

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interesting Items Concerning Other Centres and Communities in which Many of Our Readers are Interest

## Ballinafad

The Peacock School held their concert in the hall on Monday night. There are a number of cases of measles in the neighborhood. Mrs. Foreman has so far recovered after her illness to be able to be out of bed. Mrs. Richard Shortill's condition in the Hospital at Guelph is improving. Wishing the Editor and staff a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Hillsburg

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collier and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. W. Millar and Lloyd, recently. Mrs. Collier held her concert in the school last Friday night. The place was packed and a splendid concert put on by the pupils; also a play, entitled "Rooting for Ruth," put on by amateurs of the section, causing some great laughs and a good moral taken from it. School Section No. 9 held their concert on Tuesday night, when a play was put on, entitled "The Teeth of the Gift Horse," by request. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to The Free Press staff and all its readers.

## Rockwood

Mrs. Nutrie celebrated her 83rd birthday last Tuesday, and was the recipient of congratulations and callers during the day. Despite her years, she is able to be about the house, and enjoyed a motor ride a couple of days before her birthday through the kindness of her nieces from Toronto. The auction sale of live stock of the late Oscar Ostrander last week was well attended. Good prices were realized. Christmas tree entertainments of the local Sunday Schools are the order of the day at present. Members and children of St. John's Church held their annual entertainment in the basement of the Presbyterian Church Friday evening. Rev. E. Hillinger, of Acton, was present and acted as chairman for the program. Recitations and songs by the young folks were enjoyed. A number of young people of St. Alban's Church, Acton, were present and put on a play, which was appreciated, as well as a duet and a trio. At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus put in his appearance to the delight of the youngsters, and distributed the numerous presents to all. Lunch and a social time brought a pleasant evening to a fitting close. Members, adherents and children of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School held their annual Christmas entertainment on Monday evening. Proceeding the program, supper was served in the basement of the church, and full justice was done to the good things provided by the ladies of the church. Mr. S. Johnston capably acted as chairman for the occasion, and the program which was given was enjoyed by all present. Some good numbers were given by the Primary and Girls' Classes, and a dialogue by Ewart Donnell, James and McLean. A reading by Miss Jean McLean caused much amusement to those present, when some jokes were made about a few others. During the program, Christmas hymns were sung by all present. At the conclusion, Santa Claus arrived and handed out the numerous presents of the tree, to the delight of the young folks. The many friends and acquaintances here and elsewhere regret the sudden passing away of Mr. Wellington Smith on Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, as a result of an accident at Wyoming, Ontario, recently. The late Mr. Smith was in his 83rd year, and leaves to mourn his loss two brothers, Fred, of Rockwood; and Anson, of Windsor; also one son, Fred, at Hamilton. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Acton. Recent and week-end visitors: Mrs. Spencer, Milestone, Sask. Mrs. Cusick, Moffat. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bull and sons, Ormsby. Mr. Orville Gorrell, Port Credit. Mr. James Roberts, of Eden Mills, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne and family. As a result of the heavy snowstorms over the week-end, everything points to a white Christmas. Mr. Roy Day, of the University of Toronto, is home for his holidays. Harold Bridgman, a former student of Rockwood Continuation School, is again in for further honors, a winner of the James Davidson Scholarship of Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute to the value of \$50. His many friends wish him continued success in his studies. The United Church Young People's Society held their regular meeting on Sunday evening, with Mrs. Ben Hooking responsible for a good Christmas program. Christmas carols were sung and a reading was given by Floris Gordon. George Wingate presided over the program. A very interesting talk was given by Ross Carter on "My Ideas About Christmas." A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to the Editor and staff of The Acton Free Press and all its readers and subscribers.

## Limehouse

Our rural mail carrier, Mr. Jos. Scott, reports the roads unfit for car travel after the gales of the week-end. Messrs. Wm. Gowdy and Arthur Benton attended the Warden's dinner at Milton on Friday. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Steven Norrie is confined to the house with a broken ankle, received from a fall last week. S. S. No. 9 held their annual Christmas tree last Thursday night. An enjoyable program, consisting of solos, dialogues, recitations, choruses and instrumentalists, was given. Santa Claus made his appearance toward the close of the evening and left the children an abundance of gifts. Miss Fisher, the teacher, and Mrs. Gowdy are to be complimented on the concert. We are pleased to see that Mr. R. W. Johnson, a former resident of the village, is able to write again. Keep it up, Bert. Your correspondent takes this opportunity to wish the Editor, his staff and all readers of The Acton Free Press a very merry Christmas.

