THE ASTONISHER

(Official paper of the Pupils of Flesherton High School)

EMMA MEADS, Editor

GRADE IX

Little Eleanor laughed and laughed because Bob Turney took the gum shortage so hard, he simply had to chew his pen.

We are living in hopes of Jack Milne and Joan Turney getting to classes in time.

Bob Long will soon be out of ink if Ruth Stewart doesn't buy any.

Barry Thurston's ambition: To go into partnership with his father.

First thing we know Don Banks and Fran Taylor will have a school rink if they keep on shovelling.

Harvey Atkinson couldn't get along without Irene Phillips, especially in French class.

If Eric Campbell doesn't soon start to keep his desk tidy, his knees are going to be bruised with books falling on them.

GRDADE X

LOST — Grade X Mathematics. Invaluable, but wanted for sentimental reasons. Finder please notify Betty Hincks.

Principal—"Your work is better to-day, Jim."

Jim—"Yes, mother gave me some liniment and it made me smart."

To the couple seen under the street light on Shady Ave. last night; please say good-bye on the sidewalk and don't block traffic on the road.

GRADE XI

Joyce Genoe has lost her glasses again. Won't somebody please help her keep track of them.

Don McLeod is still carrying all his books to every class. He'll soon be round shouldered.

Janet and Ted have a lot of classes together. I bet they are pleased.

Verna has a habit of sticking out her tongue when asked a hard question. How can we prevent it?

Watch out Don! The habit of forgetting your books may develop into an excuse to see a certain teacher.

Born—On Wednesday, January 23, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hass, a daughter, Audrey Janette (weight 115 elbs.)

GRADE XII

Marie, our little blonde from Eugenia comes second in the class. She gets enough letters for the whole class.

Jean Cox hails from Feversham. She studies and shows up the rest of us in Intensive French.

Margaret Smith has the furthest to come, but seldom misses a day.

Hazel Fenwick hasn't any chance with our Frankie, although she's interested but I mean definitely, since Margaret sits closer.

Bob Avis is our Frank Sinatra. No wonder Miss Beatty has to discipline Marie Phillips and our blonde in French period.

Burton Russell tries to attract the weaker sex by coming in late every morning, or should it be afternoon.

GRADE XIII

CASE HISTORY

We are the senior students of F. H.S. and believe us, it isn't easy. First of all you must be sufficiently intelligent to struggle that far, without getting discouraged and giving up half-way. You must plough through all the subjects assigned, no matter how inane they may seem to you, making the best of things. You must be something of a diplomat to be able to handle teachers and junior students without their realizing they are being handled. You must set a good example for your juniors in studies, sports, etc., showing toward them the right blending of aloofness, deference, and geniality. If you push them, you do it with your little finger, not a bulldozer; if you pull them, use a thread, not a chain. In short you must be the epitome of cleverness, industry, athletics, subtey and tact.

Shall we take a brief glance at the histories of form V, the wonder-class which fulfills all these requirements?

We have Angus McVicar of Priceville, our able school president, who runs things. His blue eyes and happy smile are beloved and seniors alike, and his speed and skill in chemistry experiments are the delight and wonder of his class mates. Angus wants to go to University.

Next in order as we sit in our form room, comes Vernon Atkinson of Rock Mills, our form representative on the student council. He's the lad who makes the girls swoon when he performs on the parallel bars—oh that physique!! It took Vernon to explain the mechanics of the steam engine of James Watt to the rather dense females in History class. He's determined to farm.

Margaret Turney is our claim to glamour, and her "harlequin" spectacles have us green with envy. Maggie makes her most effective entrances ten minutes after classes begin, but we love her. Genius crops out in Geometry, where she can solve problems by the most original methods—it's absolutely fascinating.

Frances Buchanan of Vandeleur, our black-haired damsel, looks "delish" in a striped sweater she knit herself, and with a sparkling airforce pin on her shoulder. Frannie is one of our brilliant math students, and should go on to greater glory in them. That witty tongue keeps us all alert (?) She'll make a good math student at college.

Marjorie Brackenbury is our petite redhead, but a sunnier temperment would be hard to find. Marj. is a responsible little lady, believing that if it's worth doing, it's worth doing well. As one of her teachers remarked, "She has a head on her shoulders," a necessary quality to make a good nurse.

