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Effects Of Wanton Waste Of Our Trees

Recently there appeared in the Owen Sound Sun-Times an article from the pen of Mr. W. D. Elliot of Owen Sound in regard to the conservation of our heritage in the swamp and bush tracts of Grey County. Something has to be done and that before long if the water supply is to be conserved. The letter in question is as follows:

Wherever I go they are or have been cutting down trees. I see evidence of the wanton destruction on every hand; along the main thoroughfares, up and down every concession and on all the back roads, big trees, little trees, stately trees, dwarfed trees, second growth trees, ash trees, balsam trees, maple trees, beech trees, poplar trees, basswood trees, elm trees, hemlock trees, cedar trees. Piles of cordwood litter the back roads. Neat piles of bolts freshly peeled and looking very nice indeed also are seen and piles of logs not so neat. Everything goes. The town sends out a gang on relief. When it gets through the wood lot it is really heartbreaking to see the mess left behind. If I parked the car and wandered back to the end of a blind trail, what do I see? Behold an ugly, gaping hole eaten into the green timber of the swamp. Why are we forced to squander our heritage. What hand has forced us thus? When one sits back to think, he comes to no other conclusion than that we are spending our capital. The depression is forcing Grey County, oh, so relentlessly. What do those who cut down the trees get for them? Not half what they are worth. Are we making any provision to replace those we take. I see no evidence of it. Are we thinking of the future? Apparenly not.

I doubt If we ever stop to consider what the bush growth of the county means to the countryside as a whole. It is open to question whether, looking at the matter from a long view standpoint, it would not now be advisable to conserve from now on what trees we have left. Those of us who are so fortunate as to live in this community are too close to the picture to appreciate our wonderful tree growth. Our eyes are out of focus and we cannot see distinctly, but talk to outsiders who view the picture with undimmed eyes and they frankly go into rapture. Science tells us and history backs up the finding that trees bring moisture. Can we afford to skin the country of its woodlots- Can the county of Grey afford to clean out its swamps? At the present rate of swinging the axe in the swamps in the county of Grey will be a rarity in 25 years. What then will be the lot of those farms who now have fine running streams through their places to which their cattle wander at will to slake their thirst on a hot summer's day? That stream will disappear as surely as the sun rises and sets. What will become of the many fine springs throughout the county? Dry up undoubtedly. A human being does not have to be Solomon to figure that out. Then we will have to resort to drilling deep wells, an expensive operation. And, what do we get when we do have the woodlot or the swamp cleaned up. A piece of land of questionable value which may have difficulty in returning enough to its owner to cover taxes and overhead. Would it not be part of wisdom for our township council whenever a piece of swamp comes up for taxes to put it into the name of the township and hang on. Hold it for all time as a water reservoir. The time is not far distant when we will need all the water reservoirs the county can obtain. Why not reserve right now some of these swamps for that very purpose? Instead of draining them it is my contention that we should hold them in present state as feeders for our spring and streams, otherwise we will find ourselves in the not distant future exceedingly short of those two excellent assets.

We do not have to go into ancient history to ascertain the ill effects of slaughtering our trees, but if one is so inclined, he can readily inform himself of the disastrous results in China, Asia Minor, Palestine and North Africa, to mention some of them. Witness, however, the effects in the United States where the Government is spending mililons to try and bring back what the hand of man destroyed in many places. We do not by any means, I am sure, wish to lay our country open to the winds, sun and erosion to the extent that we will have to contend with the disastrous storms which we read are taking place in the United States at the present time, it not being my contention that these can be said entirely to deforestation. but I think it must be admitted that the drainage of everything that could be drained is a large factor in the deplorable condition in the Midwestern United States and part of Western Canada. Let us, I pray you, with these recent exmples before us exercise a modicum of foresightedness and stay the hand of the drainage expert. Surely with these grievous results close by and which have happened within our own memories we need no other guiding hand. Therefore, my plea goes forth, save our swamps as feeders for our springs and streams. Let us also take a vow that, where the land is largely of rocky nature and from which we take a tree, theron we will plant two to take its place. Let us not overlook the fact that a bush lot will never do will if cattle are continually pastured therein. It would appear that the small undergrowth has to be given a chance to come up in order that the trees may flourish.

Trees always have been and always will be man's best friend. Without them our country becomes a desert. A good man leaveth an inheritance unto his children's children.

Yours truly,
W. D. ELLIOT.