## Nassagaweya

Friends regret that Mr. Wm. McLaughlin is in the hospital at Guelph and has undergone an operation. His progress is satisfactory and all hope for a prompt recovery. On Friday afternoon Mr. Duncan Moffat, of Knatchbull, had the misfortune to get his right leg broke at the ankle. While helping to get Mr. George Nellis' horse up off the ice on the hill at Russell Somerville's, he got his foot tangled in the lines, throwing him backward breaking his leg and putting the foot out of joint. He was brought home and the leg was set and the joint put back again. He will be laid up for some time. The No. 9 School, Nassagaweya, held a very successful Christmas concert on Thursday evening, 17th inst. The program was much enjoyed by the large gathering present. The No. 8 School held their Christmas concert on Friday evening, with a good program and large crowd to enjoy it. The Ebenezer Sunday School held their Christmas tree entertainment on Saturday evening, there being a large crowd present to enjoy the excellent program rendered by the Sunday School. Nomination Day will be next Monday in the Township Hall, Brookville, for Reeve and four Councillors. The annual school meetings of the various School Sections of the Township will be held in the schools next Wednesday, 30th inst. Mr. L. W. Mchale, of Knatchbull, visited relatives and friends in Glen Williams over the week-end. We wish The Free Press and all its readers a very merry Christmas.

## Eden Mills

A gloom was cast over this community when it was learned that Mrs. Annie Gilbertson had passed away, in her 78th year. Mrs. Gilbertson had been confined to her bed for the past six weeks and her passing was not unexpected. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and a loyal W. M. S. and Ladies' Aid worker. Surviving are three sons, William and James, of the village, and Herbert on the homestead, Nassagaweya; and two daughters, Mrs. John Field, of London; and Mrs. William Calvert, of Guelph; also two sisters, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leahman, Guelph; and one brother, John, of Vancouver. Her husband predeceased her thirteen years ago. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, with a brief service at the home and a public one in the Presbyterian Church, conducted by her pastor, Mr. S. Johnston, assisted by Rev. Mr. Clarke, of the United Church, who visited Mrs. Gilbertson faithfully during her illness. During the service Mrs. W. McLean and Mrs. D. Lowrie rendered a duet, "Good-Night and Good Morning." The funeral was a very large one, showing the esteem in which Mrs. Gilbertson was held. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The pallbearers were: Messrs. James Barden, William Mino, Crastor Scott, Robert Wilson, John Milne and Alfred Wilson; and the flower bearers were members of the choir. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family. The many friends of Mr. Nathan Dredge will be sorry to learn that he has been removed to the Guelph Hospital after suffering a slight stroke. Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsey and Mr. Clarence visited recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsey, Garrafrax. Mrs. Bert Lowrey is under the doctor's care. Master Kenneth Wright had the misfortune to have his collar bone broken while playing at school.

## Milton

Nearly 200 guests attended the complimentary banquet for J. E. Whitelock, Agricultural Representative, sponsored by the Halton County Pigeon's Association, in the Town Hall here, on Wednesday evening of last week.—Champion.

## County Council Approves Second Line as Highway

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Moved by Mr. McNiven, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Warden do now vacate the chair and Mr. Henson take the chair. Moved by Mr. McNiven, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that the thanks of this Council be tendered to Mr. Currie for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council and for the prompt attention given County business during the year. Mr. Currie thanked members of the Council for the honor accorded him at the beginning of the year in electing him as Warden, and since then for the cooperation and courtesy extended to him throughout his term of office. He then presented to each member a group photograph of the 1936 County Council.

Each member in turn expressed his personal appreciation of the efficiency and courtesy with which the Warden had discharged his duties while in office. Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire, County Sheriff, expressed his thanks to the County Council, and particularly to the County Buildings Committee, for the several improvements which had been made in the County Buildings during the past year. The report of Mr. Frank Thompson, Children's Aid Inspector, was of particular interest because of the new system under which the children are boarded out in private homes. There are at present 108 children wards of the C.A.I. and they are classed as follows: Paid Boarding Homes, 31; Adoption, Probation, 12; Wage Homes, 14; Free-Homes, 30; Other Institutions, 9; New Wards, 18; total 108. "In regard to costs," the report stated, "the new system is comparing quite favorably with the former. According to the Treasurer it will not be necessary to make any special requisition for funds during the present year, the expenses being covered by the minimum charge of 75 cents per day for wards under care; also the grant of \$1,000 per year from the Provincial Government." The meeting adjourned.

