### The Providential Snake

" Stranger," said Alkali Ike solemn ly, "kindness to dumb critters always pays. Old man Busby down to Deming found a big rattler caught in a slide. Did he kill him? No sir, he pried him loose, and that there snake was so grateful that he followed the old man home ten miles. Couldn't drive him off the ranch. No sir, the animile was so plumb grateful he guarded the house like a regular watch dog. Come to be a great pet. The folks called him Wilbur.

"One night the feller woke up sudden. Seemed like there was a choking sound right by his bunk. He got him a light and what you reckon he seen? There was Wilbur coiled round the neck of a sneak thief. Yes, sir! And the critter had his tail out the window rattling for the police!"

Shelburne opened an enlarged and improved high and public school building last week. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier and Minister of Education, was the principal speaker.

### FARM FOR SALE

On the Toronto line, Provincial highway, one farm of 100 acres 2½ acres of hardwood bush. Good buildings, water in barn and house. One and a half miles from Flesherton, near to school. Lots 166—164. Will be sold separately if required. Must be sold, as I am giving up farming. — Robt. Best, Proton, P. O.


# The Spirit of the Christmas Season

brings to us a renewed appreciation of old associates and the value of new friends. On behalf of our Branch Managers and Staffs, I wish to extend greetings and to acknowledge the pleasure derived from our business relations during the year about to close.

May your Christmas be Merry and the New Year bring you an abundance of happiness and prosperity.

General Manager.

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## Farmers Party Will Remain in Politics

The question of the United Farmers of Ontario taking part in politics was raised at the annual meeting of the organization in Toronto recently. Following the downfall of the Drury government the organization, urged by the secretary, J. J. Morrison, withdrew from partisan politics, but the recent convention passed a resolution urging candidates to be nominated in every constituency. Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., strongly supported the resolution. W. A. Amos of Palmerston was again elected the president. A motion was made and seconded asking for the expulsion of Thomas Binnie, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the U.F.O. and "that his name be erased from the rolls and records forever." Mr. J. S. McDonald alleged that in view of the tariff stand taken by the organization, Mr. Binnie's alleged support of the Meighen policy in the last election could not be overlooked. J. J. Morrison explained that no member of the organization could be expelled.

Beauty is only skin deep and some are skinned trying to get it.

Sir Henry Thornton on his return from Great Britain, speaks optimistically of the future of that country. He says Britain has reached the low point in her experience and he looks for the up trend from now on. Well, Britain is the only country in the world that has tried to pay her debts in spite of the strain it has been on the people.

## NOMINATION

### TOWNSHIP OF ARTEMESIA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Electors of Artemesia will be held at the town hall, Flesherton, on Monday the 28th day of December 1925, at 1 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of nominating members of the township council of 1926. If more than the necessary number of candidates for any particular office are nominated, and a poll is required, polls must be opened in the several divisions at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 4th day of January 1926, and remain open until 5 p.m. for such election as follows:

In Div. 1, Orange hall, Orange Valley
In Div. 2, Town Hall. Flesherton.
In Div. 3 Orange Hall, Proton
In Div. 4, Orange Hall Ceylon.
In viD. 5, Watson's Hall, Priceville
In Div. 6, Forester's hall, Vandeleur
In Div. 7, Orange hall, Eugenia.
In Div. 8 School house, Portlaw.

Dated this 16th day of December,

—W. J. BELLAMY, Clerk.


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### VANDELEUR

Mrs. Heath has returned home from Collingwood hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn have returned from Toronto, where they spent some time. Mrs. Flynn is still in poor health.

Mr. Norman Summers visited friends at Belleville recently.

Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson has been under the doctor's care, but is now improved in health.

*The Ladies' Aid held their December meting at the home of Mrs. J. Richardson and Miss Clock on Wednesday afternoon last.

Messrs Tom Shannon and Chas. Boland attended the U. F. O. conference in Toronto last week, the latter as delegate from this club.

Mrs. Brodie visited a few days with friendst in Markdale.

Miss Cummie Burritt, a graduate of Collingwood hospital visited her sister Mrs. D. Graham for a few days last week.

The funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Buchanan, who passed away on Monday of last week at his home in Toronto, took place to the Meaford Road cemetery on Wednesday afternoon on the arrival of the noon train from Toronto. The service was held in the Vandeleur church, and was conducted by the pastor Rev. F. N. Bowes assisted by Rev. W. L. Cullis of Heathcote. Mr. Bowes took for his text, 2nd Cor. 5 and 1, and preached an eloquent sermon, and he and Mr. Cullis paid a splendid tribute to the worth of the deceased. The floral offerings were very numerous and beautiful, and the large funeral cortege showed the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. The pallbearers were Messrs J. I. Graham, Geo. Wright, Geo. Pritchard, Sam Gilbert, Ed Baker, J. J. McGee, Will Hutchinson, and John Flynn. The late Mr. Buchanan was born near Brantford seventy-six year ago and came to this community with his parents. He was a member of Vandeleur church, and one of its most faithful supporters. For many years he was Supt of Vandeleur Sunday school, and also Bible class teacher and his influence for good in the community is reflected in the lives of many of the young people. The family, Tillie, Ben and Sam, as well as the other relatives have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

### A CLOSE CALL

While painting a smoke stack at the Manley Chew saw mill, Midland, a few days ago, Henry Carter, about 18 years of age, had a close call. He was about fifteen feet from the top and sixty feet from the ground when he felt the rope which was holding the chair in which he had been hoisted start to break. He called to the men on the ground and they shouted to him to come down the guy wire. Henry promptly took their advice and started hand over hand for the ground but before he reached it the rope holding the chair snapped. The chair reached the ground before he did. Luckily for himself he was wearing a pair of mitts at the time and his hands were not injured.