Lower Penalties Now For Arrears of Taxes

Changes made in the municipal Act at the last session of the Ontario Legislature lessen somewhat the burden upon those in arrears for taxes. The maximum penalty for non-payment of taxes on due date which may be imposed by by-law is reduced from 5 per cent. to 4 per cent. Penalties upon arrears are now the same for all municipalities, interest to be added at the rate of ½ of 1 per cent per month (or portion thereof) on all taxes unpaid after Dec. 31st of the year in which the taxes are levied. This replaces the old statutory penalty of a straight ten per cent. added on May 1st. Interest is to be added to the outstanding taxes only and not compounded. The maximum discount which may be allowed for pre-payment of taxes is increased from 5 per cent. to 6 per cent. per annum.

The Home Merchant

The home merchant. Who is he?

He is the chap who gives you credit and carries your account until you are able to pay him.

He is the chap who gives you back your money or makes exchanges when you are not satisfied with what you have bought.

He is the chap who stands behind the guarantee and makes restoration of all losses that you may sustain on the goods you buy.

He is the chap whose clerk and book-keeper and other employees live in your town and spend their money with you and other home people.

He is the chap who pays heavy taxes to help support home schools and build your town streets, and maintain the fire department, the police department, and lighting service.

He is the home merchant—your neighbor—your friend— your helper in times of need.

Don't you think that you ought to trade with him, and be his friend and his helper in his time of need?

Don't you know that every dollar you send out of your town for merchandise is sent to strangers—to men who never spend a dollar here, to men who would not trust you for a box of matches.

GAWLEY GOING WEST

Andrew A. Gawley, "the man with the steel hands" who is known far and wide and who is a resident of Meaford plans leaving the end of this week for Diego, Cal. to join Ripley's International Pacific Exposition. Gawley will appear in the shows, "Round the World Oddities" for a period of six months. He has been induced to go to San Diego and just recently decided to accept the offer made him. Since coming home from Chicago last year Mr. Gawley has been making steel hands for others and will try and finish the work he has started before he goes awey.— Mirror.

Down in Kansas the other day a skeleton of a pre-historic horse was dug up. It had four toes, indicating that in those early days they had to scratch for a living.

J. A. Kernahan Feted By Osprey Officials

An enjoyable evening was spent by the municipal officials of Osprey Township and their wifes, when they gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A Kernahan and presented the former with a gold watch and Mrs. Kernahan with a silver candle holder, as a token of the high esteem in which they are both held.

Mr. Kernahan has held the office of Treasurer of Osprey Township for thirty years, having been appointed in the autumn of 1904, succeeding the late Joseph Gamey whose death occurred at that time, leaving the office vacant. During the following years Mr. Kernahan was most faithful and efficient officer, always ready to give his time and talents in the interests of the municipality, until compelled to give up his duties early this last winter due to ill health.

Mr. Kernahan was taken completely by surprise when presented with the gift and made a suitable reply of thanks to the address on behalf of himself and Mrs. Kernahan. The evening was spent in speechmaking and card playing after which lunch was served .

The Late Jos. Barber

Death came suddenly to Mr. Joseph Barber at his home in Feversham early Monday morning after a few days' illness. The late Mr. Barber was a life long resident of Osprey where he was born in 1861. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber. He was married in 1887 to Salena Brown who survives, together with one son and two daughters, Fred of Artemesia, Pearl (Mrs. Jack Smalley of Colllingwood), Nellie, (Mrs. Will Lawler) of London. Another son, Wilfred was killed overseas in 1918. He is also survived by six brothers and three sisters: George, Aylmer, Jim of Empress, Alberta, Edward of B. C. Will of Portland, Oregon, Ben of Rocklyn, Emma, Mrs. Metheral of Creemore, Ellen, Mrs. Ford of Niagara, Jane, Mrs. Sheldon of Oregan.

The funeral took place on Wednesday at 1 p. m. to Bethal cemetery and was in charge of Mr. Dean who gave a comforting message.

The pallbearers were neighbors of the deceased: Harvey Pedlar, Fred Brown, John Elliott, Edward Mullen, Fred Hale and Chas. Weldrick.

Friends who attended from a distance were: Ben Barber and Mrs Noble, Rocklyn, Mr. D. Simms from Markdale, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Heron, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson, Toronto, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Develyn, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot of Milton, Mrs. Lawler of London, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smalley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Conn of Collingwood and Mrs. Jack Brown of St. Marys.

