

ARKONA

Home over Christmas in Arkona:
Mr. Alf. Smith, Brantford.
Miss Mattie Bryson, Detroit.
Mr. Thos. Dowden, London.
Mr. Roy Brown, St. Thomas.
Miss Olive Oakes, Hagersville.
Mr. Robert Walker, Caledonia.
Miss Belle Knisley, Ailsa Craig.
Mr. and Mrs. Norval Knisley, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sutherland, St. Mary's.
Miss Beatrice Oakes, St. Joseph's, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox, Wyoming.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford White, St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. James Garen and children, Sarnia.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Baldwin and children, Sarnia.

Mr. Leo. Detwiler and sister, Bedia, of London.
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dawson and child, Leamington.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bearss spent Christmas with friends in Watford. Nial Eastman and daughter Ruth, spent Christmas with his son in Inverkip.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Catt spent Christmas with her parents in St. Thomas.

Mr. Thos. Langan spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. L. Muxlow, Kerwood.

At a meeting of Knox Church, W. M.S. of Jarvis, Ont., Mrs. Hare was offered the presidency of the society, but her duties being already so many she was made a life member instead and presented with a very flattering address.

The following parties have qualified for the following positions:
Evee—Samuel Rivers and F. C. Eastman. Councillor—C. J. Ready, Alex. Johnston, Ben Herrington, R. Fitzsimons, Rich. E. Wilson, Arthur Stoner. Trustees—John L. Brown, Harry Utter, Will Woolvett, Russell G. Woods, George B. Paulds.

Report of Junior Room, Arkona, for November and December. Names in order of merit. Class II—75% plus—Mildred Brown, Ida Richter, Gordon Stoner, Lawrence Johnston. 60% plus—Vivian Utter, Kenneth Clark, Evelyn Holmes, Gordon Morninger, Lawrence Richter. 40% plus—Lenore Walker, Victor Woolvett, Harry Paulds, George Ott. Absent for several tests—Mary Hosteller, Gordon Wilson, Stella Wilson. Class I 60% plus—Delos Utter, Hubert Augustine. 50% plus—Helen De Groat, (George Paulds and Hubert Augustine) equal, Mildred Yorke, Leonard Clark (absent). Class B 75% plus—(Manford Butler Edgar Jones) equal, Edna Woolvett. 60% plus—Mona Yorke, Mack Ott, Harriet Schmidt, Leonard Eastman, Lucy Holmes, Ethel McKenzie, (Hazel Wilson, Lyle Vidd) absent. Class A 75% plus—Margaret Lawless, Dora Eastman, Fred Brown, Jimmy Johnston, Catharine Purdy, Dorothy Dickson, (Cora Richter, Gordon Meadows, Fred Holmes) equal, Roberta Jones, David Johnson. 60% plus—Donald White.

KERWOOD

Mr. R. A. Brunt of Windsor was home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and babe spent the weekend with relatives in Sarnia.

Mr. Quince Cook of Ridgetown spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Cook.

Mr. Cyril Wright of London, Miss Erna Wright of Melbourne, were home for the holiday.

Prayer and Praise service in the basement of the church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All welcome.

Miss Thelma Brunt of Windsor is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Craig, of Detroit are visiting Mrs. Craig's mother, Mrs. Smith, who is in poor health.

Misses Hattie and Ethelwyn Rogers of Toronto, Miss Jo Rogers of Montreal, are spending the holidays under the parental roof.

Mrs. Bishop and son of Strathroy, Mr. Gordon Wilson of Blenheim, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of London, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Port Huron spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

Nominations for Trustees for the Police Village of Kerwood: Chas. Foster, J. Cook, W. Leacock, A. Woods, J. Richardson, G. Dowding. First three elected by acclamation.

CHOP STUFF

Smallpox is reported to have broken out among school children in Essex. The cases are said to be mild and closing of schools is not contemplated. Windsor has one or two cases of the disease, and during the last two months more than a dozen cases have been treated in Sandwich West and Sandwich South townships.

Mrs. Charles Mills, of Wheatley, was painfully burned on the hands on Saturday afternoon. She had lighted the gas and some time afterward noticed that it was not burning. She then lighted a newspaper and put it in the stove with the result that the escaping gas when lighted burst out in a flame and burned her hands severely.

Wm. Craig, of Harrow, sustained a broken leg and badly bruised the other one Sunday night in a fall from a fractious horse which he was riding. With his brother, he started for Oxley and at the village corner the horse he was riding became frightened and turned suddenly into A. Elliott's lane, throwing its rider against a fence post.

Harold Seli of Wheatley will have to swear off playing pool for six months, and during that time he will have to be in the house every night at 10.30 and go to Sunday school once and church twice every Sunday, according to a judgment handed out by Magistrate Fox of Wheatley. Seli who is 18 years of age, was convicted on a charge of stealing a robe from a neighbor's barn at Wheatley.

