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8th Line, Osprey

Hauling logs is the order of the day. A number of teams off the 8th have joined the procession.

Mrs John Parsons spent a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs Jim McKenzie.

Mrs Charlie Hanley and Mrs Walter Akitt spent the week end with friends in Markdale.

Mr Alex Cameron is attending County Council in Owen Sound.

A sleigh load of young people drove to Stone's Settlement last Tuesday evening, where they spent a pleasant time at Mrs Will Pedlar's renewing old acquaintance.

Mrs Ephram Doupe and Miss Martha Fenwick spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Tom Fenwick.

A number from here attended the Club Meeting at Eugenia on Saturday night.

Our teacher, Miss Acheson, and Mrs Alex Cameron are busy training the children for their Christmas concert. Watch The Advance for further particulars.

Miss Emily Fenwick and Miss Olive Mathewson of Flesherton spent the week end at the former's parental home.

VANDELEUR

Miss Taylor of Rocklyn it visiting with her brother, Mr Bert Taylor.

Mr Parker of Proton is spending a few weeks with Mr and Mrs Jack Flynn.

Mrs Dave Graham and little daughter, Winnie, spent a few days with friends at Kimberley.

Mr Chas Boland had the misfortune to fall and sprain his ankle.

Rev Mr Fowler of Flesherton conducted Prayor Meeting at the home of Mr and Mrs Robt Graham on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs Cook of Rocklyn is spending a couple of weeks with Mr and Mrs Bert Taylor.

About eighty friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs Ed Baker on Friday evening of last week and presented Mr and Mrs Otto Baker, who were married recently, with an address and a set of diners. The evening was spent in games and music.

The Farmer's Club will meet next Monday evening.

John Jackman, rural mail carrier of Chatsworth, was run down after night by an autoist. His buggy was struck with such force that he and his mail bags were thrown out, the reach of the buggy broken and the hind axle badly bent. Mr. Jackman was not injured. The autoist serenely went on his way without trying to render assistance or announce his identity.

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Mrs W. T. Pedlar is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs John Wickens, Eugenia.

Mrs S. Phillips is visiting with Mr and Mrs Geo Clark.

Eddie White lost his driver last week from paralysis.

We are glad to report Mrs Wm Hawkins much improved in health.

Will Newell of Durham visited over the week end with his brother, Charles Newell, and wife.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Hoiley of Vandeleur spent a day the past week with the former's sister, Mrs Sam Croft

Jas. Dargavel made a business trip to Durham on Monday.

Jim and Ita Pedlar are visiting with their grandmother, Mrs T. Julian, in Flesherton.

Mr and Mrs Art Porteous visited last week with the former's parents here.

Mr and Mrs Ned Croft are spending a few weeks with relatives at Feversham.

Our teacher, Miss Moore, visited recently with her parents at Badjeros.

CEYLON

Miss M West of Owen Sound is visiting with her friend, Mrs F G Collinson.

Mrs George Cairns and Mrs F G Cairns are visiting with Toronto friends for a week.

Mrs Wm White is visiting her mother, who is ill in Toronto.

Mr and Mrs A Sinclair and two children spent the week end with Harriston friends.

Mrs Archie Stewart spent the week end with her brother at Harriston.

The Women's Institute will hold their meeting at Mrs Royden Gibson's Thursday, December 2nd, when they hope for a full attendance.

The Prayer Meeting will be held on Friday evening of this week at Miss M Cook's.

FEVERSHAM

Mrs Will Stewart and Albert Stewart of Flesherton visited with friends in this village recently.

Miss Mae Whiteoak of Toronto is visiting at her parental home here at present.

Mrs Ed Croft of Rock Mills spent last week with her sister here.

Born—On November 25th, to Mr and Mrs Melville Douglas, a daughter.

Born—On November 25th, to Mr and Mrs Albert Hollingshead, a son.

A number of persons here have been laid up with bad colds and there are a few cases of scarlet fever around Maxwell.

Sleighing has been good for the past week and the Durham Furniture Co have about 25 teams drawing the logs they purchased from John Earle last summer, to their mill at Rock Mills.

Mr McGirr of Parry Sound has returned to his home after a two or three weeks' visit with his uncle, R. S. McGirr and other friends in this vicinity.

Mrs Chris Thompson is visiting in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. William Walters.

