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AN EDITOR SPEAKS HIS MIND ON REPORTING

It is customary among organizations in well-regulated towns to send to the newspaper offices complimentary tickets when a reporter is required to "cover" any event where an admission fee is charged. If there never was such a rule in this office--that of "no ticket, no go"—there is one from this date on. And orders in this office are orders. To ask a reporter to pay out of his own pocket to get into something where an admission fee is charged, for the purpose of getting out his pencil and going to work, is not a fair proposition no matter how you care to look at it, and in all other towns that we have been in (and we have been through the mill as a reporter) it is simply not being done. The reporter for this paper gets his salary every Saturday. What he does with his money is none of our affair. But this much is certain that we are not going to dig down in our pocket to buy him tickets to attend events in the line of his duty and for which we are paying him. Of course, if the ticket does not arrive for him to attend your event, we can either take it that you do not want him to write it up in detail or that you have let the matter slip your memory. But one thing is certain: if the ticket comes he will be on the job and he will give you a good story of it, because it will be first-hand and not a synopsis gathered hurriedly from someone who had been present. —Trenton Courier-Advocate.

WHY NOT EXPRESS YOURSELF?

Editors are usually only ordinary individuals. What they write is mainly their own opinions. But hundreds of individuals in every community have their own ideas as well. Editors do not wish to monopolize the expression of opinion in their newspapers. Their columns are open to their readers for the free expression of opinions on timely subjects and for instructive suggestions that may prove valuable to the welfare of the community. The Flesherton Advance welcomes contributions from its readers in the form of letters to the editor. If you have an idea that you think might be helpful, put it on paper and pass it along. We welcome such contributions.

AUCTION SALE
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Commencing at 1.30 o'clock. Seventeen pigs 3 months old and one Holstein milch cow. Other animals and articles will be sold at reasonable charges. Terms: Cash.
— B. H. WALDEN, Auctioneer.

Woman Killed In Motor Accident

Mrs. Mary Merkeley of Corbetton was instantly killed early Monday morning, the result of a collision between a car in which she was riding and a loaded truck owned and driven by Mr. Wallace Wilson of the West Backline, Artemesia. Her sons, George and Herman, are in the Orangeville hospital critically injured and another son, Edgar, is suffering from bruises and shock.

The accident occurred on Highway 10, three miles east of Shelburne, when both car and truck were alleged to be travelling without lights on account of a heavy fog. It is stated that the car was on the wrong side of the road at the time and neither drivers observed each other in time to avoid the accident. Both car and truck were considerably damaged from the impact.

In the truck with Wilson at the time were Mr. Russell Graham and Jack Brady of Markdale, but all escaped with only a few bruises and the usual shaking up. A load of stock was being taken to the Toronto market and as the collision took place were thrown over the rack onto the other car.

THE POULTRY HOUSE

The poultry house 20 feet deep on the Experimental Station at Harrow has always shown its superiority over houses of shallower construction, particularly in exposed situations. There is a more comfortable condition, a freedom from draughts, and a higher temperature in a house of this depth providing the north, east and west walls are tightly constructed. At this season of the year high, cold winds find their way through cracks and crevices in a house which appears to be storm proof and a check-up some cold windy night on these conditions, if they exist, is a good practice. Loose windows and doors or alley-ways on the north side are dangerous as slight colds may lead to more serious complications and will certainly shock production.

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Other Paper's Opinions

GREY AND BRUCE COMPARED

(Chesley Enterprise)

For the first time the editor of this paper spent a couple of hours last Friday afternoon watching the procedure of the members of Grey County Council in session. The Grey local legislators carry on in a more Parliamentary way than the Bruce members. In the Grey chamber each chairman of committees are paid and report. In Bruce it is usually done by the county clerk. In Grey the chairman of committees are paid and in Bruce they get no extra remuneration. In Grey the clerk takes the motions to the Warden and in Bruce this is done by the caretaker who acts in the capacity of a page. In Grey the county council frequently goes into committee of the whole with some member named by the Warden, presiding, just the same as in the Ontario Legislature when the Speaker names a chairman when the House is discussing the clauses of a bill Theses are some of the differences we noted.

