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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

A HAPPY EASTER.

Send a list of your Easter visitors to The Liberal.

Mr. F. L. Button, K.C., and Mr. Ernest A. Button have announced that they will present a \$3000.00 pipe organ to the Stouffville United Church.

Debate in the Ontario Legislature brought out the fact that only 12 per cent of Ontario farmers are served by Hydro, and it was pointed out the principal reason it was not more generally used was the excessive cost, particularly the high service charge.

An exchange newspaper says they are getting so tired of the long, cold winter, that they are willing to advertise a strawberry festival free of charge.

It is predicted that there will be a good run of sap this spring. If someone else will now predict a poor run one is sure to be right.

The Town of Aurora has given a grant of \$50.00 towards a banquet for the intermediate hockey team of that town, winner of the O.H.A. group.

The thickest ice in over forty years was reported on Georgian Bay this year. In Midland district ice four feet thick.

S.O.S. in large letters on a piece of cardboard on the municipal woodpile last week attracted the attention of those who passed by. Finally someone asked one of the transients the meaning of the sign and he promptly replied "Saw or Starve."

Frost seven feet in the ground is reported from Orillia.

Newmarket tax rate has been fixed at 43 mills, a reduction of three mills from last year.

Jack Frost played havoc with pavements during the past winter and there are many bumps on the highways this spring.

Barrie tax rate has been fixed at 44 mills which is an increase of three mills compared to last year.

There is talk of organizing a young ladies lacrosse team in Orillia this year.

A provincial general election is expected in the very near future. Late in May or very early in June will probably be the time chosen for the balloting. Independent observers and those well versed in political affairs predict a landslide from one side of Ontario to the other which will drive the Henry government from the seats of government.

Last week the St. Marys Journal-Argus published a picture of a lady who on her ninety-first birthday was in prime health and could say that in all her long life she had been entirely free from illness, never having had even a headache or a cold. The Journal-Argus did not state to what she ascribed this unique record. It would be interesting to know.

Two boys were discussing absent-minded uncles. One said: "My uncle is so absent-minded that he went to get on his bicycle and fell because it wasn't there." "That's nothing," replied the second "My uncle once struck a match to see if he had blown the candle out."

One of the small papers published an item lately which was a weird mixup of an account of a wedding and an auction notice. The most interesting part of the item follows: "William Smith, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith and Miss Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my farm, one mile east, in the presence of seventy-five guests, including two mules and twelve head of cattle.

"The Rev. Mr. Jackson tied the nuptial knot for the parties, averaging 1250 pounds on hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was decorated with one sulky rake, one feed grinder

and 2 sets of work harness, nearly new and just before the ceremony was pronounced, mendel and Sons' wedding march was rendered by one milch cow, one Jersey cow and one sheep, who were carrying a bunch of bride's roses in her hand, was very beautiful.

The bride wore one light spring wagon, two crates of apples, three racks of hay, one grindstone of mouseline de soie and trimmed with about one hundred bushels of spuds. The couple left yesterday for a six months extended trip at six per cent interest." —Selected.

There was thunder on St. Patrick's Day. Some people say this is a sign of a late cold spring. We hope they are no nearer being right than was the fellow who predicted a mild winter.

Aurora Board of Trade intends to ask the Ontario Government for its approval of the idea of marking sites of Indian trading posts and old hunting trails in North York by rock cairns in the near future.

A piece of deception which enabled some one to get a cow at a low figure has just come to light. At the sale at Norton's barn a couple of weeks ago a cow was put up for sale and knowing men when they saw the udder on this animal backed away as they saw a contraction of decided proportions in part of it. Later it has been learned that this udder has shown no signs of contraction since the sale and it is now thought that themselves was taken from part of the udder shortly before the sale by some one who hoped to get the cow at a low figure. As it was the animal would probably have brought \$10 more than she did had the udder been well filled and of uniform shape.

For the first time in 3 years, or since the institution was built, Huron County jail at Goderich is without a prisoner. The other afternoon, Sheriff Middleton instructed Governor Reynolds to hoist a white flag on the flag-pole, emblematic of this county's purity with respect to crime. Strangely enough, the lone prisoner, freed the same afternoon, did not wish to leave. He hung around for an hour after discharge. He and his wife don't get along and he didn't want to go home, he declared.

The bridge player's dream—13 cards of one suit in a hand—more than materialized for Mrs. E. Fletcher, of Regina. Last Thursday she was boasting of picking up two perfect hands in succession during a friendly game. She got 13 clubs in one hand and bid a grand slam. Then she picked up the next hand dealt her from a different deck and found 13 clubs again—another grand slam.

The colored evangelist had been exhorting his congregation long and vigorously on the virtues of Christian benevolence. And then he passed his hat to an usher, asking him to take up a collection. The hat came back, however, as empty as it left him. Long and sadly he gazed at it, and then briefly addressed his flock: "Brudders I'se almighty glad to get de hat back"

We have just been reading about a unique general store which is conducted in Waller, Texas, by a certain Albert D. Purvis—possibly of Leeds county ancestry—who has carried on a successful business for 19 years in spite of the fact that he is dependent entirely upon the free-will offerings of his customers.

Mr. Purvis' establishment, in appearance not unlike many others which stand in rural communities throughout Ontario, known as "God's Mercy Store," and the method underlying the business conducted in it is explained upon a blackboard which reads: "All goods in this store are sold to you at cost—nothing has been added as personal gain or profit. The store is kept by free-will offerings. Anything you add to your purchase will be received with thanks."

The cost of the merchandise is marked upon the blackboard and the purchaser selects the article that he requires, consults the price list and add to it whatever he feels is a fair profit.

Texas is popularly considered to be rather a hard-boiled part of the world and yet we have Mr. Purvis' word that, notwithstanding the way in which he does business, he averages ten per cent profit during the year.

BUTTONVILLE

BUTTONVILLE SCHOOL REPORT

SR. IV—Niels Hansen (h), Russel Cox, Annie Summers, James Harper, Hazel Cox, George Carson (absent).

JR. IV—James Hood, Frands Hansen, Ashton Calvert (absent).

SR. III—Harvey Cox, Phyllis Summers, Velma Davis.

JR. III—Myrtle Burr, John Harper, Betty Hood, George Davis.

I—Eileen Reid, Hazel Harper, Edgar Cox, Hazel Clarke, John Padget.

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A FRUIT SALAD TREE

Imagine walking out into the back garden and plucking the ingredients for a fruit salad—twelve of them—off the one tree. This is no extract from a housewives' Utopia, but a gardening feat actually performed by a young Scotsman in Gisborne, Victoria, Australia, according to information brought to Canada by a member of the crew of the Canadian National Steamships "Canadian Cruiser." It is said that this young man grafted eleven different kinds of fruit on to a pear tree and each of them matured



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