

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU?

The prices in a lot of ways... There are more sharks on land these days than in the briny ocean.

Twenty Years Ago

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The King's Orderlies elected their officers for the year, as follows: President, Neil McDonald; Vice-President, Jack Kennedy; Secretary, Ninian Lindsay; Assistant Secretary, George Soper; Treasurer, Neil McDonald; Teacher, Rev. I. M. Moyer.

The sad news of the death of the wife of Joseph Gibbons, Vancouver, son of Mrs. William Gibbons, Acton, reached friends here this week.

Rev. R. E. Jones, of the Baptist Church, resigned the pastorate at the Sunday evening service. Mr. Jones has been pastor since April, 1916, and his resignation is regretted.

The Seventy-third Anniversary services of the Methodist Church last Sunday were epoch making. Albe sermons were preached by Rev. Geo. W. Barker, a former pastor.

At the annual meeting of Acton Fall Fair, S. H. Lindsay was elected President; W. J. L. Hampshire, 1st Vice-President; R. M. McDonald, 2nd Vice-President; George Hynds, Secretary-Treasurer; A. T. Brown and W. J. Reid, Auditors.

A routing reception was accorded three returned soldiers and civic testimonials were presented to Gunner Arthur Plant, Pte. Leonard Atkinson and Pte. Heber Williams.

DIED TALBOT—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gough, Guelph, on Thursday, January 18th, 1919, Jane Oliver, widow of the late James Talbot, 87 years of age.

WILD LIFE CONFERENCE

Many problems pertaining to wild life and its conservation will be discussed at a three-day conference of Provincial and Dominion wild life officials, held in Ottawa, Jan. 17-19.

While the conservation of the fur bearers of Canada is a matter coming under the jurisdiction of the respective Provincial and Territorial Governments, the Dominion as a whole is concerned in the conservation of fur and of all wild life resources.

FUTURE OF YOUTH

What is the effect of idleness on boys and young men when they can't get a job? One Boys' Club official refers to a tendency on the part of many boys to become lazy, to lack initiative, and to accept the situation, hoping for a change rather than looking for a job.

What shall a family do when its boys finish school, if there is no job and not money enough to send them to college or technical school? Young Men's Christian Associations, Boys' Club, and service organizations, have done wonders for such boys, but the country must think hard over its idle young men and ask what can be done to make a place for them.

KEEPING TAB

"These lovely carpets!" gushed the visitor. "I don't know how many I've had—"

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER



THE RAG CARPET

We've got a nice rag carpet in the sitting room, brand new. All of us cut and picked the rags; and pa, he-pricked his thumb.

We like to go and look at it, and walk across the floor. And count the stripes and talk about 'em; 'cause we know 'em all.

And there's a dress of Marcus when he was two years old. And tumbled in the eastern; and the first jacket he had.

That old Temperance Hall had memories of the doings, within its walls interesting and lifelike. The social gatherings were real social.

I am not quite positive, but I think the first tenants were two former members of the Sons of Temperance—James McLan on the east side, and Hiram H. Worden on the west.

And so the world moves and changes come. The old Temperance Hall, which for so many years yielded an influence for good in this community, and was a place of convenience for public and official gatherings.

And such is life. Farewell, ye old hall of many mingled memories.

these times, and every housewife, and others who expected to be, did rags for striped rag carpets. Why, when my Mary and I were getting ready to get spliced, Mary said to me one night: "Now I've got the carpet rags ready for the sitting room in our new home, and I'd like you to drive me up to old Mr. Snyder's to see about getting them woven."

Well, we took up the carpet rags and the warp, and in about three weeks Mr. Snyder sent word that the carpet was ready. Mary and I drove up next night to get it, and when old Mr. Snyder showed it to us I tell you we were proud of it.

In the course of time the various churches organized their young people's societies, and these largely took the place of the Old Temperance Lodge. With the church societies demanding the interest and attention of the active young people of the churches, the attendance at the lodge gradually dwindled, and eventually it was found impossible to keep up the meetings.

