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EDITORIAL COMMENT

DRAG THE ROADS

The coming of Spring brings with it many responsibilities. It is the season of the year when plans for the year's activities should ripen into action. Within the past decade most of the rural municipalities of the Province have discarded the old statute labor method of road-making, and have adopted in its place a system of road maintenance which may be a lot better or a lot worse according as to whether or not the Municipal Councils and the Road Superintendents happen to be capable and efficient. Under the [illegible] labor system, the open air sport of mud-patching was indulged in [illegible] of June or some time in July, [illegible] potato-planting and the haying. A [illegible] forced vacation of so many days "to put in" rather than of so much [illegible] here. A Township might have thirty or forty Pathmasters, good [illegible] and these thirty or forty might have, judging from the appearance of their finished work, about thirty-nine different ideas as to what a road should be. Those who were really capable had a hard time deciding whether to patch a long stretch or rebuild a short one. Everyone wanted to drive a team on these jobs because a team counted double and shovelling gravel at ninety degrees odd in the sun is not just a picnic. The old system had at least these faults. It was done at the wrong [illegible] and it lacked system and efficiency. The new system may be no [illegible] Council is arrogantly or the [illegible] dependable. There is one thing that should be done. Drag the roads. Most of the roads have been gravelled and [illegible] a load of gravel on [illegible] to fill a hole gener[illegible] by next July. [illegible] kind of work and [illegible] when dry would work [illegible] by road [illegible] are just as [illegible] Only right [illegible] just after [illegible] are us [illegible] to this no[illegible] we expect [illegible] on our roads and [illegible] dodge holes and [illegible] the middle of July.

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HELP MARKDALE HOSPITAL

The establishment of a hospital in Markdale is an important venture not only to the residents of the Village but to those in the Townships adjacent. Dr. R. L. Carefoot has sponsored the initial expenditures in connection with the venture and we believe he has no hope of ever making it even pay its way and so far as profits are concerned there is not the slightest chance of any. The Standard believes that every encouragement and assistance should be given to put the institution on a basis where it will not be too great a drain on the finances of the promoter. All of us at some time or other have real need of hospital accommodation and to have one right at our doors is surely worth while. With the proper spirit of co-operation we believe the institution can be made a blessing to all. We understand that the members of Saugeen Lodge No. 327, I.O.O.F., have pledged themselves to furnish one of the rooms and other organizations should follow their example. We need the accommodation provided by the hospital and we should at least be willing to make some little contribution to its success. Let's all do our best to make [illegible] hospital a real home for those who are unfortunate enough as to require the services of a nurse and physician.

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DEATH AND THE FUTURE

During the past few months many families in this community have been plunged into sorrow because of the death of a loved one. The sorrowing relatives have been comforted and strengthened by the kindness and sympathy of thoughtful friends and neighbors but were it not for the assurance we have of a future life there would be little opportunity for comfort for the bereaved. Even the most careless among us, when placed in a position of danger or difficulty, will appeal to the Almighty for protection and assistance. There is that in all humans which keeps them steadfast in their faith in the Great Ruler of the Universe. This faith creates a hope in us which hope bends over man's last resting place and helps us to see far into the sacred realms of eternity. Death without the prospects of a future life would indeed be a dark state and one which none of us would care to enter.

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NECESSITIES, OR A "CROCK"?

The increase in the consumption of liquor cannot but be viewed with alarm by right-thinking people. Especially is it felt in the realm of business. To-day it is a toss-up whether to buy articles that are a necessity or a "crock". The latter more often has the call.

Recently in a store a young man entered and chose a hat. This man has a good job, earns fair pay, yet he asked the merchant to charge the account for the hat. We could understand the reluctance of the merchant to do as was requested. The purchaser is a young man who has become more or less of a rounder. He is willing to buy a "crock", and it simply meant in this case, pay for the hat or the "crock". He could get both, because he found a man who was gambling on his promise to pay, while he was actually spending the merchant's money for liquor.

Business men have to carry many honest people and assist them at certain times, but is there any sane reason for giving credit to those who waste their money on booze? It would seem a wiser policy to keep goods in your store than take a chance on a promise to pay.

If the expenditure in liquor continues to increase it will mean disaster in the long run. Liquor at $3.50 to $5.50 a bottle is mighty expensive and it is surely time the merchants learned to say "no" when credit is asked by those who can always find money to purchase liquor, but do not meet their honest debts. A refusal to these would be helpful and go a long way to correct the evil of credit. It would be well if business men would seriously consider this phase of business and decide to refuse credit.

It must be admitted that the growth of liquor drinking is steadily increasing. Should we not attempt a further control for the benefit of the economic conditions as well as for the protection of the rising generation.—Kincardine Review-Reporter.

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TEACHING A CLOSE CORPORATION?