MANY CHANGED CONDITIONS

(Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin)

Time, immigration and the development of new and various industries have wrought many changes in the conditions and occupations of our people in the last sixty years. In 1871 the population of the Dominion was 81.4 per cent rural and 18.6 per cent urban. And even these figures do not disclose the whole story. It is estimated that to-day only 31.7 per cent of our people live on the farm. And probably the worst feature is that very few of the urban citizens seem to have any desire to go on the farm, while not a few of the rural citizens are quite anxious to leave the farm. The man who can devise a remedy for this state of affairs will deserve well of the nations.

AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

(Alliston Herald

Unusually interesting last week with a wide variety of articles on vitally interesting matters of current moment the Financial Post was emphatic in ascribing to the Ottawa Economic Conference agreements the full measure of credit for the improvement in conditions that has taken place in Canada in the last five months. Had it not been for the British market agriculture would probably have been in a worse plight than it was a year ago now. Cargoes of all kinds of farm products are continually forwarded to Britain and in the markets of the Old Land these products usually find a ready customer at prices that are at least an improvement on those prevailing at this time last year. The Canadian exporter seems not yet to have learned to study the requirements of the market across the water, the peculiar tastes and foibles of the consumer so that he may prepare his product for presentation with as tempting an appearance as possible. In the case of apples some injudicious shipments have been made this fall and the result is that the Canadian apple market in Britain has been more or less demoralized. It is hoped to have a plant in London to take care of Canadian eggs and poultry ready for use before the coming Christmas. In the past year alone exports of Canadian eggs have been increased from nothing to 70,000 cases of 30 dozen each and a shipment of 50 carloads of Canadian chickens are to be forwarded for the British Christmas trade. And all this has been accomplished in barely eleven months. Another year and Canada will be shipping immense quantities of produce to Britain. Messrs. Hawley, Smoot, Fordney and McCumber, whom we have roundly denounced in Canada as unfair and unneighborly may in the end turn out to be benefactors of Canada. Certainly these four men and their measures have wrought inestimable benefits to our farmers this fall for while the American farmer is yet engulfed in a financial morass the Canadian farmer is beginning to see daylight through the dark clouds that have hung over him the last three years.

SCHOOL AS RESTING PLACE

(Norwood Register)

A recent amendment to the High School Act gives School Boards power to limit to six years the time in which students may receive tuition at the public expense in secondary schools. This, no doubt, has been prompted by the out cry heard about the cost of education. The public grants are based largely upon the attendance. Already this law has been given effect in several of the larger schools Wherever this is adopted students remaining in school longer than six years will be required to pay such fees as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees. The amendment, it is thought, will have the effect of removing some of the material that has been interfering with the progress of some of the classes and causing over crowding. It is regarded as an effective reminder to the slacker to brighten the corner where he is. It has not been adopted in the local school as yet though the matter has been discussed.

SCHOOL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(From the Canadian School Journal for November)

1. Question. ....If, and when, on the last Wednesday of December, 1933, any person nominated as trustee has not paid his or her taxes for that same year (1933) upon that nominating date, can that person legally be installed as trustee? Do the taxes for nominating purposes include all taxes, or that pertaining only to school taxes?

—Taxpayer.

Answer. At the session of the Legislature for 1933, section 135 of the Public Schools Act was amended by adding the following sub-section:

"1a) A person whose taxes for school purposes at the time of election or at any time during his term of office as trustee, are overdue and unpaid shall not be eligible to be elected as a trustee, or to sit or vote as a member of a board."

It might be quite possible for the nominated trustee to pay his school taxes between the time of nomination and the date of election. It will be noted that the amendment to the Act reads 'taxes for school purposes.'

2. Question. If a person nominated at a school meeting and qualifying as a trustee does certain repair work upon the school buildings without having been given authority at a properly called meeting of the board, what action can be taken by a person (taxpayer) interested? In this instance the trustee commenced certain work such as dismissing the janitor and doing repair work a few hours after being elected before a meeting could be called. —H. C. S.

