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General News & Views

Less than three weeks until Christmas. Do your shopping now, or you cannot do it early.

A black bear, which suddenly walked on to the highway near Muskoka Falls, was struck and killed by a fruit truck recently.

Mr. Percy Young, popular driver of the Toronto Wet Wash Laundry, while on a recent hunting trip in the Sudbury district in addition to his count of deer was successful in shooting three bears. The mother bear and two cubs were trailed to their den and killed by Mr. Young who is known as a hunter of no mean repute. The bears have since been on display at the St. Lawrence Market, Toronto.

John Naubauer, Puslinch Township farmer, believes he has a turnip which, for size, can beat anything grown in Ontario this year. The root, of the Swede variety, weighs 26 lbs., and came from a uniformly good crop.

"When 56 of the 63 constituencies in Alberta returned followers of Mr. Aberhart at the Provincial election it was the result solely of the definite promises to introduce a system of social credit, which included a monthly credit payment of \$25 to every eligible adult in the province. Now that he is in power, however, Premier Aberhart is apparently finding many difficulties that he had not foreseen, and he is becoming more and more indefinite with regard to his social credit plans.

Immediate expulsion has been the penalty decided on by Havelock, Ont., school authorities to stop Continuation school pupils from smoking around the school. Principal Morgan wrote the school authorities telling of numerous complaints of the children using cigarettes and asking for the "moral support of the board to correct the situation." This was promised.

What a gift some people have of finding fault. Praise anything, no matter what, and they will immediately confront you with a "but." It really seems to hurt them when you take pleasure in admiring anything, and so they hasten to take you down a peg. It is a petulant habit arising from envy or jealousy. Let us look well then to ourselves, lest we help to swell the list of these unhappy fault-finders.

It's easier to open a tin can than it used to be; they have new devices which take the top out and leave no jagged edge; the cat can stick her head in the tin now with safety. One has no more to use a fork, a knife and corkscrew to get a bottle of ketchup started and the percolator and the drip make it unnecessary to drop an egg in the coffee pot to hold the grounds at the bottom. But the stove pipes are just as they were. Like the ears of a donkey they have not changed.

Ingersoll town council will be elected in future for a two-year term. Since it is flirting with the idea. The reason would appear to be that most people think an experienced council is necessary for proper administration of municipal business today and the first year a man sits in the council he is of little or no value. At that the plan has its points. It all depends on whether or not the council is a good one. If it is a poor council the two year term is far, far too long.

If the Hon. H. H. Stevens did nothing else in the Federal election campaign he certainly showed the value of advertising by some of his election revelations. In one of his speeches he stated that over a period of eleven years, the Robert Simpson Company, Limited had paid these papers the following sums: Toronto Telegram, \$2,948,000; Toronto Daily Star, \$2,878,000; Mail and Empire, \$361,000; Globe, \$339,000. Smaller payments to other papers, it was further alleged, brought the Simpson Company's payments over that period to a total of \$6,642,000, and another great department store had paid even more than that.

It paves with a vengeance that advertising pays, remarks the Renfrew Mercury, explaining that it means that this one store spends over \$600,000 a year, \$2,000 a day in newspaper advertising in its home city newspapers.

NOT ONE CENT OVER CAMPBELL REPORT FOR RELIEF RECIPIENTS IN MARKHAM SAYS REEVE PADGET

Relief matters occupied considerable of the time of the regular December session of the Markham township council. Several requests for increased relief were met with the firm declaration by Reeve George B. Padget that as far as he was concerned the township would not give any relief in excess of the Campbell report. Some applicants claimed that this allowance was not sufficient to meet their needs but Reeve Padget declared that no person would get one cent more. Other members of council agreed with the reeve on sticking to the Campbell report as the basis for relief.

The problem of the single unemployed faced the council when a number of single men made application for relief. Up until December 1st the council issued no help to single men but in response to some of the applications the council will endeavour to provide work for some of the single who claimed they were right up against it and in need of food.

The usual by-law was passed providing for the annual nomination and elections. The nomination meeting will be held Monday afternoon, Dec. 30th, and the election Monday, Jan. 6th. On election day polling will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the following were appointed as deputy returning officers: Thornhill, N. J. Smellie and J. E. Francis; Elgin Mills, George Topper; Buttonville, Cline Burr; Victoria Square, Thomas Frisby; Unionville, J. Gibson and W. Noble; Cashel, Herb Spoffard; Lot 5, Con. 8, George Cowie; Lot 16, Con. 8, A. R. Wideman; Dixon's Hill, Edgar Brownberger; D. Ramer's house, D. Ramer; Mongolia, William Rennie.