The Ontario Educational Association has had its Easter meeting, when, as usual, many sides of teaching and of education in [illegible] were presented briefly to [illegible] attention. Among other subjects introduced and [illegible] was one relating to some [illegible] whether too highly is the annual [illegible] Kindred School. "An outrage on those seeking to enter upon teaching" said one high in the profession while another evidently thinking little of the taxpayer declared that "were it dropped and the old requirements restored the country would be flooded with teachers and salaries ruined." The first felt a mistake had been made, while the second let selfishness blind him to the fact that there were two sides to the subject and on that opposite the teacher and the educational system was the heavily taxed taxpayer. At the same time no reasonable argument can be advanced against fair salaries, but anything that tends to unnecessarily increase the already great annual outlay for schools, and a two-year term at Normal would appear to come within that category, is certainly not in the interest of education, teachers or public. So much for the financial side. Academically, the change is quite freely criticized as a waste of time. Some go so far as to say that the greater part of the present one year is so much of the lives of the young men and women forever lost. As one said in our hearing, "it is all over in the first three months." Accepting that concise remark as but partly correct, why inflict a further whole year. Why add to the burden of the students and of the taxpayer? Why lead in making another profession a close corporation? Surely there has been quite sufficient experience in this direction.—Collingwood Bulletin.

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Notes and Comment

A Federal election is one of the assured items on Canada's program during the coming summer.

On Saturday of next week we will commemorate the anniversary of the birthday of the late dearly loved Queen Victoria.

With an Ontario Divorce Court now an established fact we may be hoping to hear "meet the second wife of my first husband." Truly Ontario has been placed in an unenviable position by Woodsworth, the Winnipeg agitator, and his friends.

Kimberley

One of our oldest and most respected residents passed away very suddenly while at work in the chopping mill on May 1st, in the person of Mr. John Plewes. Mr. Plewes had been in his usual good health until a few minutes before passing away, when he complained of not feeling very well and asked Mr. Gorley and Mr. Brocklebank to assist him to the door but by that time he had passed out. Mr. Plewes was born at Bolton 83 years ago on Feb. 25. He came to Mulmur with his father following the milling business, then later to Flesherton and Kimberley mills. While in Mulmur he married Miss Mary Brown and after eighteen months Mrs. Plewes passed away, leaving her sorrowing husband and an infant son, John. While at the Flesherton mill (Loucks) he was married to Miss Eliza Thompson, who five sons and four daughters survive, John of Toronto, Wm. of Tillsonburg, Simeon of Maple Valley, Leslie of Collingwood, Alfred of Knowlton, Sask., Mrs. Chas. Good, Toronto, Mrs. Chas. Graham, Kimberley, Mrs. A. Andrew at present at home, Mrs. Frank Davis, Vandeleur. A daughter, Mrs. Jas. Cox, predeceased him six years ago. Mr. Plewes and his father built the mill still doing business and where he died here in Kimberley. He also milled in Kirkville and other places but spent about 50 years a resident here. He will be very much missed by the family and neighbours as he was always of a humorous nature and took a great interest in all things about nature. The casket was covered with flowers from the following: members of the family; the ladies' aid and W.M.S.; the pupils of the Public School; Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Proctor; Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Ferguson; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Burritt. The service at the home was taken by Rev. Mr. Stotesbury, and Rev. Mr. Wilkinson of Temple Hill, a former pastor and friend of the family. The service was very impressive and a message of comfort was given to the bereaved ones after which interment took place to Flesherton Cemetery. The pallbearers were the five sons and one grandson, Mr. Elmer Cox. All the family was present.

The valley is beautiful just now as the leaves are out on the trees and the earlier fruit trees are in blossom. The season is fully two weeks earlier than most years.

Mr. Stuart Ellis spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ellis.

Mr. Wes. Flood visited with Mr. Wm. Wood.

Miss Kathleen Hutchinson visited with her brother, Mr. Haddon Hutchinson at Flesherton.

Mr. Ellis Wright is home from Orangeville Collegiate for the season.

Misses Geraldine and Mary Cox spent the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. Thos. Abercrombie is home spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. H. Boden.

We are glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Myers are moving to Flesherton. We are sorry to lose them from our community and especially in any time of trouble or need.

Mr. Harold Proctor spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. Proctor.

We are glad to report Mrs. Saul Fawcett getting along so well after her recent operation. We hope to see her home soon.

We regret to notice the passing of Mr. Wm. Sloan of Ladner, B. C., and remember with pleasure our visit with he and Mrs. Sloan and Ed. while in B. C.

ARTEMESIA COUNCIL

This council met at the hall Flesherton, May 5th, at 10 a.m. All the members were present.

Minutes were read by the clerk and on motion were adopted.

Communications were read from Highway Department, re estimates and weeds. The Globe Indemnity and Merchant's and Employees Insurance Cos. representatives were present in regard to Indemnity Insurance and addressed the council.