Jocelyn Green, the slayer of Bert Cavill, drayman of Chesley, was taken by Constable Ferguson to the Hamilton asylum on Friday last. Green, who recovered from the severe wound made in his right temple, supposedly by boring through his right temple with his finger nail, in an effort to end his life while in the cells, again tried to reach repeatedly for the wound on the trip to the asylum, and only the fact that he was handcuffed and the officer was on the watch for such manoeuvres alone prevented him from further injuring himself. Provided he fails to recover his reason he will be incarcerated in the asylum for life, but in the event of his regaining his sanity he will be placed on trial for the murder of Cavill. A local doctor who examined the prisoner says that he is afflicted with a malady that will probably terminate fatally within six months.—Bruce Herald and Times.

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FRED SPOFFARD

Concerning Ghosts

From the Montreal Gazeete

Somewhere about 1896 I looked into a "daylight ghost" for the Toronto Globe. If you look through the fyles of that journal for several years before and after that date you will find a long (and inconclusive) account of it by me. It was in a log school in the county of Grey in Ontario; the postoffice was Bunessan; the nearest railway stations in those days were Durham (G T R) and Flesherton (C P R). It is a hilly, rather heavily wooded region. The schoolhouse was a one roomed log affair, more or less in a cedar swamp; the people were ashamed of it and trying to nerve themselves to build a brick one on a more suitable site. When the occurrences took place the teacher was a young woman who lived a few miles away, and there were, when they began, twenty or thirty pupils. Some time before the summer holidays began noises invaded the school. The procedure was for the teacher to open the school; half an hour after the usual noises of an elementary school had begun the mysterious sounds would be heard. It was a humming, buzzing sound; the clearest description given to me was that it was like a threshing machine running empty. If the teacher were away and the pupils remained the noises continued. It was the same if the pupils went and the teacher stayed; but if both left the noises stopped. To be brief, this manifestation continued until the school broke up for the midsummer holidays. The trustees, being practical men, then dealt with the situation by dismissing the teacher and building a new brick school house on a hill superior to the cedar swamp.

While these weeks went by the whole countryside visited the school and the unfortunate teacher day after day went through tha motions of instructing her dwindling flock while the invisible presence hemmed and hawed. There would be a handful of pupils in front and perhaps a hundred visitors at the back of the room. The public school inspector, a Mr. Campbell, spent much time there and did what he could to ferret out the cause; the only effect was that the Presence did not seem to like his efforts and fairly barked at him. Once he noticed a smell as of electricity.

Not to go into too great detail, every possible hypothesis seemed contradicted by some feature of the affair. It could not be ventriloquism for no one person's presence was essential to the show. The teacher was not wholly normal. She professed to have had a dream a few weeks before the trouble began and to have heard the sounds in it; and some months after it was all over I heard that she had developed a habit of going into "trances."

A photographer drove out from Durham and "took" the schoolhouse and the handful of children who stuck to theia attendance. The teacher refused to pose in the group. When it was developed, what passed for an additional face appeared in the picture. Of course there were plenty of explanations, but was it not odd that an occurrence requiring explanation attached itself to that particular edifice?

We heard of it in Toronto too late to investigate while the affair was in progress. I got my information from the trustees and from Mr. Campbell, the inspector. I have no theories and merely know that it happened.

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Poisoned at Owen Sound

Owen Sound, Nov. 28—Two young men, both under 20 years of age, are in the General and Marine Hospital in a very serious condition from drinking wood alcohol mixed with anise, and Peter Faluris, a Greek, is in custody, charged with selling the concoction. One of the boys is very seriously ill, and grave doubts are entertained as to his recovery. Faluria appeared in court yesterday, but was remanded a week. The stuff was purchased Wednesday, but medical aid was not called till yesterday. One of the boys being unable to move himself, they became gradually worse and worse, until removed to the hospital. If either of these young men should die there would be a serious charge against the vendor of the poison. A man named Lewis died not long ago, and it is said his condition was somewhat the same before his death as that of these boys.

Albert Looby of lot 22, Fifth Line, Amaranth, sustained a serious loss when his large bank barn was totally destroyed by fire, together with most of the contents. The barn contained about 30 tons of hay and all his season's crop of grain. The fire was caused by the upsetting of a lantern in the hay loft. The live stock was all saved. Mr. Looby carried insurance in the Dufferin Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., $1600 on the barn and $100 on the contents, but this will not nearly cover the loss—Free Press.

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