Genevieve Milne, our brown-eyed blonde, is firmly convinced that chocolate sundaes are better than a figure. Genny shines (?) in anything but maths, especially composition & P.T. and has a weakness for concocting bright coloured, poisonous gases in the laboratory. Music is important. She is almost convinced there is a place for her in journalism.

Art Proctor, from Eugenia, is the Lothario behind the mustache. Art excels in P.T. and bad puns. Saturday finds him out with a gun and sometimes he even brings home a rabbit. But what does he dream about in those spare periods? Owning a big farm?

Jane Karstedt, of Priceville, our curly-head, is last in this file, but certainly not the least. Peaches is our brain-child in maths—the marks the girl gets!! And she explained it all in an essay entitled "Getting Homework Done". Thanks pal. She expresses a wish to become a chemist.

There you have us Grade XIII, with our faults, (though they be few) and or virtues (though they be inevident); weighed down under at least seven pounds of homework every night, haggard with our responsibilities, hounded by teachers and juniors (but we love them all), yet valiant and unafraid, our faces bravely turned toward the June exams and the future beyond.

—Effort of Genevieve Milne.

NEED TO BALANCE FEED FOR HOGS

If hog producers would balance their feed mixture as thoroughly as efficient dairymen do, they would soon see improved results in their grading slips. Haphazard feeding and carelessness in marketing at proper weights are the direct causes of many hogs grading too low to qualify for the quality premium.

This weakness in hog production is explained by A. W. Peterson, Chief, Live Stock and Poultry Production Services, Dominion Departmetn of Agriculture. Contrasting this too prevalent carelessness in Canadian hog production with the constant vigilance of Canada's greatest competitor, Denmark, Mr. Peterson says that a hog breeder in Denmark, or Sweden pays strict attention to the records of his breeding stock. These records are usually hung over each pen. On them are the particulars of results obtained by the progeny. The breeder will discuss these results with all the animation of a Canadian dairyman describing the quantity and test of his milk production.

The Danish hog producer considers marketing at proper weights as a matter of course, but he gives great concern to economy of feed consumption and high grade carcass output. "Too many hog producers in Canada fail to cash in on the benefits of a properly balanced feed mixture," says Mr. Peterson, "even though formulas for recommended mixtures may be obtained from the Dominion of Provincial Departments of Agriculture."

FOX STAGES COME-BACK

Ontario is being invaded, quietly and unobtrusively, by an animal known as the gray fox. Before the coming of the white man, the gray fox was a common animal in southern Ontario. This we know from the bones found in pre-historic Indian village sites. Then it disappeared from our area. Its range shrank southward, for reasons unknown. It has been absent from early historic times until recently.

Twenty years ago the gray fox population began spread northward again. The Royal Ontario Museum received its first specimen in 1942. Subsequently others were secured and the front of the invasion is now known to be from the St. Lawrence to Lake-of-the-Woods. Only time will tell how successful this animal will be in re-establishing itself in Ontario.

The coat of the gray fox has a "salt and pepper" colour effect and the tip of its tail is black. These features will distinguish it from the red fox in any of its phases. The Museum will appreciate information which will all to our knowledge of the gray fox in Ontario.

Look at the brighter side of life, brother—a jammed street car is warmer.

It is clear now why so many old timers lived to such a ripe old age. They didn't have 34 inches of snow to shovel off in January.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Betts and Janet visited with friends at Galt Sunday.

Staff Sergt. E. Hass of Toronto spent the week end with his family.

Miss Tena Hutchinson of Corbetton was home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Morgan left last Wednesday for Calgary, Alta.

Mrs. Wallace Hamilton is spending a couple of weeks with relatives at Guelph.

Mrs. John Adams and daughter, Marjorie. of Dryden are visiting her mother, Mrs. McFadden.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Thomson left recently to spend the winter with friends at Angola, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Henderson and son spent Sunday with relatives at Mt. Forest.

Miss Marjorie Thistewaite of Toronto spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thistlewaite.

Miss Florence Bunt of Toronto was the guest of Mrs. C. S. McTavish for several days last week.

Miss Laura Pedlar is spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. Lorne Fawcett, at Aldershot.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Fawcett of Aldershot spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pedlar.

Mrs. Norman Stoddart visited in Toronto over the week end with her husband of the R.C.A.F., Camp Borden.