They Have Big Feet

Feet in New Zealand, on the average are broader than those of the average Canadian. The New Zealander, it is claimed, is athletic from childhood, the children leading outdoor lives throughout the year, and go barefooted a great deal of the time. For this reason wider lasts are preferred. New Zealand has frequent rains throughout the year, which tends to make the climate somewhat damp. The people however do not wear goloshes or rubbers, but go in for heavier soles on their boots and shoes. English patterns in shoes predominate.

Card of Thanks

Mr. John Badgerow wishes to thank the many friends in Toronto and home community and also the Ladies' Associations of Mount Zion and Rock Mills churches for all their kindness to his wife during her long illness in the Toronto General Hospital.

DANCE

will be held in the Orange Hall
PROTON STATION

Friday, June 7th

under the auspices of the Hockey Club
Dance to commence at 9 p.m.

Dorothy Foster and Blackburn Orchestra

ADMISSION:
Gentlemen 25c; Ladies 15c
Ladies with lunch admitted free.

Deadly African Snake Sleeps With Its Master

Snakes eating live pigs, frogs eating poisonous serpents and a man who has a deadly Mamba sleeping in bed with him were some of the strange things told Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Elliott, an expert in snake venom, in a recent lecture at the Institute of Hygiene in London. He related how a Mr. Wassenaar, of the Transvaal, had tamed a Mamba, one of the deadliest snakes known, so that it slept at the foot of his bed. Wassenaar used to sleep in a room with 30 other men, and kept the snake unknown to them, taking it out for exercise at night like a dog. Once, when the snake was disturbed during the night, it crept into the bed and hid itself behind Wassenaar's back.

200,000 Farm Schedules Are Being Distributed

During the week commencing May 27th, 200,000 Farm Schedules will be distributed by the rural school teachers to the farmers in Ontario. The schedules are for the purpose of compiling agricultural statistics and the work is being carried on jointly by the Ontario Department of Education, the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Every effort is being put forth to have each farmer in the Province fill in a Survey Card giving the information for his farm. Publication of timely crop and live stock statistics is one of the most important duties imposed upon the Government and is performed primarily in the interests of the farming community.

The important facts ascertained from this Survey are the acreages sown to principal field crops in 1935, the numbers of live stock and poultry on hand at June 1st, and the numbers intended for marketing in the next six months. This data is used as a basis for practically the entire body of agricultural statistics in Ontario.

Farmers are requested to complete the cards promptly and return to their local school teacher who will then forward them to the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The cards are tabulated, and the estimates prepared as speedily as possible and released to newspapers and radio stations so that every one may be advised of changes in crop acreages or live stock population at the same time. The results are also published in the Monthly Crop Report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, which is mailed free to any individual who requests to be placed on the mailing list.

The cards are treated as absolutely confidential and used only in the statistics Branch for the purpose of compiling statistical information by County divisions. The information on individual cards is never divulged to any one. The cards are not used in any way for taxation purposes. It is desired that farmers complete the schedule and return to the school teacher by June 4th. If any farmer does not receive a schedule he should notify the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, and a card will be mailed to him. No postage is required on letters addressed to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Generally Approved

Notice has been received by officials of the Mother's Pensions Board that hereafter mothers with one child will be entitled to receive the pension allowance. This in another promised reform that has been fulfilled and will be greeted with general approval. Many times in the past mothers have had to sacrifice the care that was necessary to the youngest child when the other children reached the age of sixteen and were not yet earning or of any assistance in maintaining the home. Yet with one child was just as necessary to maintain the home and give the attention The new rule is generally approved.

When John Buchan comes to Canada he will do so as Lord Tweedsmuir, and quite frankly we do not think that is much of an improvement on the pain wholesome-sounding name, John Buchan.

Someone is always trying to take the joy out of fishing. Pessimists say the mosquitoes are going to make themselves felt earlier than usual this year. In other words, of impending probes the mosquitoes would seem to have the inside track.

M. Wilson New Bailiff

Mr. Mark Wilson of town has received notice of his appointment to the position of bailiff of the Fifth Division Court of the County of Grey with headquarters at Flesnerton. He succeeds the late John Wright who was the bailiff of the Court for a great number of years.

Throughout the years since the Fifth Division Court was organized there have only been three bailiffs appointed to carry on the work of the Court. First was the late Fred Armstrong who served under the late A. S. VanDusen who later resigned to take the office of Clerk of the Court and the late John Wright was appointed to take his place serving until his death this spring. In his appointment Mr. Wilson is the Fourth bailiff of the local Court and has already assumed the office.

