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## GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Sir William Mulock, Canada's Grand Old Man, celebrated his ninety-third birthday last Friday. Sir William first entered public life as Liberal member for North York in 1882 and in 1896 was Postmaster General in the Laurier cabinet. Retiring from politics in 1905 Sir William was appointed Ontario Chief Justice. Recognized as one of the Dominion's leading figures Sir William is enjoying excellent health and on his birthday delivered a thoughtful and inspiring address at a banquet in his honor at the Royal York Hotel.

Mr. Fred Coakwell nosed out by one vote in the recent Markham township municipal elections, has made formal application for a recount. The recount proceedings open to-day (Thursday) and will probably last for a couple of days.

One of the finest farms in this section of York County offered for sale by public auction last week failed to attract a bid. Truly the agricultural industry must be in a sorry plight.

County council is in session and no doubt as in the past much time will be wasted on needless discussion. County councillors would commend themselves to the electorate by eliminating the unnecessary discussions and thus speed up the business and shorten the session.

Artis McNeil, 17 year old negro boy of Oklahoma City, looked pretty bulky to a cruising police squad. At the station he was found to be wearing 25 pairs of women's step-ins. Police said that he confessed stealing them from clothes lines. He had been doing a brisk business, he said, selling them at 10 cents each at back doors.

The people of the United States are enthusiastically preparing to celebrate their president's birthday on January 30th. Balls will be held in over 5,000 cities and towns. President Roosevelt will be 52 on the above date.

Warning to wives who rush their hard-working husbands through dinner and out to play bridge, eat and drink and bring him home in the early hours of the morning was sounded in an address at Toronto by Dr. John A. Oille, assistant professor of medicine, University of Toronto. Such actions by wives, he declared, were heading their husbands "straight for the grave." High blood pressure faces the man living under these circumstances, the doctor said.

Parents please note: the hardest job a youngster faces is that of learning good manners without seeing any.

There's one consolation about this old fashioned winter we are having this year. Just think how nice it will be to be able to talk about it to our grandchildren about fifty years hence. When the youngsters of that day start to complain about the weather we can just say "Oh this is nothing like it was away back in 1934" and then proceed with the usual line.

An exchange says it is no sin to lie, steal, drink or swear. When you lie, let it be down to pleasant dreams. When you steal, let it be away from immoral associates. When you drink, let it be nothing stronger than water. When you swear, swear that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription, and not send away from home your job printing, or go around asking for tenders on a 50 cent job.

The expression: "The world owes a man a living," so much heard locally of late, sounds all right—but you will note that while nature places berries on the bushes, the people have to do the picking if they want any of the berries.

The prosperity of a town is not guarded by the wealth of its inhabitants; but by the uniformity with which they pull together when any important undertaking is to be accomplished. A man with a thousand dollars at his command and a love for his town in his heart can do more for the upbuilding of it than the millionaire who locks up his capital and snaps his fingers at home progress.

Once a city man out of work "hired out" to a farmer. At four o'clock in the morning the newly employed man was called out to breakfast. A few minutes later the farmer was astonished to see the man walking off

down the road. "Say! Come back and eat breakfast before you go to work!" he yelled after him. "I ain't goin' to work," the man called back. "I'm going to find a place where I can stay all night!"

Without near relatives to whom to leave his wealth, Robert Lichtenfels, Brooklyn, decided upon a plan of awarding his fortune of \$50,000 to the first honest beggar who asked him for a handout. Lichtenfels, living alone, always placed a few coins about his home in plain sight before he left. Accosted by a beggar, he would invite him to his home and feed him. The first "guest" with honesty enough to leave the decoy coins alone was to receive \$50,000, but not one of them ever qualified. Of course the "guests" did not know a thing about this game. Lichtenfels died the other day at 78 and left his wealth to the Humane Society.

One of Midland's most public-spirited citizens and reputedly the largest individual taxpayer in that town, is Dr. Garnet E. Tanner, who has been chosen as the Liberal candidate in East Simcoe to oppose Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, in the 1934 provincial election. It is unique that all three Liberal candidates in the Simcoe ridings are medical doctors: Dr. L. J. Simpson, M.L.A., Barrie, in Centre Simcoe; Dr. W. D. Smith, Creemore, in Dufferin-Simcoe; and now Dr. Tanner in East Simcoe. All three are graduates in medicine of the University of Toronto.

In addition to "Bennett buggies" and "Bennett brogues" you now hear in the west of "Bennett braces," same consisting of strips of old inner tubes.

A man in the west end of Toronto snatched a woman's purse and got away with it and the 30 cents which it contained. If it is possible to put thieves in various bins according to the class of work they do, the purse-snatcher should be tossed in a compartment at the end of the row near where the garbage wagon calls.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Newspapers as a rule tell nothing but the truth, and sometimes we are careful to tell none too much of that.

Referring to the recent revival of titles in Canada by the Bennett government, The Farmers' Sun says: It is a silly performance at best; but in the face of all to-day's misery and destitution it looks almost like a calumnious jest."

## ELDER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Nattress and Mr. and Mrs. S. McClure spent Wednesday last week at the home of Mrs. J. Julian, Castlemore.

Road conditions have been much improved during the past week by the use of the scraper. Motor traffic having been very difficult.

The annual meeting of Knox Church was held on Monday evening, Jan. 22nd. Supper was served in the basement.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the pastor, Rev. J. A. McKenzie, also the Treasurer, Mr. Duncan Fines; the choir leader, Mr. Gordon McGillvray; Organist, Miss Janey Nattress; and Mrs. Orville Burton for preparing reports thus cutting down expense of printing.

Encouraging reports were presented from each department, the Treasurer reporting a substantial balance on hand.

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And our length from the bank, we  
shout for a plank,  
Or throw up our hands and go  
down.

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And counsel the man on foot;  
But get down and walk, and you'll  
change your talk,  
As you feel the peg in your boot.  
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How he can carry his pack;  
But no one can rate a burden's weight  
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