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NOT LANTERNS, BUT FOOTPATHS

The sacrifice of human life on the highways of the Province continued up to the last day of 1927, and the killing season promises to be as brisk as ever in the year on which we have entered. This, too, despite the numerous suggestions which wise ones have continued to make to pedestrians. In Elgin County, for example, as a sequel to the killing of a respected resident who was run over and killed while walking to his home, close to the side of the roadway, it is suggested that if he had been lighted up the auto driver would have passed him by. It is therefore seriously proposed that pedestrians should either keep off the roads or light themselves up—behind as well as before, we sppose. Surley there is no need to go to all this trouble. Our opinion that there should be a raised footpath for the pedestrian on all highways. On it he might reasonably expect to be out of the way of all vehicles, and the autoist especially would be protected from actions for damages or criminal prosecution. It was surely shortsighted, or worse, for the authorities to go to big expense to widen the roads to accommodate vehicle traffic and to remove even the semblance of provision for the safety of foot passengers. And it is especially necessary that the footpath should be re-established in order that the lives of children, going to and from school, may be protected.

EDITORIAL NOTES

They have a new mayor in Toronto —one of the Mac's. Surely Mayor McBride will see to it that the Provincial capital has a City Piper.

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Sir Thomas Beecham, one of Britain's great musicians, declares his nation is the laziest in the world. He foresees a generation which will never get out of bed. Many of this generation are now practising, with the aid of radio and indulgent wives.

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Cattle prices took a turn upward last year, being $4.50 per hundredweight higher. On the other hand, the hog market has been disappointing, and the tendency has been downward. Experts prophesy that 1928 will likely bring satisfactory results to the farmer who studies the markets.

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We are told that nearly a third of the homes in the United States are without baths, which leads the wiseacre of the Arkansas Gazette to explain that this does not matter as nearly a third of the people of the United States are seldom at home.

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A Canadian doctor, who has had a distinguished career in the British metropolis, is among those knighted by the King this New Year. Many soldiers from the Dominion, who received the benefit of his care and attention while participating in the great war, will remember him as Dr. George Washington Badgerow, and will agree that he deserves any honour that may be conferred on him. Dr. Badgerow is an old York boy and visits his alma mater in Toronto periodically.

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Toronto Star:—Bro. Currie of the Soo Star, who maintains that wolves won't bite, will kindly rise and explain the despatch from Austria, saying that eleven girls returning from a party through a forest were devoured by wolves.

Nothing easier for the genial Sec scribe. The Algoma wolves are civilized.

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Burglars were hanged in Great Britain up to 1829. Hanging seems too lenient a punishment for a thug who now goes abroad with a loaded revolver ready to kill anyone who refuses to meet his demands. As hanging is not likely to be revived for this crime, the judges should impose the severest punishment provided by the law. This should should apply also to the man unable to give a proper account of himself while found possessed of a loaded revolver or other murderous weapon.

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The British Privy Council is called upon as the last court of resort in the Empire, to settle many odd questions. Just now it has under consideration the question of how much washing a bank bill will stand and still be valuable as currency. The matter has been brought before their Lordships by Mrs. Lo Lee Chi, a citizen of Hong Kong, the famous British possession off China. Feeling big hearted, Mr. Lo gave his wife two bills in Chinese money and she hid them in a pocket. Forgetting that she was so rich, she washed the dress. Then came the ironing and she found the bills thoroughly cleaned and well starched. The husband took them, now a mere lump, to the bank, and after unscrambling them, all that could be discovered were the words, "Shanghai" and "Hong Kong," but the number and the date had disappeared. The bank refused to honor them and now it is up to the Privy Council to decide what they are worth, if anything.

The Fierce Light That Beats Upon A Throne

Agnes MacPhail was in town last week. I don't know whether I'd care to be in her shoes (literally speaking) or not. For instance, as she passed our window, I made the remark to those in the office that "There's Agnes MacPhail." Instantly, every man and woman had to rush up to the front to take a peek at her, just as though she were Rudolph Valentino, the Prince of Wales or the whole of Barnum's circus, elephants, wild animals, clowns and brass band all rolled up in one. I don't know whether they were disappointed or not, any way, all they saw was a well dressed, fine looking, modest personage, whose claim to distinction is that of being Canada's only woman M. P.

A little later I was in an office across the road when she passed again,and I called Jim's attention to the fact. He jumped to the front window as quick as lightning to see the sights, with the remark, "Gosh, I've never see Aggie before. Darn, she's a fine looking girl, isn't she?" And there you are. I suppose that's the kind of stuff that's going on around her all the time except down in Ceylon and in the neighborhood of South Grey, where they all know her since she was so high. Wherever she goes she is the synosure of all eyes, gaping, staring and with all kinds of comments, nice, nasty and otherwise. Women being women maybe 999 out of every thousand envy her and would like to be in her shoes. But personally, being a heman, I believe I'd be inclined to tire of it after a while, and some day turn on the rabble and with fierce countenance and pugilistic gestures, exclaim in my most terible staccato, "Go to the blazes," only I wouldn't pronounce blazes that way. That's what I would do if I were in Agnes' shoes—but then that's impossible, for I wear nines and Agnes takes four and a half or thereabouts, I presume. —Wiarton Echo.

PETTY FOES.

Stanley, the great explorer, said that more of his men were killed by insects than by elephants. The stings and poison of the swarms of petty foes were worse and in the end more deadly than the attacks of wild animals. That is so often the story of life. People who heroically fight great dangers yield to little frets and worries, and go down before the small trials of daily life. Petty temptations eat into character. Trifles make human intercourse an irritation instead of a help, and fears cause more trouble and hindrance than do actual fatalities. The truth is that we pit our strength, our courage, our Christian faith against real evils, but we let fears, anxieties and doubts have their wearing way and do not realize how they rob the days of their peace and the heart of its valor.