## Hockey Meeting

A meeting of the members and all those interested in the Flesherton Hockey Club, will be held at the Munshaw House on Thursday, Dec. 24th, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, and discussing the advisability of entering a team this winter.

G. B. Welton, Pres. W. G. Akins, Sec.

## Auction Sale

### OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY IN THE COUNTY OF GREY.

There will be offered for sale by Public Auction on Saturday January 9, 1926 at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Temperance House in the village of Feversham the following property:

The West Half of Lot. No. 15 in the Twelfth Concession of the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey, containing by measurements fifty acres be the same more or less. There are good farm buildings, and good water on this property.

Terms 10% of the purchase price to be paid down at the time of sale, for balance terms will be made known at time of sale.

This property will be sold, subject to a reserved bid. For further particulars apply to Malcolm McLean of the town of Collingwood in the County of Simcoe, Solicitor for the Vendor.

## NOMINATION

### VILLAGE OF FLESHERTON

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the village of Flesherton will be held at the town hall on Monday the 28th day of Dec. 1925 at 7 oclock p.m. to nominate members of the council and public school board for 1926.

If more than the necessary number of candidates are named for any particular office and an election is required, poll will be opened at my office a 9 o'clock a.m., the fourth day of December, 1926, and will remain open until 5 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of such election.

Dated this 16th December 1925.

AN OPEN MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT—ALL

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# Small Advertisements

### LOST OR STRAYED

LOST — Five dollars on Saturday night in Flesherton. Finder please leave at this office.

FOUND—At Ceylon on November 20th, automobile chain. Owner call at R. Cook's, Ceylon.

LOST—On Wednesday, December 9 between Flesherton and Ceylon, horse halter. Finder please leave at The Advance office or with R. McMaster.

LOST—Horse blanket between H. Patton's, fourth line, and Ceylon on Wednesday, December 9th. Finder please leave at The Advance office.

LOST — In Flesherton, on November 30th, a rubber spread. Finder please leave with Miss Hopper, Eugenia, or at F. H. W. Hickling's store Flesherton.

LOST — Black and tan hound lost north west of Eugenia on Thursday, December 17th, blind in one eye. Any particulars as to the whereabouts of this dog will be gratefully received.—Isaac Smith, Rock Mills.

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Power cutting box in first class shape. — N. Caswell, Toronto gravel.

FOR SALE—Fur coat, Buffalo robe, set light sleighs, all practically as good as new.—S. Semple, Flesherton.

FOR SALE — Bpzz Saw and belt for sale, 36 inch saw and a new frame. —Ed. Best, Flesherton.

FOR SALE—Three horses aged six and nine years. — Chas. E. Moore, Proton Station.

FOR SALE—Good cow, rising six years old, milking, due April 17.—F. J. Thurston, Flesherton.

FOR SALE — Bell organ in first class condition; price reasonable.—T. J. Stinson, Proton Station P.O.

FOR SALE — Purbred Southdown ram, 2 years old. — Harry Genoe, Flesherton.

FOR SALE—A number of purebred Bronze Turkeys, White Leghorn roosters, a number of purebred Muscovy ducks, will sell reasonable—Tucker Phillips, Flesherton phone 11r3

FOR SALE — Electric washing machine "Time Saver", Beatty Bros., cheap, used 5 months; reason for selling it is too small for hotel.—G. B. Welton, Flesherton.

### MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED — Potatoes wanted for the next two weeks.—W. C. White, Ceylon.

NOTICE—Chopping done Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. — Graham Bros., Eugenia.

NOTICE—A line of Christmas novelties and ladies fancy work. — H. Alexander, Feversham.

### HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS FOR SALE

Can be seen at the Sinclair residence. Key and particulars from—

—S. E. DeCUDMORE, Flesherton

### GRAIN WANTED

We are now in the market for all kinds of grain. Highest market prices paid. Phone 2 r 31.

—A. C. Muir, Ceylon.

### BOAR FOR SERVICE

No. 92-77530. Also a young Yorkshire pig, both bacon type for service on lot 176, N.W. T. & S.R., Terms—$1.00.

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On the Toronto Line Provincial Highway. Three farms, two of 100 acres and one of 50 acres all cleared. First class buildings, up to date in every particular. Will sell any one of these. Good brick house on one of the farms. The stabling for animals is perfect. One farm has ten acres hardwood bush and another hundred has three acres of timber and has buildinngs for everything needed. including poultry house and pig pens. No broken land and clear of weeds. Any person interetsed should investigate.

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