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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

It will soon be too late to do your Christmas shopping early.

Midland has the unique distinction of having the only lady band leader in Ontario.

Sir Harry Lauder has just been given the freedom of Edinburgh. Anything "free" should appeal to Harry.

In spite of radio, telephone, telegraph, movies and the fountain pen, the printing press still holds its own as the best disseminator of news, thought and advertising.

When three bandits can hold up 25 members of an athletic club, what is an athletic club?

Midland's mayor will receive \$500 a year hereafter.

Shelburne Council has passed a resolution requesting the Provincial Government to amend the present Hawkers' and Peddlers' legislation by giving municipal councils the power to fix fees for hawkers and peddlers within their own municipality or prevent them altogether.

The fourth concession of Markham Township has been added to the York County Good Roads System by the County Council now in session. This road extends from the Whitchurch townline south to the Don Mills road, and will provide another good artery of travel for the people in the west side of Markham and Whitchurch townships to reach Toronto.

Reeve F. A. Silvester of Stoffville has announced his retirement from public office taking effect last Thursday. During his three years in the reeve's chair he never missed a meeting of the council. Mr. and Mrs. Silvester sailed from New York on Dec. 1 on the steamship Cleveland of the Hamburg-American Lines, bound for France. They will also visit in northern Italy and parts of Africa before returning home next summer.

Owing to the great destruction of deer in Ontario by United States hunters, the United Farmers of Ontario will present a resolution to the Ontario Government asking that the open season of thirty days be reduced to fifteen days, and the use of dogs prohibited.

Within the next seven weeks, seven and possibly eight places in Ontario will decide by ballot whether they "want" Government liquor stores or not. Galt, Renfrew, Matheson, Bracebridge, Wallaceburg, Alexandria and Port Rowan are sure starters. Vanleek Hill is the only doubtful case, although, like the other towns, it has made application for a vote under provisions of the Liquor Control Act and has had that application approved by the Hanna Commission.

Miss Phyllis von Alwyn of Australia has won a beauty prize of \$10,000 two motor cars and a trip around the world. It is announced she has never touched her ruby lips with a lip stick, nor tinted her rosy cheeks with rouge and has not even powdered her nose. Believe it or not, but remember Australia is a long ways off and the story will be hard to prove.

We haven't noticed it particularly, but bankers say there is a shortage of \$1000 bills in circulation.

Speeches in the House of Commons are to be cut to forty minutes. For very many of them that is just forty minutes too long.

Statistics state that the ratio of divorces in Canada is one to 161 marriages; in the United States it is one in every seven. That speaks volumes.

Once upon a time they were wont to accuse men of hiding behind women's skirts. If there was little meaning to it then there is much less now.

One of the largest exhibitors of sheep at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago was Mr. James Brodie of Ringwood, who exhibited one hundred and thirteen of his flock of Southdowns. Mr. Brodie exhibited in the commercial classes chiefly.

This is the annual worry season, when each person wonders what they are going to get or give for a Christmas present. Dad will get his usual tie, or socks, or pipe—he's easily satisfied.

The Royal at Toronto and the International at Chicago are over for another year. Many of the choicest awards at the latter came to Ontario. It's a wonder Big Bill Thompson, Chicago's renowned anti-British mayor, didn't put a stop to any of King George's subjects taking prizes away from his people.

The sharp change in the weather this fall did not catch farmers unprepared. Though there has been a bit of a rush to get live stock under cover and complete a little harvesting of late crops, on the whole, the situation has been more satisfactory at the beginning of the cold weather than it was last year. Practically all the late outdoor work has been carried out under ideal conditions and without loss. Pasture has continued until much later than usual. Only in fall plowing has there been any complaint, the lack of rain making the ground too hard to turn under in many cases.

PROBABLE ACCLAMATION FOR VAUGHAN COUNCIL

The annual nomination day in Vaughan Township will be held as usual on the last Monday in December when nominations will be received for the offices of Reeve, First and Second Deputy-Reeves and two Councillors.

Judging by the feeling which is everywhere evident throughout the Township there will be no election this year as everywhere there seems to be general satisfaction with the work of the 1927 council. The members have worked harmoniously and have accomplished much for the good of the municipality. The sessions of the council have been well conducted and characterized by a firm determination on the part of all the members to weigh carefully all projects brought up for consideration. All expenditure has been carefully planned and judiciously expended and it was quite apparent to anyone watching their deliberations that the underlying principle of the 1927 administration was a fixed determination to secure one hundred cents value to the ratepayers for every dollar expended. At the same time the council has not been niggardly and did not hesitate to lay out considerable money when it was seen that the investment was one in the best interests of the Township.

Reeve George Kellam has proven himself a very capable head of the municipality and not only has his work been highly appreciated in the township but he is a valued member of the County Council where his services and counsel have been a great assistance to his associates in that body. Deputy-Reeve Robson and Deputy-Reeve Farr have given excellent service this year both in the Township Council and in the County Council where they have been active on committee work. Councillor Thomas Baker is out standing as a very able member of the council. His large vote of last year proved conclusively that he enjoys the unqualified confidence of the electorate and his devotion to his duties and his marked ability and good judgement certainly warrant a continuance of that confidence. Councillor William J. Johnson of Maple who is completing his first year in council has made good in the municipal field. He has been faithful in attendance at meetings and all township business has received his most careful attention.

It is doubtful if there is a township anywhere which has been better served by its elected representatives in 1927 than Vaughan, and although it is always a healthy sign when good men seek municipal office if ever an acclamation was justified it seems that it would apply this year in Vaughan Township. There appears to be general satisfaction with the work done, all members are apparently willing to serve for another year and the electors will probably be saved the trouble and expense of an election.

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