Answer. It is quite contrary to the Schools Act that any work to be paid for by the board of trustees should be carried on without the work having first been authorized by the board of trustees at a properly called meeting. A trustee had no power to dismiss a janitor or to do repair work without having first been instructed to do so by the board, and a trustee cannot receive any remuneration for any work done and to be paid for by the board. A ratepayer would have the privilege of taking legal action where trustees fail to carry out their duties in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

3. Question. If a trustee publicly states that he did not wish to be trustee but just took the position in order to oust the opponent or past trustee and if the ratepayers can show that this man is just holding the position from spite and not from public interest, what action is to be taken to unseat him?

Answer. There are certain offences and penalties set forth in sections 129 to 150 of The Public Schools Act, but the one set forth in this question is not mentioned in the Act. This matter is one which might well be left entirely to the ratepayers when they re-elect trustees.

4. Question. If a board, even after a teacher requests a written agreement fails to provide same what action can be taken and by whom to force the board to do so in middle of the term?

—H. S.

Answer. Subsection (1) of section 103 of The Public Schools Act was amended in 1932 as follows:

"(1) Every agreement between a board and a teacher shall be in writing, signed by the parties thereto and sealed with the seal of the board, and shall be executed before the teacher enters upon his duties."

Since the agreement is between the teacher and the board of trustees, the party dissatisfied should take the necessary steps toward the execution of the agreement.

5. Question. What right, if any, has a trustee or a board to close school during certain fairs, cold days, teacher's sickness, teacher attending funerals, or funerals in the district? In last month's Journal all school days and holidays were specified and no mention was made for the days teachers attend Institutes. If a ratepayer objects to the school his children attends being closed for any of the purposes mentioned, what action can be taken since it is useless to complain to the board? —Ratepayer.

Answer. Form 94, issued each year by the Department of Education, sets forth the school year and holidays. Section 6, subsection (1) and (2), of The Public Schools Act sets forth the school terms and school holidays, and boards of trustees have no power to close the school for the reasons set forth in this question. Rural School Fairs and nature study excursions, etc., where the teacher and pupils attend, would be regarded as school attendance. If a board of trustees closes the school illegally, a ratepayer would have the privilege of taking legal action against the board.

TIRE BLOWS OUT IN FACE

Jack Butchart, 21-year old son of Mr. Stewart Butchart, of the 13th concession, Brant, was about to leave home for Walkerton with the family machine and just prior to the hop-off realized that one of the tires was over inflated. While in the act of stooping by the wheel adjusting the valve that would relieve the surplus pressure, and with his face but a few inches from the weakest part of the tire, the casing exploded with a bang in his peepers that hurled the adjuster on his back some distance away where he was almost as completely knocked out as if a bomb had been planted under his steppers and touched off. Getting the terrific blast at such close range, the slall dry particles of gravel on the rubber thread acted like buck shot from an old muzzle loading charged, which so pierced the victim's eyes and became embedded in his face to such an extent that Jack fairly swooned from the shock and distress that ensued. So impaired was the sight, that for several days the injured optics received careful attention from the family physician. Latest reports are to the effect that the victim's vision will not be impaired.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

Santa Claus Day

FLESHERTON

Sat., Dec. 16

Moving pictures in Town Hall will commence at 2 p.m., that will keep the children entertained with two solid hours of laughter and fun. During the afternoon Santa Claus will appear at the hall and distribute a bag of candies and nuts to each boy and girl in attendance.

CAT AND DOLL SHOW

In basement of town hall. Prizes given for the best cats and best dressed dolls. All these exhibits must be placed by 1 p.m. Bring in your pets and dolls.

HOBBY SHOW FOR SCHOOLS

To include handicraft, art, writing, collection of stamps, insects, woods, etc. Contest will be between each public school. All entries must be in the town hall to give time for the arrangement of exhibits and judging. Several cash prizes will be given. Mothers and dads are invited to attend and see the exhibits.

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