A short winter course for farmers will again be held at the Toronto University from February 6 to 18th, 1922. Last February 279 enrolled in the course and found it pleasurable and profitable. The subjects will be: Economics, English Literature, and three of the following—Architecture, Public Health and Hygiene, Canadian History, Public Speaking, Psychology, Household Science, Commercial Geography. The fee is only \$2. All who can should attend.

In the county court Wednesday the case of the John Goodison Thresher Company of Sarnia vs. J. H. Sikes of Dumfries, Brant county, judgment was given in full of claim for the plaintiff and judgment entered accordingly. This case was for \$600, being first payment on a tractor sold to defendant who claimed the contract not binding because of a letter to the agent later altering the terms of the sale. R. I. Towers K.C., acted for the plaintiff, and A. Weir was counsel for the defendant.

Robert McLean, a native and well-known resident of Plympton, died at the home of his brother Arch. McLean, Wyoming, aged 58 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McLean, 14th con., and most of his life was engaged in the lake fishing business. For several years past he had been fishing at Fort Francis, where he suffered a stroke about three months ago, from the effects of which he never rallied. He is survived by one brother and two sisters, Arch. McLean, Wyoming, Mrs. Angus Paton, Dutton; and Mrs. John A. Smith, Red Deer, Alta.

On Friday afternoon Kenneth, the little four years old son of R. M. McPherson, manager of the Merchants Bank, Glencoe, was struck by a motor car on Main street and had his head and face badly cut and bruised. That he was not crushed to death was a wonder. The little boy had come uptown with his mother, and seeing his father on the opposite side of the street, was running across to meet him. Having all his attention fixed on his father, he failed to observe the auto which struck him. The driver of the car, John O. McEachern of Ekfrid, on seeing that the child was in danger, applied his brakes and brought the car to a stop almost within its own length, but was unable to prevent striking the little fellow, who fell parallel with the car, the front end of which passed over him, one of the wheels grazing his left shoulder and body. The accident was purely one of those unpreventable occurrences and no blame is attached to the driver of the car.

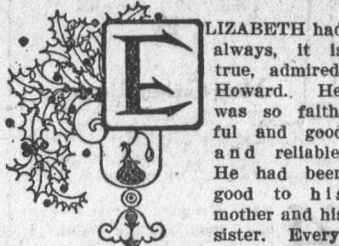
Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Christmas Wedding Bells

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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ELIZABETH had always, it is true, admired Howard. He was so faithful and good and reliable. He had been good to his mother and his sister. Every one knew he would be good to a wife, and they all knew, too, that he wanted Elizabeth for his wife.

"You're foolish not to take him," they said. "We all know you have the opportunity to do so every time he goes to see you. We would wager he'd proposed any number of times." "I don't know about that," Elizabeth would laugh. They could get nothing out of her.

Once some of them spoke to Howard. "We wish you two would get married. We're tired of seeing you court-ing all the time."

Howard smiled. "It's up to Elizabeth," he said. One woman spoke to Elizabeth one day in a very serious fashion.

"The trouble with you," the woman said, "is that you've always had so much attention. Not only Howard, but everyone has been charmed by you, and you think that will go on to the end of time. You'll find it won't. They'll stop, and then, where will you be?"

"I don't want to be married so as to escape being an old maid," Elizabeth laughed. "I've seen too many happy ones to be afraid. What's more—I think a lot more of a person who is faithful to someone they've loved than to marry for the sake of marrying. Lots of the 'old maids' are that. Some of the married ones have been so afraid they'd be thought unpopular and unwanted that they've married out of sheer cowardice."

This was very puzzling. Had Elizabeth loved someone in her earlier days—perhaps when she had gone away on a visit? No one knew. But everyone was puzzled. So much puzzled that they asked no more questions. They stopped telling her she should marry Howard. They stopped telling her what a wonderful husband he would make, and how much he loved her.

They were speculating on which visit it could have been when the tragedy occurred. And had the mysterious man married or had he been already married and so Elizabeth, as a nice, quiet girl had quickly taken herself home and out of the way? It was snowing hard. Elizabeth was getting together her Christmas presents when the door bell rang. Outside stood Howard.

"I thought perhaps you'd not mind if I went with you when you took around the presents," he said. "I knew it was just about your time."

"How lovely it was outside. The snow was falling, the air was so clear and cool, and here was Howard, so straight and tall, his face glowing with health, his eyes so clear, so keen and so devoted. It made even the cold, crisp air seem warm and soft and affectionate."

They had delivered the presents and were now passing the small church. Inside someone was practicing on the organ. That was doubtless the organist practicing for the music for the service in the morning. There was much beautiful music always for Christmas! So many wonderful hymns, and such an atmosphere about it all.

"I wish," Howard said, "that he'd stop practicing the Christmas music and play us a wedding march."

"Do you mean it?" Howard shouted. "Oh yes, my dear, of course I mean it. You've not said a word about marrying the last four times I've seen you and I've been about to do it myself. The people—they tried to keep me from seeing how wonderful you were by talking about you, making

you what they call a 'good girl'—giving me a chance to see for myself."