**KNOX. Y. W. A. ANNUAL MEETING**  
The annual meeting of the Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church was held at the Mansie, and the following is the list of officers for the year 1937: Honorary Presidents—Mrs. Bennie, Mrs. Cooper. President—Miss Laura Wiles. First Vice-President—Mrs. Francis Wills. Second Vice-President—Miss Emma Cole. Third Vice-President—Mrs. V. B. Rumley. Secretary—Mrs. P. Anderson. Assistant Secretary—Miss Wilma McMillan. Treasurer—Miss Marjorie Near. Assistant Treasurer—Miss Lois Atkinson. Pianist—Miss Margaret Brown. Assistant Pianist—Miss Jessie Atkinson. Program Committee—Mrs. O'Hara, Miss Katherine Stewart, Mrs. V. B. Rumley. Flower Committee—Miss K. Rozzell, Mrs. Francis Wills. Supply Committee—Mrs. Nellis, Mrs. Spielvogel, Mrs. Musselle, Mrs. Mann. Visiting Committee—Miss Emma Cole, Miss Laura Wiles. Membership Committee—Miss Lucy Edwards, Miss Florence Elliott, Miss Margaret Brown.

**LITERARY PROGRAM AT BLOOMSBURY**  
Bloombsbury Literary Society held its meeting in the school on Tuesday evening, December 8th. The President, Mansell Nellis, was the chairman. The roll call was answered with a tongue twister. After the regular business was concluded, the program was in charge of Ross Gordon, who presented the following numbers were given: Recitation, entitled "Be Calm and Brave," Mrs. Will Tuck; reading, entitled "Bill Jones' Neighbors," by Master Wallace Labay; reading, "The Ten Commandments on 'How to Get Along with People,'" by Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin, was followed by a song, entitled "Down in the Valley," by Mr. Ross Gordon; reading, entitled "A Mixed Marriage," by Mr. Ross Patterson; and also a reading, "The Cottage of Content," by Miss Alma Watson. The program closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Progressive euchre was then enjoyed. Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin and Mr. Ross Patterson winning prizes. Mrs. George Watson and Miss Annie Fulton were hostesses and served dainty refreshments and a social time was spent.

**Georgetown**  
Mr. Jack Harrison sang in the United Church, Barrie, on Sunday last with the Toronto Conservatory Quartette. Mr. Henry Isley, who was in a car accident some time ago, was removed to Toronto General Hospital, to undergo an operation on his leg. We all wish him a speedy recovery. At a meeting on Monday, December 7th, the Georgetown members of the Pipe Band unanimously accepted the resignation of Alex. Stewart as pipe major and have obtained the services of a capable and well-known major.

## The LETTER BOX

Dear Free Press: First, let me wish the Editor and his staff the season's greetings, and everyone who may read these few lines the merriest of Christmases and a real happy and prosperous New Year. We celebrate each year Christ's birth. It was a merry time in days of old, when the star guided the wise men to the place where He lay, and ever since it has been a joyous time for children everywhere, and for older folk too, in planning and making and watching children happy. Extra preparation is always made; many good things to eat that don't grace a table at other times. The friends all gather together to enjoy the feast, so each one of us who has faith and trust in Christ should be happy. This is the week of entertainments. Ours was on the evening of the 17th, so as not to conflict with so many others. Of course great preparation was necessary. Three in our home were taking part, so we've been listening to "Loud Hosannas" and many other musical numbers, recitations, their parts in drills, dialogues and pantomimes for a month or more. Then, when the great night came the excitement had reached such a pitch that they could hardly hold it all. Six of our young folk started off with the team and sleigh. The weather was fine and sleighing good, so the 2 1/2 mile drive didn't take long. Wife, babe and I remained at home to keep fires on. Our eldest boy is still in camp. Wife and I had a quiet evening, until 12:10 a. m., when the bunch returned, and then, such excitement! All telling at once their version of the wonderful time they had. How cute this one was. How well that one did, etc. And examining the gifts they received, eating candies and nuts, and enjoying a cup of cocoa Mother had made for each. The weather had turned cold during the evening, thermometer going down to 15 below, so they were a bit cold. But there was a good fire on, so they soon warmed up and finally decided bed was the best place, in the wee small hours. Having a family of eight is a real experience. So many different temperaments and desires, and each requiring different management. In this country the Public School entertainment is a community affair. As mentioned previously, the population is mixed, English and French, so a great many of both in the audience, as well as children taking part are French speaking. So a great many amusing incidents take place. The children, although able to speak English, sometimes in their excitement say part of their piece in French, which causes quite a laugh. The children draw each other's names for a gift each. Then the School Board provide an extra gift. The Women's Institute contribute the candles and nuts, so no admission is necessary, which makes it possible for everyone to go and enjoy the good time, whether they can afford to or not. We are having wonderful winter weather. Not too cold, and just enough snow good sleighing, and still cars can run with very little trouble. Cars and trucks are still running back and forth from the south, and since snow came, the road has levelled up some, so is better going. This week a new invention in winter travel has been going up and down the roads advertising. A stream-lined closed-in body, mounted on skis, motorized with a Ford engine, and propelled with an aeroplane propeller, above and behind the body. We can hear it coming a mile away. The children call it the aeroplane car. The driver has to give it a push to start away, but it gains speed quickly and seems easily managed and travels from 25 to 35 miles per hour without exertion. Most of the lumber camps this year are closing down for a whole week or more of holidays. It has been such excellent weather for putting up the cut, that they are well ahead with the work. There's hardly enough snow for hauling yet, except on level ground, where the distance is short. Boxing Day is being observed, which will make a long holiday for those who would not otherwise have it. Markets are being held on the 23rd and 30th, instead of Saturdays, so folk can have everything strictly fresh. With festivities over, our next thought will be better and greater resolutions for the New Year, which we all hope will be a prosperous and happy one. Cordially yours, R. W. JOHNSON.

