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Dr. [illegible] of the School Insp[illegible] at his home in [illegible] on Friday evening, following a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered that morning. He had been ailing since the first of the New Year, but his illness was not thought to be of a serious nature.

The deceased was born near Lefroy in Simcoe County, where he lived with his parents until he started to do for himself. By hard work and diligent study he prepared himself for the teaching profession, and taught public schools at Lefroy, Belle Ewart, Orillia and Barrie. After securing his diploma as a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, he came to Meaford from Orillia, in 1891, where he accepted an appointment as science teacher in the High School, which position he held for 14 years. In 1902, he obtained the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, he being the only man in Ontario who ever won so distinguished an honor at his age. In 1905, the deceased was appointed Public School Inspector for East Grey, holding the position until his retirement and superannuation at the end of the year. Dr. Huff was a member of the Meaford Masonic Lodge and an Orangeman. In religion he was an Anglican.

The Government Should Change This Act

The strict letter of the law as it is being interpreted these days by employees of the Customs office who live in fear of losing their jobs if anything bordering on favoritism or neglect can be traced to them. This is alright if our laws are right, but where the regulations do not fully cover the situation, that practice is bad and harmful. An instance of this has happened twice in Toronto within the last two weeks. A lecturer came from the United States with a roll of film containing 1000 feet to illustrate his talk. The Customs Department would not allow this film to enter Canada without paying duty, and because it was essential to the lecture it was found necessary to pay the duty of 3 cents a foot along with other charges which made a total of $35.00. The film really only took 15 minutes to show the Canadian club and then was returned to the United States at once. Upon investigation we find their is a provision made for admitting free of duty a film which is to be used for educational purposes providing it is used in a school or university. We submit where the film is shown in a hotel or hall this does not apply. Surely the line covering educational films cannot be drawn as close as that. This is one of those regulations which if it is to be interpreted strictly to the letter should be amended to cover such cases as films used for educational purposes in any gatherings.

Gasoline Tax Likely To Be Increased

An increase in the provincial gasoline tax was forshadowed by premier Ferguson at the annual banquet of the Ontario Good Roads Association in Toronto last week.

He said people everywhere were clamoring for roads and forgetting the cost and "that means the gasoline tax will be increased," he added. If he is referring to the paved road through our village which is less than an eighth of a mile long, we would ask him to remember that we paid dearly for three rods, which cost the village over $600.00 and the gas pump owners are still paying $150.00 per year to the Government for the pleasure of operating their pumps on the streets.

This gasoline tax must be a little god which is being worshipped by the Ontario members of the Legislature. Ease up a little, Mr. Ferguson, on this tax business.

County and District

Meaford's tax rate for 1928 will be 49½ mills exculsive of county rates.

Two live frogs were picked up on the ice in the curling rink at Meaford last week.

Canada Furniture Manufacturers Limited will close their plant at Walkerton at the end of March.

James Bolger of Dundalk, charged with a breach of the L.C.A., pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $300.

Thomas Hornsby, a pioneer resident of Egremont Township, died Friday, March 2nd, aged 75 years.

Hanover has arrears of taxes, amounting to over $23,000 which the Council is going to endeavour to collect.

Grey County Championship School Fair, which will be held in Durham in October, will not be united with the Fall Fair.

John Dyer, aged 58 years, passed away at his home, near Durham, on March 4th. He leaves a widow and eight children.

Mr. A. McDonald, who has been a member of the Masonic Lodge at Tara for 50 years, has been given a Life Membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baker of Nottawa, celebrated the sixteth anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, March 3rd.

John Madigan, 84 years old, and a resident of Arthur Township all his life, passed away at Konilworth on Thursday, March 1st.

Shelburne Horticultural Society will plant a row of trees on each side of the Provincial Highway between Shelburne and the cemetery.

Mr. W. Porter, who has been accountant in the Standard Bank at Durham for three years, has been transferred to Innerkip as manager.

George Fenton has been appointed secretary of the Holstein Agricultural Society to succeed Neil Calder, Warden of Grey County, who has resigned.

Mr. Henry Fulford of Owen Sound passed away on Saturday, March 3rd, aged 76 years. He was born on the 3rd line of Euphrasia and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Fulford.

Mr. T. C. West, a former Orangeville boy, is State Senator for the fourteenth Senatorial district of California and is chairman of the committee on Universities and teachers' colleges.

