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EDITORIAL NOTES

Wednesday of last week was Candlemas Day, when the bear is supposed to come out and look for his shadow. If he sees it he goes back to his den for another six weeks. In this instance the sun shone in some parts of Ontario, while in other portions Old Sol kept his facial freckles and whiskers hidden all day. Just how this phase of the question is supposed to affect the situation ye ancient oracle saith not.

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We are informed on good authority that several citizens of Dundalk have been severely bitten by the mining share "bug" and were taken in for various amounts. One man is said to have lost $800, while another, it is reported, parted with $2000 of his hard-earned savings. Sometimes it is wise to stick to the slower, but surer, method of earning dividends by the purchase of authorized bonds. One in a thousand dabblers in speculative stocks make money out of these get-rich-quick mining schemes, but it is rarely the investor.

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Bulletin No. 621 of the United States Department of Agriculture states, after a careful study of the crow in every state of the Union and after the examination of the stomachs of 1,340 adult crows and 770 nestlings that the attitude of the farmer to this bird should be against any unwarranted destruction of it, since at times it is a most valuable aid to man. Of course he may dig up a little grain, he may rob a nest occasionally, but if we are going to measure every creature's worth to the world by the harm rather than the good it does, what of the human race?

HANOVER-DURHAM ROAD OPEN ALL WINTER.

That the keeping open of the roads in winter in this part of Ontario is not perhaps as hard a proposition as many imagine, has been demonstrated this year on the road between Durham and Hanover. This has been accomplished by the use of a homemade plow used by H. W. Hunt and the time required to open the roadway was, we believe, 22 hrs.

This road was recently taken over by the Provincial Highways Department and the men have been at work all winter in preparation for the work to be done next summer. To do this it was necessary that the roadway be more than a mere cowpath and early in the season Mr. Hunt who owns the plough was engaged for the work.

While this has been an open winter and conditions were perhaps more favorable than in a bad year, this piece of road, in common with all others in this neighborhood would have been blocked to motor traffic as the result of the storms that have occurred. It is a proven fact, however, that there has never been a time that a motor car could not run, and this week the big gasoline truck from Hanover navigated the distance with a full load.

In conversation with Mr. Hunt the other day, he told us that he thought the scheme possible even in a hard winter if the work was commenced soon enough, and it would not take very much more money than letting the roads drift in and later have to go at it with a land plow or disc. As it is there is now a good roadbed from here to the sister town, and while the motor cars can run if necessary, the farmers, too, who have to use this road find it a lot easier to get along. Winter roads in this part of Ontario are doubtless possible.

F. R. Oliver, M.P.P., was one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Durham Live Stock Association. Robert Lawson is the new President.

A man said to the Winchester Press the other day that the reason why Premier Ferguson didn't get rattled during the late election was because he would never ride in a Ford car.

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G. H. WRIGHT, Prop.

Fourteen Dollar Clover

FOURTEEN DOLLAR CLOVER.

The lecturers for the Farmers' Institutes are abroad in the land, and all through the spring months experts will teach their grandmothers how to feed ducks in all the township schools you see in the country.

Have you noticed that lecturers and preachers like to harangue the multitude on subjects that please them—the multitude?

The Farmer's Institutes would be of some use if the people were taught something they don't know. Red clover seed used to be three or four dollars a bushel. It may be twenty dollars a bushel before spring. If the government appointed a commission to endeavor to discover why red clover seed is such an exorbitant price, and they called me as a witness, I would depose as follows:

"There can be no clover seed without the humble 'bumble' bee. The black and Italian bees cannot work on the red clover blossom, the palate of each clover is too deep—but the bumble bee gets there every time. And so, most potent and reverened seigniors, the humble bumble bee should be held sacred. His chief enemy is the field mouse. The bees' 'nest' ground is found in old grass on the ground and sometimes in old log heaps, stone piles, and such places, and here the field mouse which considers the larvae, and incidentally the honey, a great luxury, has easy access to it. The chief enemy of the field mouse is the common field snake—the perfectly harmless garter, vernal, ribbon or 'milk' snake. The owl, of course, picks up a few and a vagrant cat gets some, but the creature which keeps the field mouse within bounds is the little inoffensive and precious snake of the woods and meadows. The owl and cat only take the field mouse in the open, but there is no place the little rascal can go that the snake cannot follow.

If, therefore, the bumble bee should be held sacred, what about his friend and protector. Alas! he is slain, ruthlessly destroyed and will soon be extinct. And then woe to this nation.

It has been noticed of recent years that the field mouse has increased enormously and that is the reason. We hear a great deal, especially round about election time, about the intelligent farmer. Is a man intelligent who on every opportunity kills the best friend he has got?

I have failed to note in any of the literature sent out by our costly experiment stations one word in favor of the little wild thing whose activities protect the few bumble bees which are left, and enable us to get second-rate clover seed at $14 a bushel and serve us right! The cats kill our birds, the mice destroy our bumble bees. What between caterpillars and cats, microbes and mice, the farmer has to fight for his life.