Messrs. Ken Betts, Reg. Boyd, C. J. Kennedy and H. Milligan were in Orangeville on Monday attending a curling bonspiel.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. D. McTavish who observed his 82nd birthday on Tuesday. Mrs. C. S. McTavish entertained members of the family to dinner in his honor.

Mrs. C. Hindle has returned to her home at Saugeen ct. from Markdale hospital after an operation, which we hope, will improve her health.

Mr. Dick Stewart of Toronto spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart. Dick received his discharge last week, after four years with the R.C.A.F. He also received his rejection from the Army.

Most People Honest

In spite of the fact that there are scores of that ilk who would not trust their neighbor or their employees with any sum of money, an episode which occurred during the Christmas rush proves that this mistrust and misgiving is without foundation and that for the most part man is an honest creature.

It appears that a farmer's wife in an outlying section gave the rural mail courier an envelope containing a ten dollar bill and addressed to a Toronto department store with instructions to purchase a money order at the post office to cover a list of goods enclosed in the envelope . In the rush of business the missive became mixed with other out-going mail and when advised of the circumstance the farm woman gave up her tenspot as lost. However, she was pleasantly surprised a few days later on receiving, not only the articles contained in the order, but her proper change as well.

Whether those who handled the unsealed envelope with the cash in plain view, were imbued with the Christmas spirit and failed to fall to the temptation with the usual 'get thee behind me, Satan,' or not cannot be ascertained but the episode illustrates that Diogenes with his lighted lantern would not have to continue long in his search for an honest man in this neck of the woods. — Walkerton Herald Times.

ARTEMESIA DISTRICT L.O.L. OFFICERS FOR 1945

Wor D.M.—H. Graham
Dept. D.M.—Wm. Kinney
Dist. Chaplain—Geo. Cairns
Rec.-Sec.—G. W. Littlejohns
Dist. Fin.-Sec.—Jas. Semple
Dist. Treas.—W. A. Hawken
Dist. Marshall—J. E. Bowles
Dist. Lecturers—E. McCullough, A. Miller.
Dist. Tyler—Art Jackson

The election was conducted by G. W. Littlejohns, Past District Master and the installation was conducted by George Cairns, P.D.M.

Nursing is a fine calling for young women and just now the hospitals are calling out loud.

Osprey Red Cross

Following is a report of the activities of the Osprey Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society from Jan. 18, 1944, to Oct. 25th:

MAXWELL INSTITUTE

14 Pr. Navy whole mitts, 4 Pr. Seamen's ribbed 18 in. socks, 3 turtle neck sweaters (grey), 1 Pr. Seaman's long stockings, 10 Navy ribbed helmets, 4 Heavy quilts, 6 Flannelette night gowns, 4 Boy's shirts, 7 pr. heavy service socks.

SINGHAMPTON

7 pr. Seamen's 18 in. ribbed socks, 9 pr. Army socks, 15 pr. heavy service socks, 13 Navy ribbed helmets, 2 turtle neck sweaters (navy) 1 pr. navy whole mitts, 4 pr. khaki gloves, 1 khaki helmet.

COMMUNITY CLUB

3 girls' skirts.

PROVIDENCE WAR WORKERS

3 boys' shirts, 1 turtle neck sweater (khaki).

BADJEROS and McINTYRE

10 pr. army socks, 11 pr. Airforce socks, 10 pr. heavy service socks, 11 turtle neck sweaters (grey), 10 navy ribbed helmets, 8 pr. navy whole mitts, 14 pr. seamen's long stockings, 7 pr. seamens' 18 in. ribbed socks, 1 Tuck-me-in (airforce), 3 khaki scarves, 2 turtle neck sweaters (khaki) 5 pr. Khaki gloves.

REFUGEE

47 boys' flannelette undervests, 53 pr. flannelette panties, 1 girls' slip, 1 girls' jumper, 7 large quilts.

FEVERSHAM

10 navy ribbed helmets, 14 pr. seamens' 18 in. ribbed socks, 5 pr. seamens long stockings, 5 turtle neck sweaters (grey), 1 Tuck-me-in (airforce), 3 pr. Khaki socks, 2 Khaki scarves, 3 turtle neck sweaters (navy), 7 pr. airforce socks, 15 pr. army socks, 9 pr. heavy service socks.