The organist played the wedding march. The clergyman came over hurriedly to marry them, bringing two witnesses with him.

"The Christmas bells and the wedding bells are joining together for us," Howard said a little later.

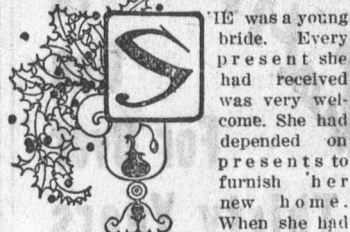
They took the basket which had had the presents in it back home. Then they announced to all the people what they had done.

"Merrie Christmas!" everyone wished them. But Elizabeth answered, "We don't need to be wished 'Merrie Christmas,' but we thank you all just the same!"

A Christmas Joke

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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SHE was a young bride. Every present she had received was very welcome. She had depended on presents to furnish her new home.

When she had received duplicate which were not intended she hastened to the place from which they had been purchased and picked out other articles of beauty and of household necessity.

Her friends had really been remarkably kind. She had been surprised to find how ready the shops had been about taking back gifts and substituting with others, or in engraving presents which had not already been engraved. Only one had charged for engraving—the gift had been purchased at "wholesale rate" and so engraving was not included.

Altogether from the point of view of presents as well as from the point of view of a mate she had done remarkably well. This would enable them to make a very good appearance in their home without having to draw from the none too plentiful savings.

She viewed everything over again one evening, presents and those which were exchanges. There was just one thing among them that was not necessary and not particularly pretty. It was a gravy-dish. She knew of no particular use to which she could put it—she had one of the kind she really liked.

She could not exchange it. It had a monogram in the center.

"I know what I'll do with it," she said to her husband. "I'll give it to Molly Stevens for a Christmas present. She has been so good to us and I'd like to show her how much I appreciate it."

"You know she is going to get married in the spring—that is—her engagement is all but announced."

"Don't you think it would be a good idea? She was so helpful about my wedding and she has told me, quite confidentially, that the wedding will be in the spring."

"It would be a good idea to give her



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something for Christmas that she could have for her new home.

"We really can't afford to buy another thing just now and that will do beautifully."

"But the monogram?" her husband inquired.

"Oh, that can be taken off you know, and another one put there in its place. I heard some one ordering that to be done in one of the silver shops the other day."

"Yes, that's a splendid idea," her husband heartily agreed.

"I'll go down-town and attend to it tomorrow. I haven't much time. Christmas is almost here."

"Our first Christmas," said the young husband as he clasped his bride to him.

"Our first Christmas," she m-

WATFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Watford Horticultural Society will be held in the Library Board room on Wednesday evening, January 11, 1922, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as important business will be discussed.

MURRAY CAMERON, Secretary.

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The next evening he asked her if she had arranged about sending the gray dish to Molly Stevens.

"I couldn't send it," she said.

"Why not?" he queried.

"Because of the monogram in the center," she said.

"But you told me that that could be erased by the silversmiths and a new monogram placed there?" her husband persisted.

"I know I did," the young bride answered, "but you see they told me today at the shop that it would be possible to do it were it not for the fact that it had been done so often to this gray dish that they wouldn't dare take a chance with it again. They'd not be able to avoid boring a hole this time! It has been given away once too often for me to put to any use," she sighed sadly.

"And I shall just send Molly a Christmas card. After all she did no more than any one else!"

Celery and Canans Salad.

Cut the bleached portions of crisp celery into half-inch lengths. Mix with an equal quantity of sliced banana. Arrange in small moulds in lettuce cups, dress with mayonnaise and garnish with English walnut meats, or, if novelty is desired, serve in banana cups.

C. O. C. F.

At the last regular meeting of Watford Council, No. 255, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, held on Tuesday evening here, the following officers were elected for the year 1922—

P. C. C.—Mrs. Robt McNaughton

C. C.—R. W. Phillips.

V. C.—Mrs. William Phair.

Recorder and Treas.—W. E. Fitzgerald.

Prelate—Rev. S. P. Irwin, B.A.

Marshall—Wm. Gordon Westgate.

Warden—Mrs. John Bruce.

Guard—William Phair.

Sentry—Thomas Kerr.

Organist—R. A. Higgins.

Trustees—Dr. Geo. Hicks, E. D. Swift and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald.

Auditors—Dr. Geo. Hicks, Col. Frank Kenward and E. D. Swift.

Physician—Dr. C. W. Sawers.

Grand Council Representative—Mrs. Robert McNaughton; alternate, William Westgate.

EXECUTOR NOTICE

JOSEPH HUME ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Joseph Hume, late of the Village of Watford, in the County of Lambton, Insurance Agent, deceased, are to send in full particulars of such claims together with the nature of security (if any) by mailing them to Cowan, Towers & Cowan, at Watford, on or before the 31st day of January, 1922, and after the said date the executors will proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Executors shall then have received notice.

COWAN, TOWERS & COWAN,
Solicitors for Executors.
Dated this 24th day of December, 1921. d30-3t

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