This was much regretted by some, because of the associations and influences of the days when the old Division of the Sons of Temperance flourished, but the leaders saw that its work was done. A responsibility was left on the hands of the trustees. The hall and its furnishings were free of all debt, but it would have been a foolish thing to leave the premises to go to rack and ruin.

Finally, Trustee John Cameron said: "If no one else will buy the hall, I think I'll take it myself. I bought the old Presbyterian Church and made three good houses out of it; and I think this building will make two."

Mr. Cameron went to work to convert the building into dwellings, and a few months later two very comfortable houses emerged. But no one who had not witnessed the transformation would ever have dreamed that the old Temperance Hall was the basis for these two dwellings.

Now the residences are owned by Mr. Dan Lawson, of Mimosa, and the tenants are Mrs. Pappilon and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. O'Hara.

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WINTER KILLING OF HAY AND PASTURE

It frequently happens in Eastern Canada that hay and pasture crops are injured by climatic conditions which prevail during the winter and spring. It may be intermittent freezing and thawing, and heating of the soil, which bakes the plant roots.

In most cases of severe killing, however, all of the plants in low spots or depressions may be injured, or perhaps an entire field may be affected. Where this occurs, it is more satisfactory to disc or cultivate the area, thoroughly and reseed with a seed-drill.

Where areas intended for pasture are winter-killed a similar procedure may be followed. A suitable mixture to provide pasture the year it is seeded is composed of oats 2 bushels and Sudan grass 25 pounds per acre.

BIRDS FINDING WAY BACK TO SANCTUARY

By Hal J. Miller

Jack Miner revealed that he has found evidence that birds have become educated to the fact that sanctuaries provide a safe haven and they have developed a system of going from one sanctuary to another.

Mr. Miner discovered, to his surprise and delight, that ducks from Kingsville were going to Horicon Marsh, which is possibly a thousand miles away.

The discovery bears out Jack Miner's theory that birds have learned to go from one protected area to another, which makes it better for bird and hunters alike, providing feathered creatures with a safety area and improving conditions outside these areas for hunters.

DIFFERENT TOUCHES

An English lord was talking to an American boy about his ancestors. "My grandfather was a very great man," he said. "One day Queen Victoria touched his shoulder with a sword and made him a knight."

"Aw, that's nuthin'," the American boy replied. "One day Red Wing, an Indian, touched my grandfather on the head with a tomahawk and made him an angel!"