REFUGEE

5 boys' shirts, 4 flannelette night gowns, 1 quilt.

Summary of Receipts and Payments for the year 1944

Receipts	
Bal. cash Jan. 1, 1944	$ 329.61
General donations	15.00
Campaign	102.00
Fund-raising events	163.00
Grants	850.00
	$1459.69
Payments	
To Division for war work	$ 955.00
Wool and materials purchased from Division	55.24
Materials purchased locally	1.65
Miscelalneous expenses	4.75
Bal. cash Dec. 31. 1944	442.75
	$1459.69

Wins Distinguishel Flying Cross In Crippled Plane

Flight-Lieut. Roy Hemphill, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Hemphill, of 2153 West Fifty-first, has been awarded the D.F.C. overseas, according to a cable received by his parents.

Flight-Lieut. Hemphill, who has been overseas since October, 1943, has been flying Halifax bombers since June.

He was piloting one of them in a thousand-plane raid over Dusseldorf on November 2, when one of the engines caught fire, while there was still 100 miles to go to the target.

With one engine knocked out the plane dropped from its specified bombing height of 21,000 feet to 13,000 feet.

"That meant all the bombs from the other 999 planes were falling around us," said Lieut. Hemphill.

They continued on to Dusseldorf, dropped their load of bombs, and on the way back, another engine was knocked out.

The crippled plane made it back to England on only, two engines, but had to crash land in southern England. The plane was a total wreck, but all the crew was saved.

Flight-Lieut. Hemphill's parents believe that the D.F.C. award was given on the basis of his flying on this trip.

A graduate of Prince of Wales High School, Flight-Lieut. Hemphill was a former "school boy" star in the Big Four Canadian football. He graduated as a pilot in Yorkton, Sask., in the summer of 1942, and was stationed for a time at Dauphin, Man., as an instructor. — Vancouver Daily Province.

Father—"Do you suppose our son gets his intelligence from me?"

Mother—"He must. I've still got mine."

Friend—"And aren't the bombings in London terrible, Mrs. Peters?"

Mrs. Peters — "Ah, yes, dearie — they do knock things about. But again, they do take your mind off the war a bit."

Voice of The People

Mr. Editor:- I noticed a letter in a recent issue of The Advance from the Durham Chronicle which I do not like. It was headed "Public should watch post-war planners." The writer appears to be very much against planning of any kind. We all know that the best though-out plans may go wrong, but just think what would happen if there had not been any planning by government poljticians. If labor and indnstry had gone ahead and manufactured all the ships, guns and ammunition they could, without any planning as to size or quantity of the thousand different articles needed, it is easy to see there would have been a terrible muddle. So I contend that everything has to be planned if it is to be successful. The writer thinks we cannot go back to peace time condition without a jolt.

I do not think the people of Canada want peace time conditions as they were from 1930 until the war started. These were the years when the haphazard hit-and-miss system, which The Chroncile writer loves so well, was in full swing. If we cannot make a better Canada than we had before the war, then the men who have died have made the supreme safrifice in vail, and the ones who come back have risked their lives for no purpose; also we who have worked to supply them have worked in vain.

The Chronicle writer does not seem to have any faith in politics or politicians. One would almost be led to believe that all his political friends had been promoted by an ulterior or selfish motive, such as seeking a position in a Cabinet or placing themselves in line for a judgeship, rather than looking after the interests of the common people. I think there are plenty of honest politicians, but most of them are trying to do the impossible — make capitalism work.

He also makes the rash statement that the average government could not run a wheelbarrow factory. Does he know that before the war Russia had the largest tractor factory in the world? What about our great Hydro System? It was sturted and run, more or less, by government ever since. Many cities run their own lighting and transportation systems. I know that it is human nature to be sceptical about anything new. Two thousand years ago when something new was brought into the world, the great majority would have nothing to do with it, and twelve years ago when Mr. Woodsworth suggested a plan whereby humanity could be better served than by the present capitalistic system, the reactionary forces are still for no change.

—W. A. WEBER.

RATION COUPON DUE DATES

Ration coupons now valid are butter 90 to 95, sugar 46 to 51, preserves 33 to 38.

One butter coupon is good for the purchase of eight ounces and three coupons become valid each month.

Next coupons becoming valid are butter 96, preserves 39 to 40, and sugar 52 and 53.