**Erin**  
Mr. Rex Scott, of Sackatoon, Sask., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Scott. Mrs. T. J. Bush spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Doris Bush, in Toronto. Miss Mabel Todd, of Gt. Riv. Sask., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Austin Pines and Mr. Pines. In the death of Ephraim T. Barbour at his home in Hillsburg, on Saturday, December 12th, a well known and highly respected citizen, passed to his reward, in his 78th year. Mr. Joseph Stern suffered an unfortunate accident on Wednesday evening of last week, when taking part in a race at a carnival at Hillsburg arena when he fell and fractured a small bone in his right hand.—Advocate.

## Silent Night

AS on that first occasion when a shining star announced a day of great rejoicing, so on this glad Christmas we give you in the same spirit of joyful greeting, a merry merry Christmas good health and happiness.

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## B. D. Rachlin

ACTON

## A Christmas and New Year Message

To the Citizens of Acton and Surrounding Country

Dear Friends: As the shadows of the declining year gather around us, we are constrained to express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, "Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts," for the manifold blessings He had bestowed on us during the year; for kind friends, for good health, for satisfied customers. We appreciate more and more, as time goes by, the confidence you manifest in us by giving us difficult and intricate work to do for you, and we are convinced enough to believe that they are done to your satisfaction, at least we rarely have any complaints and we are very thankful that our business relations have been so harmonious during the year. We especially thank you for the measure of material prosperity we have enjoyed. We are thankful also that the people of the United States saw fit to elect that great man, Roosevelt, as their President for the next four years, and for his trip to the South American Republics for the sole purpose of promoting Peace and Good-will among men. Thank God for such men. But above all we are thankful that we are citizens of the great British Empire, and that they have come through the most acute crisis in our national history without any internal upheavals, and that we are living in the best country in the world—this fair Canada of ours. In conclusion we want to wish every one, young and old A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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## Church News

### United Church of Canada, ACTON

Pastor—Rev. E. M. Morrow, M.A., Ph.D. Parsonage—Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1936

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11.00 a. m.—The Minister. Subject: "A Unique Personality."  
12.15 p. m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.  
7.00 p. m.—The Christmas Cantata by the Choir: "The Song and the Star."  
Tuesday, 8.00 p. m.—"Using People's Union."  
Thursday, 7.30 p. m.—Bible Study Hour. EVERYBODY WELCOME

### Presbyterian

#### KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

REV. H. L. BENNIE, M. A., Minister  
Manse—Willow Street

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1936

11.00 a. m.—That for Which the First Was Made."  
7.30 p. m.—The Sabbath School. Rev. W. J. L. Hampshire.  
7.00 p. m.—"More Christmas Carols."  
Note: The School Christmas Tree and Concert, Wednesday, December 30th, in the church at 8.00 p. m.  
"ALWAYS WELCOME"

### Baptist Church

ACTON

REV. E. G. RAXTER, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1936

10.00 a. m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a. m.—Service of Worship. "Praising On."  
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