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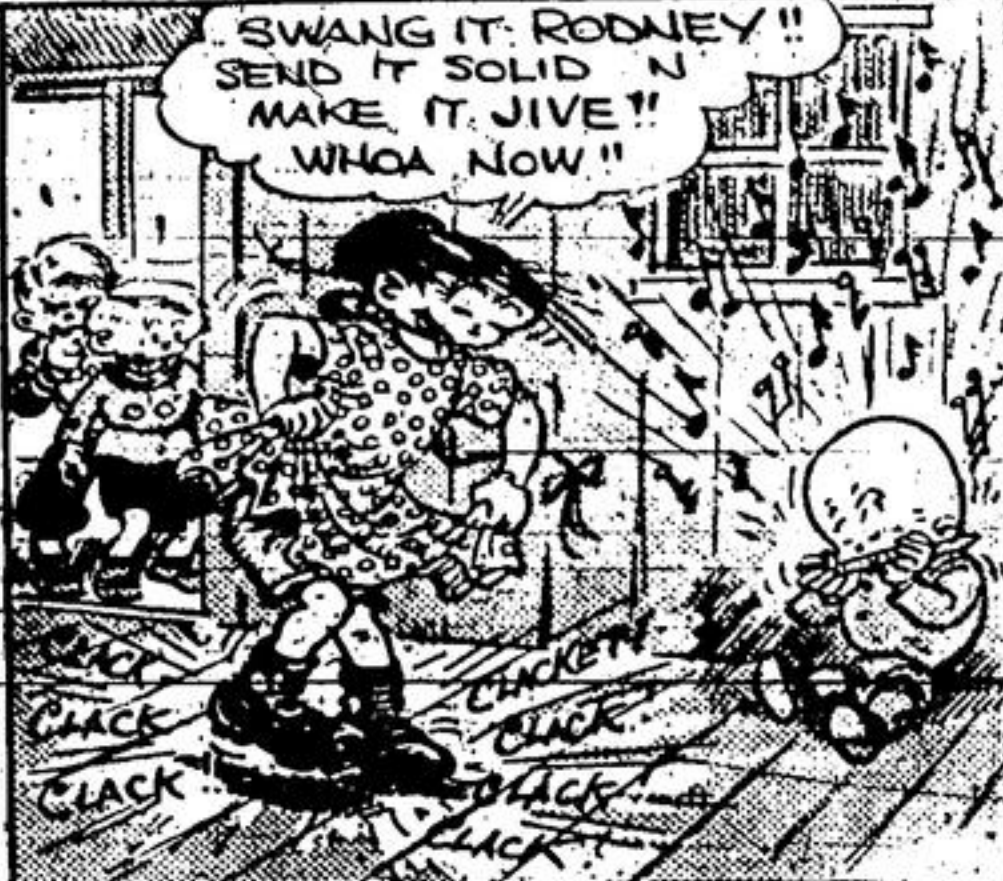
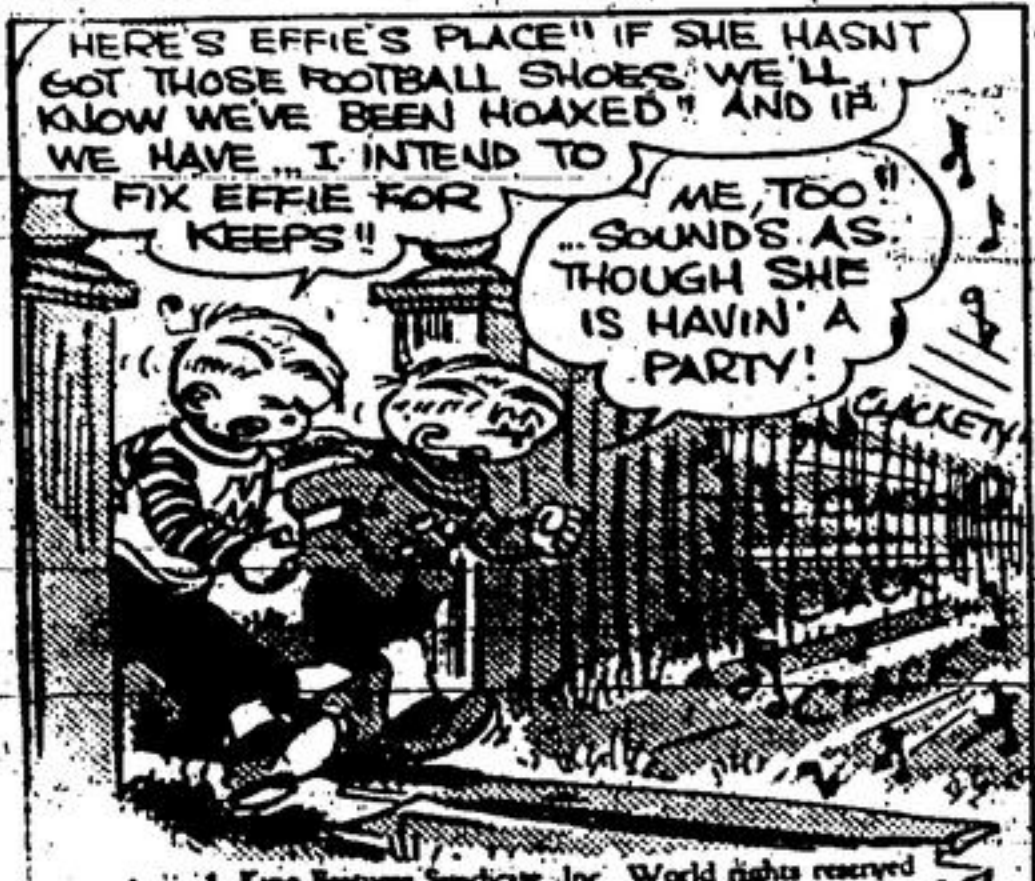
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