WISE MEAFORD COUNCIL.

There is to the credit of the 1927 Meaford Council the taking out, about the first of April last, of a policy of insurance against claims for accidents or fatalities occuring on any of the corporation work or in connection with any of the town property. Under this policy the town is indemnified against claims for damages to the extent, we understand, of ten thousand dollars, the policy, of course, being renewable yearly. It was fortunate indeed that the town was thus insured when the regrettable fatality occurred on the market square. Which claim has been settled in the payment to Mrs. Perry Smith of thirteen hundred dollars by the Globe Indemnity Company. The policy was taken out about the first of Aprila last and payment of the first year's premium ($190.15) was made on the fifth of May.

TENDERS WANTED.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Jan. 25th, for 20 cords of green maple and beech wood, 18 inches long, to be delivered to S.S. No. 3, Artemesia, by the first of March, 1928.

— GEO. R. BLACKBURN,
Sec.-Treas. R.R. 3, Flesherton.

Bowes Forecasts Another Fairly Dry Summer

The annual weather predictions of Mr. J. B. Bowes of Owen Sound were published in the Toronto Mail & Empire last week and we give them below as they appeared. Mr. Bowes is to the fore with his long distance weather prognostications for 1928 and for the first part of 1929, which will make very interesting reading for all who make any pretense of watching the weather conditions and its variations from year to year. Mr. Bowes has been spending quite a considerable time of late in calculating his forecasts for the next twelve months, and is satisfied that he will not be very far out. He bases all his predictions on scientific principles and maintains that he cannot go far wrong at any time.

With regard to 1927 he admits that he was a little bit off in the spring predictions, but that taken as a whole his forecast of a fairly dry season came true. A glance at the 1928 forecast goes to show that there is not a great deal of change from that of last year, and that the coming year is going to be another dry one, although he does not think that it is going to be dry enough to be at all harmful to the farm crops.

These forecasts are for any part of the Northern Hemisphere located in the same relative position between the equator and the pole as North America, and are not to be applied to countries or areas which receive their heat from the torrid or ocean currents, such as Great Britain or the British Columbia coast. Mr. Bowes is proud of his record of past years, nothwithstanding the many criticisms which have been levelled at him, and he is prepared to stand back of any prediction he makes, admitting that no person can make a perfect forecast of weather conditions for a year.

January — First ten days very cold; strong winds; heavy snow falls; balance very mild and calm.

February — First fifteen days quite mild and calm; about 17th cold and unsettled; 24th strong winds, rain, snow and quite cold.

March — First few days the finish of the February storm, then real mild and dry to about the 24th, then cold, windy and wet.

April—About the 6th a very decided storm of wind, rain and heavy snow very cold. This storm will be followed by very mild and dry weather for the balance of the month.

May — First week, very strong and cold winds, rains and a very probable snow storm with some frost.

June — First few days mild. About the 6th very strong winds, heavy rains and frosts in northern districts.

July — First week strong winds and heavy rains; balance very warm, calm and dry, conditions conducive to thunderstorms.

August—First half average temperature and quite dry; strong winds with rain about the 16th to 22nd, with balance mild.

September — Average temperature, calm and dry to about the 26th, then cool winds and rain.

October — About average temperature, calm and dry to about the 20th, then very strong persistent winds, heavy rains and a very decided snow storm will fill in the last 10 days of the month.

November — First few days will see the finish of the October storm! balance very decidedly dry and warm.

December—First ten days quite dry, warm and calm; next fifteen days will have a very decided snow storm of strong, persistent wind, rain and snow; decidedly cold; last few days milder.

January, 1929 — First three weeks very mild.

February, 1929 — Quite mild.

Feversham School Sec. To Have High School

An enthusiastic meeting of the ratepayers of the Feversham school section was held in the school on Tuesday afternoon and it was decided by a vote of 53 for and 7 against to build an addition to the present school house in order to have a high school in the township of Osprey. Mr. H. W. Kernahan explained the situation and gave the meeting the cost of the building and the receipts to be obtained. Mr. John Wilson of Collingwood is the architect and drew the plans for the addition. It is stated that Mr. D. L. Weber of Kimberley has been awarded the contract, the building to cost $4,500 and with the heating plant and incidentals the cost will amount to approximately $5,350. The need of a high school in Osprey Township has been felt for some time and it is a credit to the ratepayers and trustees of the Feversham section that they have taken the matter into their own hands.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of East Grey Agricultural Society will be held for the election of officers and other business in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on January 13, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All members and those wishing to become members for 1928, are urged to be present to show that support is behind the Society. A special invitation is extended to the ladies.

R. RICHARDSON, President, T. W. FINDLAY Sec.- Treas.

NOTICE.

Smiley's Mill, Ceylon.

Our Saw and Shingle Mill at Ceylon will open for business about the first of February. Custom lumber sawing. Shinglebolts to be cut 50 inches and pealed. Terms cash.

IN MEMORIAM

LeGARD—In affectionate remembrance of our dear mother, Christena LeGard, who entered her eternal rest January 12, 1922.

Oh, speak not of the love that's soothed or falters,
Oh tell us not of idle, vain regrets.
We miss her ,as the earth would miss the sunshine;
We loved her so our hearts cannot forget.
Sadly missed.

—Meda and Allen.

Nobody has ever added up
The value of a smile;
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