I would suggest that educative literature respecting the useful and benificent insects and animals should be scattered broadcast, particularly in the schools.

Chosen from the writings of The Khan, The Wigwam, Rushdale Farm, Rockton, Ont.—From the Toronto Evening Telegram.

BORN

PATTERSON.—In Melancthon, on Monday, January 24th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Patterson (nee Ada Acheson), a daughter, Dorothy Joyce.

POOLE—At Maxwell, on Sunday, February 6th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poole, a son—Herbert Bruce.

DIED

BOLAND — In Artemesia on Saturday, February 5th, 1927, John Balfour Boland, aged 74 years and 5 months.

OTTEWELL — At her home near Feversham on Tuesday, February 6, 1926, Mrs. Phillip Ottewell, aged 73 years. The deaceased lady was a sister of Mrs. W. Stewart, Flesherton.

Feversham School Report.

Sr. 4—Marvin Davidson*, Russel Hawton*, John McLean*, Floyd Moore, Donald Davidson, Minerva Conn, Rozzel Conn.

Sr. 3—Edith Heitman*, Mansell Conn, Albert Davidson, Frank Light

Jr. 3—Margaret Foster, Ione Thornbury, Algyva Henderson*, Herbert Eby*, Jimmy Heitman, Mervin Moore, Merryl Davidson, Burton Conn*.

Sr. 2—Jimmy Conn, Emily Moore.

Jr. 2—Marion Hawton*, Floyd Hudson, Dora Short.

Sr. 1—Annie Heathcote, Irene Hudson, Delsa Kaitting, Jean Alexander.

Primer—Jean Short, Burton Hudson, Gordon Davidson, Helen Love, Billie Burke, Lorine Smith.

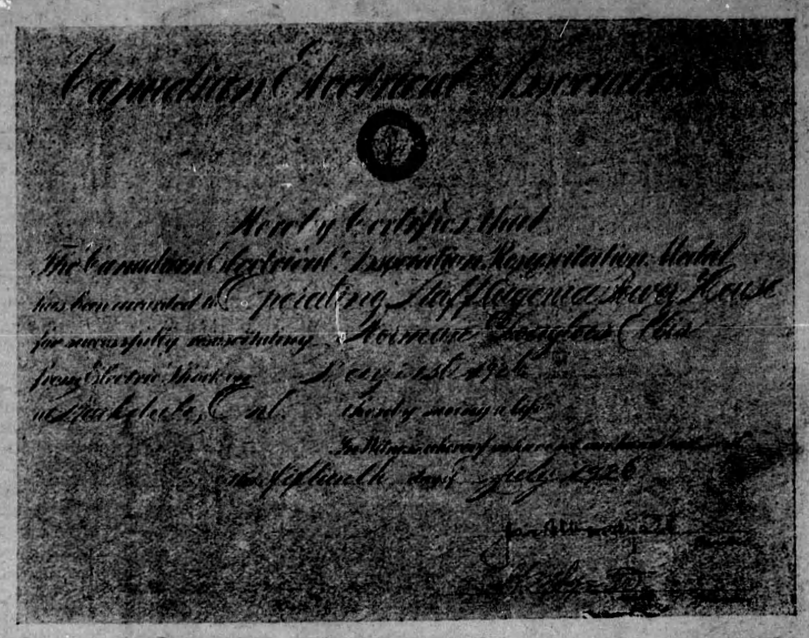
* Attended every day.

Average attendance 27.

—W. K. Boyd, Teacher.

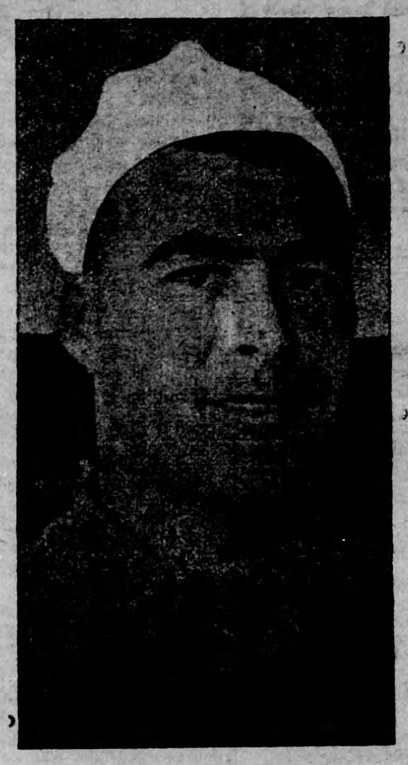
Resuscitation at Eugenia

A couple of weeks ago The Advance printed an article regarding the remarkable resuscitation of Douglas Ellis, who received a 26,000 volt shock at the hydro power station at Eugenia. Mr. Ellis is still confined in the hospital, but is recovering. The cuts herewith should have appeared with the article, but were not received in time.

