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The Old Boys

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time had aged us e was less satisfaction y picnics with the girls. faction came from the of the swimming hole r-boys of the vllage, or p into the woods with

e valley chocked itself the village a dam had means of half natur- l, and a most tempt- result. The oppor- e, and the pioneer ansformed a very into the site of a e satisfaction to ons of boys.

nding arm of the houlder of a hill cut water was shallow, oped gently out for istance. Here we in- es into the mysteries of ere not too deep. Here quainted with the dart- "minnies"; the croak- bull frogs; the big- s that looked for all ough a dark brown the swelled head; uckers that would which never did slither through ce of black rag in ptly-named clams able existence in without a sign

quially known h its perpen- n into a foot eal taking-off nto the shallow not swim.

o out to thir—out came quite a distance up their personalities—lose their feet, and swim in to safety again; but to me it would not come. Noo art nor advice of mine wouuld render my body buoyant, and no skill of mine coluld keep either my feet or had off the bottom, depending on which happened to be closest to it for the moment.

Such splashing and shrieking and whooping of delight as there was for hours a at time, and when the bus from the station rolled along the shor visible stretch of the road at the far side of the pond, across the bridge and then behind the swell of a convenient hill the occupants had a view of a score or more of devotees of nature unadorned, happy and carefree,—a view available at some hour of every summer's day since the pond was made, eevn, in many cases, it is admitted with regret, on Sundays. But they were the Godless boys!

But I couldn't swim! The others forged ahead, but Father Neptune was no friend of mine. Apparently he had never even heard of our family. Then, one happy day I found myself floating on the water wih my feet actually off the bottom. At once when realization set in I sank like a stone, but there was encuragement in the incident. With a full breath I kicked up my feet again—and floated. On breathing out, down I went.

The Waterloo—or should I say Trafalgar—was past, and with a few few trials it was absurdly simple, and I was able to swim a last! From then on, the pond became a thing of unalloyed delight, and gradually its andmarks were conquered one by one, though I shall attempt no explanation of how water may have landmarks? The submerged stumps gradually became familiar; we swam across the pond on a risky venture; and then we swam, when we could, the length of it.

And finaly there came the time when diving boards were rigged up over the deeper parts of it, and diving became the chief aim of life. Some of us could go down deeper than the others; some could say down log; some could swim farther under water than others; some could swim farther than others; some could do this rtick and some could do that one —and thus were honors divided.

A wise providence seemed to equip each one with an accomplishment which was compensation for his lacking in some others as no two of us could excel in the same thing at the same time. The law of compnsation in sublime operation, it seemed to be.

On going back to the old pond in after years, it had srangely contracted, but its waves had the disagreeable habit of lapping hungrily at the shores. Vivid in my mind was the recollection of the drowning of two dear friends in the waters of a charming lake half way across Canada. And here, too the tiny waves of the pond were waiting for their victims. I recalled how a team of horses had walked down the gravelly bank of this very pond to drink and had not stopped in time; how they became entangled n the harness, and how as the bubbles surged to the surface in a seething eruption the horses sank silently out of sight and were drowned.

But here were the little codgers that were in their cradles when I saw them last, flying through the air and chugging into the water with a splash and comin go the surface again with a spluttering burst with an "I touched bottum; look I'll bring bottum up again!"—and down again they would go until you'd wonder what had happened to the little water rats.

I tried it, too, but the water got in my ears and up my nose, while I couldn't swinm as far under water as I used to. So I went back up town to where Junior was, and realized that he must do the swimming for the family in the future—that will be his part when he reaches the age; and as for me, I have to keep hustling to keep in the swim, in another sense.

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Grey Lodge 589, A.F.&A.M. Elect Officers For 1924

R. W. Bro. Justice Wright, assisted by R. W. Bros. John H. Dunlop and John A. Graham, installed the following officers of Grey Lodge No. 589, A.F.&A.M., at the regular meeting in the Yonge Street Masonic Temple on Thursday evening: W. Bro. Dr. G. H. Armstrong, W.M.; Wor. Bro. W. L. McFarland, I.P.M.; Bro. G. F. McFarland, S.W.; Bro. J. F. Van Every, J.W.; Bro. Rev. J. A. Robinson, Chaplain; Bro. James Craig, Treasurer; W. Bro. J. W. Tucker, Secretary; Bro. R. J. Witherspoon, Assistant Secretary; Bro. J. E. Ritchie S.D.; Bro. W. N. Hemphill, J.D.; Bro. Leeson Whitby, D. of C.; Bro. Dr. W. G. Trelford, I.G.; Bro. James H. Craig, S.S.; Bro. F. S. Redfern, J.S.; Bro. C. H Trelford, Organist; Bro. H. J. Pritchard, Tyler. R. W. Bro. Sir William Hearst was elected representative to the Masonic Bureau, and Bros. W. Turner and Harold R. Frost, Auditors.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our gratitude to the many friends who so kindly extended assistance and sympathy during our recent bereavement in the death of our husband and faher, Wm. Walker.

—Wife and Son.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Shortt of Feversham announce the engagement of their daughter, Mina Oakman to Mr. Earl Fletcher Hewgill, the marriage to take pace the latter part of December.

U.F.O. Fowl Supper At Maxwell, December 27

Miss A. C. McPhail, M.P., and Hon. D. Carmichael To Speak

TheU. F. O. fowl supper will be held in the Methodist Hall, Maxwell, on Thursday, December 27th. Supper wll be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. A good program will be given in the Orange Hall. Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P., and Hon. D. Carmichael will be present. Admission 50 and 25 cents. Everybody welcome.—H. Poole, Sec.

ROD AND GUN

The story of an eventful canoeing trip is told in the January issue of Rod and Gun in Canada by Frosty Snow in "With Paddle and Fish Pole in Quebec." There is also a good description of a moose hunt on the Athabasca river by H. K. Henry, while F. V. Williams vividly describes a tragedy of wild life as unfolded by tracks in the snow, in his story "As Told In the Snow." A. A. Haines who is an authority on hunting knives has a well illustrated article dealing with various makes of hunting knives, together with his opinion of them. After trying for twenty-three years, Bonnycastle Dale has finally taken a splendid photograph of the Red Breasted Merganser, and his good description of the life and habits of this bird is of interest to all. Guns and Ammunition is particularly well stocked with interesting articles, as well as the questions and difficulties of sportsmen, and answered by C. S. Landis, while fishing Notes, Along the Trapline, Outdoor Talk, and other deparments are all filled with fine articles by specialists.

The Jaunary issue opens the first number of the new year with articles on canoeing, fishing, moose hunting, ski-ing, hunting knives, nature studies, guns and ammunition, trapping, kennel interests and a host of other subjects.

Mr. Wm. Little, division court clerk of Lucknow, is likely to have to defend a suit for $10,000 damages. A farmer came into his store and paid him $8 which he deposited in a drawer Mr. Little had occasion to go out for a while, leaving the farmer in the office. After the farmer left, Mr. Little searched for the $8, and being unable to find it, had the farmer searched but without result. Later on, he found the money in a drawer and went to tender his apologies to the man he suspected and searched, but they were not accepted and an action for damages has been instituted.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER of the estate of JOHN ALBERT ARNOTT late of the Townshp of Osprey in the County of Grey, Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Trustee Act and amendments thereto that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the saidJohn Albert Arnott who died on or about the Ninth day of October, 1923, are required on or before the Twelfth day of January, A. D. 1924, to send by post prepaid or deliver to Messrs. Telford & Birnie of the city of Owen Sound in the County of Grey, solicitors for the Executor of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

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