T. W. Conron, formerly manager of the Osprey Telephone System, died at Feversham on Saturday, March 3rd. He is survived by three little boys and his aged parents. His wife died two years ago.

Mrs. J. R. Aitchison and daughters, who have carried on the Clifford Express since the death of Mr. Aitchison 2 years ago, have sold the business to Mr. A. E. Bradwin, a well known newspaperman.

Dundalk has an unsolved mystery. On Monday a pool of blood, some wearing apparel and marks of a scuffle were discovered near the unused creamery building. Provincial Constable Denton has been on the job but nothing has been discovered.

While snowshoeing on Friday evening two local young people slid down the river bank some distance north of the Queen Street bridge intending to cross the ice, but instead slipped into three and half feet of water and had as narrow an escape from drowning as they wish to encounter. Beyond the shock and frost bites neither was the worse of the adventure.—Mt. Forest Confederate.

Miss Kate Kerr, former Seaforth bank teller, who was arrested two weeks ago by Provincial Constable A. Whiteside, on a charge of the theft of $11,000 from the Seaforth branch of the Dominon Bank, appeared before Police Magistrate C. A. Reid, in the police court last week. The accused pleaded guilty to three charges and was sentenced to two years less one day in the Ontario Reformatory.

The C.P.R. is entitled to a great deal of credit for the way it has kept passenger trains running on schedule on the Toronto to Owen Sound line despite the storms of the last two weeks, culminating in the ripsnorter to which we were treated on Sunday. Two snow-plows were in the yards here at one time on Monday, each with two engines, to make sure of clearing the road.—Shelburne Economist.

John A. Fisher, of the Pictou Advocate, recently got into an argument with a citizen named Coop Wisener over the merits of White Leghorns, and Coop got so mad he killed one, dressed it and gave it to the editor to prove his contention that they are good for table use. Hear John A's further printed decision: "It dressed a shade under four pounds and was grand eating. If there are any other chaps who want arguments with us we are open to be convinced along the same line, say regarding ducks or geese or turkeys or sheep or pigs or cows.

Send in your news items. We would like to get them all and your friends will enjoy hearing of your activities.

This and That

By the Janitor.

Boys have the reputation of wearing out everything but soap.

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Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some are not even grateful.

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A lot of fellows have been digging down to find out if the sidewalks were still below, and they are.

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The dry wood piles are getting into the same class as the modern skirt. They're getting short.

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An optimist is a man who shovels the snow from the walk in the morning and expects that to do until spring.

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Wind and liquor are very much alike in some ways. For instance after a big blow it's hard to find any good results.

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If we who are fifty or over could add to our lives all the time we have wasted up to the present some of us would live to be real old men.

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There will be a big drop in wood between now and the first of May, particularly where the piles were built on a foot or two of snow.

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"And they call this the land of free speech!" said the disgusted Scot when the telephone operator told him to put five cents in the box.

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It is said that some fellows eat salted peanuts when on their way to visit with a friend who is known to be the possessor of a liquor permit.

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Some fellows can go bare-headed in all kinds of weather and never have their hair disturbed by the wind. We mean the bald-headed fellows.

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There are a lot of curlers in this town who are happiest when the opposing rink is playing a winning game. Believe that and we'll tell you another.

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'Tis said that as a man grows fat he eats less. If this is so there are some fellows who must have ate a whale of a lot of breakfast foods when they were thin.

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We have read a lot of obituary notices in our time and up to the present we have never noticed the deceased referred to as an ardent opponent of prohibition or life-long supporter of anti-temperance.

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The Government has missed one of the possibilities for revenue in connection with the auto. A tax on back seat drivers would be popular in a great many cases and should be a fairly good protection for some drivers.

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The only difference between the members of the local Senate and the one at Ottawa is that the latter are paid for their services and the local fellows give their services gratis. Then too the local fellows don't grant divorces.

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Even the styles in autos change with the seasons. A few years ago they were nearly all stem winders and required quite a lot of winding at times before they started. Now every car is equipped with the latest in self-commencers and you have to be very careful or the blooming things will get away on you before you are ready to start.

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At a session of the local Senators the other day they were discussing great men's birthdays and among those mentioned was (Bobby) Burns. One of the older fellows remarked that he could remember when "Burns" was the chief wood buyer along this line of railway and that his firm was still in the coal and wood business in Toronto.