NOT BOASTING BUT APOLOGIZING

Sport fans in many towns who recall the old days when they had a team that was a team will enjoy the following story.

A visitor from the city was looking around the old-world village in company with one of the inhabitants.

A lovely place, indeed," he remarked. "And I suppose even so small a hamlet can boast of a football team?"

The villager grimaced.

"No we can't," he said. "We used to boast of one; now we apologize for it."

Adopt A Child

Won't you adopt a child?

This a "Adopt a Child Week" as the Hon. Mr. Croll announced some time ago. Won't you be one of those who will give a wee girl or boy or older girl or boy a home, and give him a chance?

The Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound and Grey County have some fine children for adoption, also other older children for placement in free foster homes. Won't you take one? If we have not the child you wish we shall try and get such a child from another Children's Aid Society for you.

While our Society feels they have a very bright, attractive shelter, where the children are very happy and well cared for, they realize that each child needs a home of his own and a father and mother to love and care for him.

Then, too, the local Children's Aid Society have several children for whom they would like to find free homes for the holiday months.

Won't you take a child and give him or her a chance and bring pleasure and joy into your home.

—A. E. TROUT, Supt.
Owen Sound, May 28th.

Record For Goslings

What we consider a record for the raising of geese was brought to our notice this week. Mrs. Robt. McMaster of town set 31 goose eggs under the goose and hens. Out of this number 28 were hatched and all are doing fine. The goose brought out all her eggs while the usually reliable hens were the ones to fall down on the job. Usually goose eggs are hard to hatch, some this year only having a few hatch from several settings.

House Roof Burned

Sparks from a burning chimney set fire to the roof of Mr. John McKechnie's home, two miles west of Priceville, on Monday morning. Quick work by the family and timely aid of neighbors finally had the fire under control. Half the house roof was destroyed by the flames. The fire started about twenty minutes after the chimney had burned itself out, apparently from a spark.

St. John's United Church

FLESHERTON

CHURCH SERVICES, JUNE 2ND

10.30 A.M. — "The Spirit and Tradition of The United Church, Sunday school following.

3.00 P.M. — Church service at Ceylon, Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

7.30 P.M. — "The Heritage of The United Church." This will be a lantern service illustrated with beautifully colored slides. — Don't miss it.

Note the change in the hour of the eveing service of this Sunday to enable the use of the lantern.

Keep in mind the Special Service at 2 P. M. Sunday June 9th commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Union.—See posters.

A bee at St. John's United Church on Victoria Day resulted in the raising of the level of the East lawn and the filling in of hollows where the water has lodged. When the grass has grown again there will be marked improvement in the appearance of the property.

The eleventh session of the Toronto Conference of The United Church of Canada will meet in Trinity United Church Toronto on Wednesday, June 5th at 2.30 P. M. Professor Herbert H. Farmer M. A. of Hartford, Theological Seminary will be the Conference preacher. On Monday evening June 10th there will be great gathering in the Maple Leaf Gardens to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Union. This meeting is arranged by the Conference in Co-operation with the National Committee.

St. Mary's Guild Officers

The Guild of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Maxwell, met on Thursday, May 16th, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lawlor, with a fair attendance. The meeting opened by the singing of the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of Psalm 82. As this was the annual meeting the officers for the ensuing year were then elected, resulting as follows:

President—Mrs. W. H. Hall.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. Seeley.
Secretary—Mrs. R. S. McGirr.
Treasurer—Mrs. G. H. Burke.
Organist—Mrs. R. Priestly.

After the election of officers the newly elected president Mrs. Hall took the chair for the balance of the meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered to the retiring president, Mrs. Geo. Lawlor, for her twelve years of faithful service. Mrs. Lawlor replied in a few well chosen words. It was decided to hold their annual garden party on Thursday, June 20. The meeting was then closed with prayer, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Londry.

IN MEMORIAM

GENOE — In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Thos. Genoe, who passed away, May 23rd, 1934.

In our home she is fondly rememberd,
Sweet memories cling to her name,
Those who loved her in life sincerely,
Still love her in death just the same.
—HUSBAND AND FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

BLAKELY — In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah M. Blakely, who died May 31, 1926.

Gone from us but not forgotten.
Never will thy memory fade.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger,
Round the spot where thou art laid.
—Sadly missed by sons and daughters

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. John McKechnie and family of Priceville desire to express their sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their quick and willing assistance in saving their home from complete destruction by fire on Monday morning.

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