Look at the bright side! We'll have spring just as soon as the weather gets warm enough.

Who would want to live in an Arctic city like Toronto? asks the Midland Free Press.

Owing to the work involved in building a new school, Drayton School board met fifty times last year.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including Saturday, Feb. 15, 1945, for supplying 18 cords 16 inch hardwood (maple and beech) for S. S. No. 17, Artemesia (Rock Mills). The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

—WES SMITH, Sec.
R. R. 1, Flesherton

TENDERS WANTED

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned for the crushing and hauling of approximately 8,000 yards of gravel for the Township of Osprey, tenders to be submitted and in my hands by Thursday, March 1st, 1945. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Full particulars may be secured from

—JAS. T. McKENZIE,
Road Supt.
Feversham, Ont.

Dominion-Provincial Conference Possible

National health insurance and old age pensions to be paid on a more liberal scale and at a younger age than at present, are two proposals the government will bring before the dominion-provincial conference. It is understood that plans now are to hold the conference as soon as possible after the federal general election. This may mean that the dominion and provinces will get together about Easter. Though all provinces favor such a meeting, it proved difficult to arrange a date satisfactory to them all. Provincial elections and holding sessions of various legislatures at different times proved obstacles. Premier King has made it plain that, in view of the conference not having been possible to date, he feels the federal governments elected for the reconstruction period should participate in it. For that reason, it will not be held until after the federal election. The federal government in office then will be in a position to carry out any commitments or arrangements it agrees to at the conference.

Small Ads.

LOST — Bad of Red Clover seed, taken by mistake from the Co-operative. Kindly return

WANTED — House in Flesherton to buy or rent. Apply to Jas. Oliver, Priceville, phone 21 r 12. 32c2

WANTED — Windmill in good condition. — Lawson Whitehead, Ceylon, Ont. 35p1

WANTED — Animals suitable for mink and fox feed.—Bert McIntosh Eugenia, phone Feversham 5r25

WANTED — Housekeeper wanted for farm home. — D. Genoe, R.R. 4, Flesherton, phone Thornbury 39r31. 43p2

LOST — Pair of glasses with light shell rims in Flesherton week before Christmas. Please return to Joyce Genoe, Eugenia 33p3

NOTICE — I am agent for the Little Beaver grain grinder Enquire now. It will do installing. — Dick Carson, Ceylon, phone 22 r 4.

FOR SALE — 40 Tom Barron White Leghorn pullets, J. D. Johnston strain, laying well. —Mrs. Sam Grummett, R.R. 1, Flesherton, or phone Feversham 11r13. 34p2

WANTED—Driver 3 to 7 years old, 1100 lbs , broken double or single, must be fast roadster.—Sam Grummett, R.R. 1 Flesherton telephone Feversham 11 r 13. 33c2

FOR SALE — Young Percheron Mare, well broken, double and single. Also quantity of good hay, at barn. J. T. Parker, Proton Station.

LOST — Black, white and tan colored hound, in the vicinity of Singhampton on the 28th of November. $5.00 reward is offered leading to the discovery of this dog. Please notify 68, 9th Street, Collingwood or phone 412 m.

CHICK livability; early, steady production. Hillside Chicks are hired for these qualities. Get in touch with agent for prices and place order soon to avoid disappointment. Besides, remember early hatched chicks get into production to catch the better markets for eggs and poultry. F. J. Chard, Feversham.

MEN AND WOMEN

Watkins Dealers are making more money today than ever before. Enjoy the security and benfits of affiliation with the OLDEST and LARGEST COMPANY of its kind in the world. All sales records were smashed in 1944—generous bonuses were paid to all Watkins Dealers. Get into business for yourself on our capital in your home or adjacent locality. Suitable travel outfit required. Write now for further information to the J. R. Watkins Company, Dept. O-F-1, 2177 Masson Street, Montreal.

BUSINESS CARDS

C. J. BELLAMY
Commissioner for Taking Affidavits
Clerk of the Village of Flesherton
Issuer of Marriage Licenses
Conveyancing
Wills, Mortgages and Deeds
FLESHERTON, ONTARIO

WM. KAITTING
LICENSED AUCTIONEER
for the County of Grey
Farm and Stock sales our specialty.
Terms: reasonable. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Dates arranged at The Advance office or phone 4w.