A letter from the chief weed inspector for the province of Ontario ruled that no weed inspector or council can be held responsible for any losses sustained as a result of threshing operations.

Road accounts were passed as follows: D. Boyd, Stouffville, \$840; R. J. Cunningham, Gormley, R.R. 2, \$70.30; E. A. Buchanan, Unionville, \$532.20; D. Shadlock, Milliken, \$32.00; C. Wideman, Markham, R.R. 2, \$42.50; W. J. Stonehouse, Unionville, \$57.40; J. K. Reesor, Markham, \$28.70; J. G. Wideman, Stouffville, \$276.30; W. G. Maxwell, salary, \$100.00.

General accounts as follows: Costs: Markham Division costs, \$19.50; Geo. Dukes, work twp. hal, \$150; Hugh Boyd, Stouffville, sheep valuer fees and mileage, \$8.00; Robt. Davies, Mt. Albert, sheep killed and flock damage, \$25.00; Hospitalization account, \$163.87; Wm. Brooke, sheep valuer fees and mileage, \$2.00; A. G. Gormley, 2 sheep killed by dogs, \$14.00; James Gibson, truant officer fees and mileage, \$75.00; F. H. Stiver, sheep valuer fees and mileage, \$8.00; James Walker, constable, salary and mileage, \$117.80; A. V. Orr, relief officer, salary and mileage, \$87.15; Naughton and Jenkins, solicitors, account re Unionville debentures, \$110.77.

BUTTONVILLE

The December meeting of the W.I. will meet at the home of Mrs. Oscar Cox, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12th, at 2.30.

Will all members and any others wishing to donate books or magazines for the Frontier Camp bring them to this meeting. There will also be a special collection taken in aid of these camp schools.

As this is the Christmas meeting the members are asked to bring a gift for the Children's Home at Willowdale.

There will be an address by Mrs. Lyman Kennedy and duets by Misses Betty Hord and Myrtle Burr.

Reports of the convention in Toronto will also be given at this meeting.

Miss Ada Thomson and Miss Reaman were guests of Miss Drew Kelly last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brillinger entertained a number of friends from Buttonville last Tuesday evening.

Convictions: Ideas, right or wrong, that we have adopted into our self-love and thus glorified and sanctified.

Hon. E. J. Davis Celebrated His 84th Birthday

IS OLDEST LIVING EX-WARDEN
OF YORK COUNTY

Hon. E. J. Davis of Newmarket, one of York County's best known residents, celebrated his 84th birthday on Monday, Dec. 2nd. A former provincial secretary and member of the legislature for North York he is the oldest surviving ex-warden of York County.

As usual he was in his Newmarket office at 8.30 Monday morning where messages of congratulation were waiting to be opened. Later he left to keep business appointments in Toronto, for in spite of his age he is still in active control of the largest calfskin factory in the British Empire. Mr. Davis believes that Canada is gradually recovering from the effects of the past five years, and he feels that the depression has a definite lesson for the nation.

"There is one thing that can't be emphasized too much, and that is that the foundation of our troubles is debt." "We must begin with the boys and girls, impressing them with the importance of economy to realize by effort the value of the dollar," he said.


Mr. Davis was born Dec. 2, 1851, in the district now known as Newtonbrook. He is of U. E. Loyalist descent. "I learned the leather trade when 16 years old," Mr. Davis said, describing how he started with his father and became a partner in 1872 in the firm of Andrew Davis and Son, of King.

"We have more men employed now than we ever had," he said. "Our object has been to keep the men at work, and right through the depression we didn't drop any, even though we lost money."

Further recovery in the leather industry as a result of the new treaty with the United States is expected by Mr. Davis. "If the treaty accomplishes what it should then it will mean a great deal to the country," he said.

Retired from politics since 1904, Mr. Davis is a well known Liberal figure in Ontario. During all his political career, which began in 1877, he was never defeated for office.


Mr. Davis has five sons associated with him in the leather industry and has two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Davis celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Oct. 29.



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