By-law No. 889, making estimates for expenditures in 1930, namely: Road construction $2000; bridges $2000; superintendence $700; machinery $1000; maintenance $4300; total $10,000, was passed.

Orders for following committee work were passed: Corbett, $18.50; Meldrum, $4.00; Burnett, $4.00; Davis, $2.00; and 80 cents to Reeve for pair of books; the Clerk, to order chairs for hall; Road Superintendent's report for April, expended $706.00. The County Treasurer was requested to erase taxes against lot 5, con. 6, and 4, and 5, con. 7. The council decided to place the Indemnity Insurance with the Merchants and Employers Co. for eight months.

Magee - Burnett—That the Treasurer return to Treasurer of Osprey amount paid in on account of the J. J. Little drain.—Carried.

Davis - Magee—That the first sittings of the Court of Revision of the Assessment Roll of 1930 be held at the Township Hall the 2nd day of June, and the Clerk post the proper notice for same.—Carried.

County and District

Mr. Sam Phillips of the Collingwood gravel lost a horse recently aged 34 years.

The erection of Waldemar's new C. P. R. depot was completed recently and is now ready for occupancy.

More than 2200 licenses to operate passenger automobiles and more than 250 commercial licenses have been issued in Orilla this season.

Owen Sound will try daylight saving for June, July and August, a petition having been presented to the council making the request.

Charged with transferring licenses from one car to another, two Durham young men pleaded guilty and a fine of $10 each was imposed.

One of the most disastrous fires occurred in Wingham recently when the planing mill of the McLean Co. was destroyed. The estimated loss is $15,... partially covered by insurance.

Durham Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire have voted $1000 for improvements to the Durham Town Hall, and will be responsible for a new portico that is being erected at the front of the building.

John H. Denton of Erin, was remanded at Kitchener without bail, when he appeared in police court on charges of obtaining $360 by false pretences from the Waterloo Trust and Savings Company.

The Chesley Council has issued a warning to vendors of tobacco as to the penalty for selling minors, and also provided all vendors with warning notice. This action was called for by complaints as to juvenile smoking.

Mr. Campbell Lamont, Agricultural Representative for Dufferin County has tendered his resignation. He has recently purchased the business of C. Anderson & Co., Guelph, booksellers, stationers, china and office supplies.

Three Orilla juveniles who have been robbing gum slots by dropping iron and steel slugs into them instead of copper coins were apprehended recently by the police, and after having been given a suitable reprimand were set at liberty.

The body of James C. Weir, 21 year old Bell Telephone Co. lineman, who was drowned in the Saugeen River about five miles northwest of Walkerton, was recovered five and a half hours later in about 15 feet of water near the point of the accident.

Cherry Grove

Misses Alice Richardson and Mildred L... of Markdale were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Smithers.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Elford and ... the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradey and Mr. T. H. Richardson of Harkaway.

Mr. Hugh Pickard of Vandeleur was a recent visitor at the W. A. Dickie ...

The ... of the local ... the W. I. were held in the ... hall on Friday, May 2nd, with an attendance of 13 members, including two new members. The president, Mrs. E. Bradey directed the proceedings which opened in the usual way. The secretary, Mrs. Ran Bradey, read the minutes of the previous meeting, as well as an interesting report of the year's activities and the financial statement which showed a substantial balance in the treasury. A joint letter of thanks from two people who have been remembered with a treat when ill, was read. A communication was read from Mr. T. S. Cooper concerning the girl's judging competition, also correspondence from the Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

It was announced that the government speaker is due to address this branch on Monday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. Ran Bradey. This meeting is to be a community affair and any who desire to hear the government speaker are invited to attend whether members or not. The members are asked to bring lunch. The roll call was answered by giving suggestions for next year's program.

The vice pres., Mrs. W. A. Dickie presided at the election of officers which resulted as follows: pres., Mrs. E. Bradey (re-elected); vice pres., Mrs. W. A. Dickie (re-elected); secretary-treas., Mrs. Arthur Power; district director, Mrs. R. J. Bogart; district representative, Mrs. Roy Bowler; organist, Mrs. W. A. Dickie; sunshine committee, Mrs. Wm. Hodgson, Mrs. J. T. Abercrombie, Mrs. W. J. Ward and Mrs. W. E. Bradey; program committe, Mrs. Abercrombie, Mrs. Roy Bowler and Mrs. W. E. Bradey; auditors, Mrs. Abercrombie and Mrs. Jas. Penelton.

It was decided that the above meeting take the place of the regular June meeting. The places of meeting for the ensuing year were arranged for. From a list of subjects submitted, two were chosen, as the basis for the speaker's address, "Things money cannot buy" and "A Woman's Seven Ages". A short program will be rendered between the subjects. The meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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