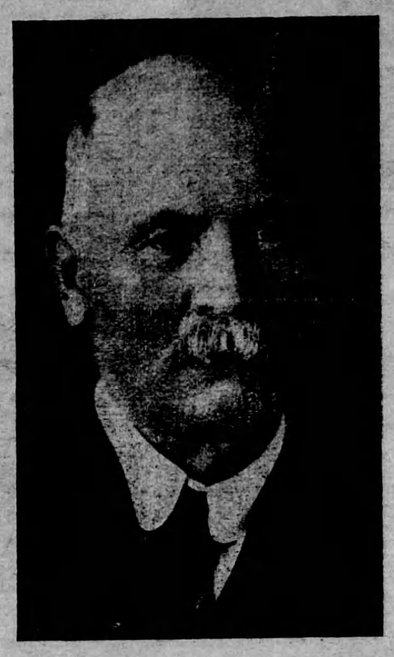


Certificate Accompanying Resuscitation Medal.

Resuscitation Medal presented to the Eugenia Operating Staff.



NORMAN DOUGLAS ELLIS
The Victim.



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SCHOOL REPORTS

CEYLON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Jr. 4 — John McMillan 78, Jackson Stewart 77, Kendal Stewart 62.

Sr. 3 — LaVerne Piper 88, George Jaynes 74, Jim Sinclair 73, Jennie Chesney 62, Hilda Genoe 56.

Jr. 3 — Milford Piper 83, Stanley Hunt 78.

Sr. 2 — Dick Stewart 76, Frances Collinson 75, Katie Stewart 75, Lloyd Archibald 72, Eddie Genoe 60.

Jr. 2 — Ernest Mathewson 78, Olive Marshall 78, Leslie Orton 68, Margaret Collinson 67, Nellie Genoe 65, Alex. Marshall 64, J. P. Stewart 42.

1st — Sherman Piper 90, Harvey Archibad 89, Mable Haw 88, Joseph Chesney 88, Laura White 72, Jean Marshall 65.

Sr. Pr. — Murray Marshall 83, Fern Leslie 67*.

Jr. Pr. — Goldie Kennedy 89, Mable Adams 86*. Marjorie Duckett 80, Agnes Chesney 70, Laurie Genoe 53.

Those marked * missed one or more exams; No. on roll 36, av. att. 33.75.

—Mary R. Stewart, Teacher.

S. S. No. 9, Artemesia

Sr. 4—Hattie MacRae, Clinton Magee, Cecil Magee, Neil MacDonald, Thomas Skinner.

Jr. 4—Rowena Magee, Dorothy Jamieson.

Jr. 3—Stanley Magee, Percy Smith, Billie Hanley, Bob Skinner, Willie Fenwick.

Jr. 2—Doris MacRae, Gerald Magee, John Skinner.

Sr. 1—Edith Fenwick, Wes. Jamieson, Ella MacRae, Bennie Hanley.

Primer—Lillian Magee, Fern Magee, Carrie Skinner.

M. Christie, Teacher.

S. S. No. 5, Osprey.

* Present every day.

Jr. 4—Kilbourn Hawkins* 608, Bert Wright* 577, Norval Betts* 461, Harold Benson 306.

Jr. 3—Jim Giblin*423, Arthur Lawler 288, Tressa Leppard 185.

Sr. 2—Myrtle Wright* 391, Jim Kerton 309.

Jr. 2—Iva Sayers.

1st—Marjorie Lepard.

Sr. Pr.—Della Brown, Russel Brown, Jim Poole.

Jr. Pr.—Hubert Sayers, Myrtle Brown.

—J. Bradley, Teacher.

Tryon College, S.S. 14, Osprey

Form 5—Mary Findlay 863.

Form 4—Violet Sullivan* 55, Golden Udell* 55, Norman Patterson* 52, R. J. Udell 30.

Form 3—Grace Wilton* 91, Rae Wilton* 94, Clayborn Thompson 45.

Form 2—Hazel McIntyre* 82, Grace Sullivan 66.

Form 1—William Radley.

Primer — Margaret Radley, Beatrice Sullivan.

*Present every day in the month.

C. M. Short, Teacher.

LADY BANK

Monday, at time of writing, the trees are laden with a beautiful crystal.

Mrs. John Dobson is under the doctor's care at present, but we hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Sewell and babe visited with Mr. and Mrs. Morton Sayers last Sunday.

Miss Adell Roberts and Master Merl entertained a number of the young people to a dance and music party on Friday evening of last week. All report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Walter Wilson and Mrs. Wm. Semple visited one day last week with the former's aunt, Mrs. John Tyson, on the town line, Osprey.

Mr. Mort Sayers lost a valuable horse on Monday of this week when it dropped dead in the bush while skidding logs.

The meeting of the Ladies' Aid here is postponed until Wednesday, February 16th, on account of sickness.

The perfume at Christmas that Willie sent,
Was highly displeasing to Millicent;
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They've quarrelled, I'm told,
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