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The snow it fell upon the ground,
The wind then blew it all around,
Until a drift worth-while it found,
Which needed to be finally crowned,
—And then comes spring.

Fell Downstairs, Neck is Broken

Mrs. Alfred Tompkins, of the tenth line of Nottawasaga Township, just south of the Green Bush side road is lying at her home in a precarious condition. Early Monday morning she fell the entire length of the stairs in her home, so injuring the cervical vertebra that she is lying paralyzed below the neck. Her power of speaking is also gone, though mentally she is quite as bright as ever. The only mark found on her body was on the jaw. Mrs. Tompkins is under close medical attention and while her condition is decidely serious her husband and family are hopeful that the science of medicine may restore the beloved wife and mother to good health.

When she fell Mrs. Tompkins was carrying a lamp which fell to the bottom of the stairs, strange to say without either the lamp or the chimney being broken.—Collingwood Bulletin.

Markdale

One of the new Ford cars is now on display at Down's garage.

Miss Bell, of the High School staff, was in Toronto for the week-end.

Mrs. G. H. Haslam and Miss Anna are visiting with friends in Detroit.

Four cars of live stock were shipped from the local depot on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wylie of Brampton is a visitor with her daughter, Mrs. H. McInnis.

Mr. Eugene Gubar of Kindersley, Sask., is a visitor with Mr. Harold Thibaudeau.

Miss Grindell, of the Owen Sound Collegiate staff, was a visitor over Sunday with Mrs. G. A. Beaton.

Mr. Jack Coleman left on Saturday for Owen Sound where he has secured employment in a barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dillon have returned home after spending the past two months with the latter's mother near Rocklyn.

The Government Seed Cleaning Demonstration Train will be in Markdale on Monday next, March 19th, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

During the last few days there have been a great many logs delivered at the local mills and a lot of wood to parties about town.

Mr. Martin Teeter and sons, Milton and Gordon, of Priceville spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teeter and family.

Mr. John Irving has accepted a position in the Cr[illegible] barber shop. He is a first class barber and has been employed in Winnipeg for some time.

Miss Lucy Co[illegible] of Dundalk is taking Miss Ruby Sarjeant's place on the Public School teaching staff while the latter is assisting in nursing her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Teeter and daughter, Sylvia, of Wainwright, Alberta, have returned home after a four months' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teeter and family.

Mrs. L. G. Campbell, Mrs. Robt. Down and Mrs. A. E. Colgan were in Flesherton Monday night for the regular meeting of the Chapter of the Eastern Star at which the D.D. G.M. was present.

Mr. Jas. Hands arrived last week and is in charge of the teller's cage in the Bank of Montreal office in the place of Mr. W. H. Bell, who went to North Bay. Mr. Hands, whose home is in Alliston, comes here from the Tara branch.

Mrs. Thos. Mercer of this place underwent a serious operation for inward trouble in the Toronto General Hospital on Saturday last. At latest reports she was gaining slightly but her condition was still considered serious.

Mr. Peter D'Arcy of Glenelg, a little west of the village, was operated on for goitre in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Monday. The patient came through the operation in splendid shape and is now in a satisfactory condition.

At the Conservatory of Music examinations held at Owen Sound recently, Isobel McMullen, Holland Centre, pupil of Miss S. Armstrong, Markdale, passed her Primary Piano examination with honors receiving within two marks of First Class honors.

We have in our office a little yellow butterfly which liberated itself from a cocoon at the home of Mr. Ira Schell, Mt. Pleasant, on Monday. The little fellow made his appearance a month or two too soon to enjoy the beauties of the country hereabouts.

Rev. Ernest G. Dymond, who was Rector of Christ Church fourteen years ago, writes from Great Bend, Kansas, U.S.A., and wishes to be remembered to old friends. June 3rd this year is the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination to the Ministry of the Anglican Church.

Mild weather commencing Saturday and gradually increasing in mildness until Tuesday evening sent a lot of the surplus snow down the creeks and relieved for a few days the strain on the wood piles. It's a bit cooler this (Wednesday) morning and it looks as if spring may be a few days ahead yet.

Mr. Walter Ricketts, formerly of this place, who was one of the contestants in a great Coast to Coast Marathon, has been compelled to withdraw from the race because he was run down by an unknown autoist. Two ribs were broken in the accident and Ricketts was taken to the hospital in Bagdad, Calif.

