifty years in the Press Gallery at Ottawa. These cover sketches of many public men, international affairs, railway conditions, etc.

As a newspaper man, he notes a great change in the fairness of the reports in dailies, especially since the organization of Canadian Press, Limited, in 1917. Previously party papers gave very full reports of their own side, and brief reference to the opposition, except, perhaps, leaders.

Regarding the weekly press he has high praise, and are a credit to the country. He speaks of these being a few with express press work and still fewer with headings which should long ago have been discarded. He gives his instances, but I would object if The Free Press were to discard its type of title letter. While I think that was not the original letter, still it has been on, I feel quite sure, for forty or fifty years.

The writer mentioned above, speaks of the great many cases of old-time paragraphs copied from varying periods of years ago. I recall, somewhere about 1908, discussing this then new feature in newspapers with Mr. J. P. Moore, and his opinion was that 20 years in Acton's case would be about 20 years in a compilation, and gave up the futility to take home for the purpose.

The press of our country has a great share in moulding public opinion, and well would it be if everyone of them should be as well expressed to the writer, by a prominent man regarding yours: "Always a well-conducted paper, clean and wholesome."

Since the above was written signed, folded and enveloped, I have opened up the flap, to say that the death of Rev. Henry Caldwell, reported in The Free Press just to hand, was a sorrowful surprise.

Recollections of him as a young man when on Georgetown, and, I believe Erin, circuits, and later, coming over from Nazagawaya, make a sad commentary on life's changes. The fine editorial tribute to his life and labors will be appreciated by all who knew him.—He was a fine man.—J. S. COLEMAN.

The terrible flood condition still continues all over the country, except the North. We also received the last big snow storm that so crippled traffic after folk thought spring was just around the corner.

Our weather is moderate, slightly above freezing during the day which melts and settles the snow, and then goes below during the night. Sleighing is still fairly good.

Lumber camps have their supplies pretty well all out and men are returning home and making preparation for spring work.

An interesting article appearing in one of the northern papers is worth quoting in part. It says: "The North country needs no aid for its 'existence' when one considers it covers an area of 334,000 square miles, with an estimated 15,000,000 acres of agricultural lands, and with its great natural resources in mineral, timber, game and fish, and water power. In order to clearly present the contribution made by pioneer and others interested in the development, statistics supplied by the Department of Mines, also T.N.O. Railway reports, and municipal statistics are interesting."

"Parcupine Camp produced gold from 1910 to 1934, valued at \$74,356,709; Kirkland Lake Camp, 1913 to 1931, \$188,192,730; Cobalt and Gowganda produced silver and other minerals from 1904 to 1933, valued at \$203,000,000. Timber handled only by the T.N.O. Railway, from 1904 to 1933, \$250,000,000. These figures do not include timber sold in the Cochrane district along the C. N. R., which they represent." The creation of wealth realized from local sales of timber and other products. "They also do not include wealth produced from the sale of fur or fish over a period of 31 years.

Agricultural products are necessarily lower, on account of having to clear and cultivate the land first, but from 1913 to 1934, \$24,374,810 is the value placed on this part of the country's resources.

"It is interesting to note that these figures represent a production of wealth of slightly over \$700 per capita for every man, woman and child resident in the district for the last 31 years, and shows a striking comparison beside figures compiled in the 1935 Year Book, as issued by the Financial Post, which shows the average Canadian per capita income for 1934 was only \$394.

The present population, according to the most authentic information for the District of Temiskaming and Cochrane, is 125,000 people; and the average for these two districts for the past 31 years has been 54,608 per year."

One of the greatest drawbacks has been roads. But now that a highway is under construction and improvement, folk are hopeful that at some future time not far hence, a highway, similar to Nos. 2, 5 or 7, will be available. The present road to the North, known as the Ferguson Highway (which, by the way should now be changed to some other name more suitable) has some interesting figures to show something of the traffic: "The census was carried on over a period from May 15th to September 25th, 1935. Thirteen check-ups were made during that period, which showed an average daily traffic of 609 cars, including light and heavy trucks; the peak was reached on July 27th, with 675 Ontario passenger cars, 323 foreign passenger cars; 136 light trucks; 183 heavy trucks; 3 motor buses, and 47 other vehicles. These figures point to a very definite need for improved highway conditions. Climatic conditions play an important part in road maintenance. A number of different kinds of permanent surface were laid last year, to be tested. If macadam is a success, it is hoped a great deal more will be used this year. Gravel does not stand such tremendous traffic."