Mr. Fred. Sargeant, one of the old and highly esteemed residents of Markdale, is in a serious condition at his home on the highway north of the village. He has been in failing health for some time and for the last few days he has been sinking rapidly. Many friends hope that he may be restored to health and that he may live for many years.

Messrs. T. H. Reburn, J. Lucas and I. B. Lucas jr. were in Toronto the first of the week in connection with the special legislation being put through by the Ontario Legislature authorizing the investment of village funds up to $5000 for the purpose of erecting a skating rink in Markdale. The bill was passed Tuesday afternoon. We have not been able to procure a copy of the bill in time for publication this week.

The A.Y.P.A. of Christ Church met on Monday evening, when the program was in charge of the Educational Group. Mr. A. S. Smith, of the Department of Agriculture, gave a very instructive and interesting address on "Rabbits as Pets and for Commercial Purposes." Following his talk Mr. Smith showed ten reels of thrilling pictures on the screen. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for his helpful talk.

Mr. Johnston McLoughry of Moosomin, Sask., is a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLoughry and other friends in the locality. It is forty years since Mr. McLoughry left for the West and he is pleased to meet numerous old friends in the locality, although many of his friends of boyhood days have passed on. With his brother, Alexander, of Cuteank, Montana, who is also here on a visit, the old familiar places are being visited and incidents of long ago recalled.

Each year the Ontario Department of Agriculture gives a Certificate of Honour signed by the Minister of Agriculture and the County Agricultural Representative to the pupil who secures the highest number of points in his school, or room, if a graded school, at the Rural School Fair. There is always a very keen competition for this honour among the pupils. The certificate is presented in duplicate, one copy being framed and hung in the class-room for a year and the other copy being taken home. The certificates for last fall's fair have been presented and in the Markdale Public School the winners were: Form Four, Verna Burnside; Form Three, Bert Armstrong; Form Two, Alice Cutting.

Celebrated Golden Wedding

On Tuesday, March 6th, Mr. and Mrs. George Crowther of Holland Centre celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. Fifty years ago George Crowther, then a young man, and Miss Agnes Sinclair, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sinclair of Holland Township, were happily married, and since that time have lived happily together at Holland Centre.

The happy anniversary was celebrated at their home in Holland Centre when a large number of friends and well-wishers were present. Their daughter, Mrs. Robt. Foster, with their grandchildren, Misses Lola, Zelda, Birdie and Gerald Foster were among those present. Their son and family of Oshawa were unable to be present.

During the afternoon and evening many friends and neighbours called to extend greetings. At an opportune time an address was read and purses of gold from the people of the village were presented.

The address was read by Rev. R. J. McCarten and the presentation made by Messrs Thos. Troughton and Peter Trelford. A number of gifts from friends were also presented to Mr. and Mrs. Crowther.

Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crowther of Owen Sound, who acted as best man and bridesmaid fifty years ago; Mr. and Mrs. Josh Crowther of Owen Sound; Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Ritz of Chatsworth; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Givens and Mrs. Coulter of Toronto.

The Banner extends to Mr. and Mrs. Crowther best wishes for continued health and contentment.

Walters Fal[illegible]

Miss Hart returned home last week after a fortnig[illegible] visit wi[illegible] J. R. H. Olmstead.

The Ladies' [illegible] social la[illegible]esday evening, March 6th, was [illegible] one in this vicinity. Four tables were arranged and trimmed to represent the seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter. Four little girls with seasonable trimmi[illegible] presided at the tables. The tables [illegible] very prettily decorated and no[illegible] to be seen to be appreciated. The progam was likewise under [illegible] various seasons, headed by the four little girls, although not [illegible]ly new, yet was very unique and pleasing especially the song ab[illegible] the good old summer time. It made us feel the July sun. Altog[illegible] made it was a very pleasant evenin[illegible] and the crowd was very well please[illegible]

Mr. Alfre[illegible]rd has sold his farm to Mr. D. [illegible]ne, who gets possession shortl[illegible]

A large [illegible]er of friends met at the home o[illegible] and Mrs. W. I. Seabrook last [illegible]day evening and presented Mr. [illegible] Mrs. Seabrook with a shower [illegible]y useful gifts and good wishe[illegible] their future happiness. Al[illegible] taken by surprise Clarence [illegible]ed the givers. The remainder [illegible] evening was spent in dancing [illegible] cards.

Mr. Seym[illegible] Smith left on Sunday for Meaf[illegible]route for Western Canada.

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