I was sorry to read of Acton's failure at Durham in the hockey play-off. But, after all, someone has to be beat, and 9 to 8 wasn't such a terrible score. And if I happened to be one of the players, I don't think I'd like to face what Newmarket had to the year they came out victorious.

Interesting in watching the results of the T.C. testing a retired area is fine, but the personal loss is hard to bear. I see accounts where farmers in some districts are in rebellion and making appeals to have compulsory tests stopped.

Cordially yours, R. W. JOHNSON.

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Col. Joe Beck Poland's Foreign Minister



It was necessary to postpone the regular Scout meeting Monday night, owing to the illness of Scoutmaster Mackin, who writes the following message to the Acton Scouts and readers of this column: "I am very sorry I was unable to attend the weekly Scout meeting, but Dr. Nelson ordered me off to bed, and after all a Scout obeys orders."

"However, I fully expect to be on deck this coming Monday, at which time we will close the present Patrol Competition. Note especially that points will be awarded for "twig alphabets" turned in at this meeting. So why not lay in a few extra points for your Patrol by getting the fellows together for an outing Saturday afternoon and track down some of those letters that have been hard to find?"

"The coming of spring brings opportunities for many fresh activities, especially those out-of-doors. Now is the time to get your bird houses in shape. And how about your hiking gear? Is it ready for use at a moment's notice; packed carefully in that haversack you made out of a flour bag; or will mother have to spend half a day helping you locate your utensils and the other half tracking down her own? We must get in more hiking this season. It is good fun; it is good for you; and it is good Scouting."

"There will also be plenty of chances to do good turns during the spring clean up. We must remember not only to be proud of Acton, but to do our bit to help make it a town to be proud of. So, on your way home from school or play, suppose you quietly get rid of some of the ugly bits of rubbish the melting snow will have uncovered everywhere."

"I understand there is a chance for us to get a splendid camp site near Terra Cotta this year. Arrangements are being made with District Commissioner Wheeler to secure the services of a couple of Galt Rover Scouts to help out with our camp program. These fellows will act as Woodcraft and Pioneer-instructors and will have an active part in keeping the camp program moving along at top speed. There will be at least one over-night-adventure during the camp and every chance will be given those fellows who wish to complete the First Class and other tests."

The 1935 annual report has been issued by Provincial Headquarters. Ontario membership last year showed a total of 30,045—an increase of 4,670, or 15.6%, over the previous year. Most of the new groups formed last year were affiliated with United and Roman Catholic Churches. Once again—no fatal accident in a Scout camp. The Board of Honor, in reporting 10 awards for gallantry, draws attention to the number of awards that have been made for saving of persons from drowning and emphasizing desirability of training in Life Saving. Careful investigation of these cases showed little or no assistance had been rendered by bystanders, and that, except for the action of the Scout, drowning would have been inevitable. This accident appears to be attributable to training and a sense of duty to render assistance to those in distress. W. G. MASON

SOME RIDDLES Why are all people the laziest? Because they are always longest in bed. What birds are always found at a dinner? Lots of little swallows. Why did the cat scuffle? Because it saw the kitchen sink. Why are gloves like a core? Because they are in pairs (pears). When is a horse not a horse? When he is turned into a stable.

IN LIGHTER VEIN Policeman—"Why don't you blow your horn?" Motorist (lightly under the influence)—"Why do you think I am—Little Boy Blue?"

HELPFUL

In his sermon a clergyman illustrated a point by saying: "One must plant roses in the sunshine, but if you want your fuschias to grow you must keep them in the shade."

After the service he was approached by one of the women of his congregation, her face wreathed in smiles. "Oh, I'm so grateful for that sermon!" she said, shaking his hand warmly. His heart glowed with this appreciation of his labors. "Yes," she went on, "I never did know before what was the matter with my fuschias."

"Maid—"Professor, the next room is in fire!" Professor—"Why worry me? Am I in the next room?"

REMOVAL NOTICE On and After April 1st GARDINER'S Watch and Clock Repair Shop will be located in the Old Stand, next to Barr's Grocery J. K. GARDINER ACTON, ONTARIO

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