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### WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
From Our Issue of March 19th, 1896  
The accounts of the village treasurer and the Auditor's Report for the past year have been printed and distributed. The receipts for the year have been \$3209.38, expenditures \$2,882.11, and although the total rate of taxation was only 12.7 mills on the dollar, there is yet a cash balance of \$327.27 in the treasurer's hands. The assets are shown to \$5281.03, with no liabilities. It is doubtful whether any other village in the province can show a more satisfactory statement to the rate-payers.

The closing carnival of the season was held on the rink on Tuesday evening. The ice was soft, nevertheless the skating was good and there was an attendance which netted about \$25.00. A pleasant feature of the evening was the grand march of masqueraders just before the other skaters took the ice. They were led by Mr. J. H. Sanderson, and the spectators had a good opportunity of judging the various costumes as they cut the figure 8. But the most exciting part of the program was the open race, the conditions of which were as follows:—Skate 5 laps, remove skates, run 2 laps, put on skates, and skate 3 laps. This was found difficult to judge, even the skaters themselves scarcely knew whether they followed the conditions to the letter. The band as usual furnished good music.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
From Our Issue of March 15th, 1906  
The Library Board met Tuesday evening and elected officers for the year as follows:—chairman, Isaac Crosby; secretary, T. F. McMahon; treasurer, W. A. Sanderson; purchasing committee, Hume, Savage, Pugsley, McMahon; room committee, Savage, Hume, Brydon; entertainment committee, Sanderson, Hume, McMahon.  
Thornhill curlers played a friendly match here last evening. The visitors were defeated by 12 shots. Skip Barker for the home rinks defeated his opponent, Clark by 21 to 7 and Teeson, Thornhill, won from Sims by 16 to 14.

A party of 20 players from Aurora met an equal number from this place last evening and played a friendly game of euchre at the Dominion House. The home players won by 43 points. The return match will be played in Aurora next Wednesday evening.  
The executive committee of the Agricultural Society met on Saturday and made several recommendations relative to alterations in the prize list. In the speeding class the farmers' trot or pace the purse of \$100 was increased to \$200. The directors will meet for final revision on Saturday, the 24th inst.

George Bernard Shaw recently visited the Grand Canyon in the United States. Enquiring about the canyon he asked "what is it, a building?" In one interview while in the States he advised the Americans to throw away their constitution and in another he said that he did not think there was much danger of an immediate war for the reason that new methods of warfare could reach the "older ones at home" as well as those who are sent to fight.

At the annual meeting of the Toronto Township Agricultural Society held recently it was decided to hold Streetsville Fair on Oct. 10th this year and W. C. Andrew was re-elected president. The society paid all expenses and prize money in full last year and maintained a small balance.

### General News & Views

Don't miss the Circus on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Georgian Bay gulls have been having a hard time lately owing to the steady cold spell that has frozen over the entire bay. Gulls recently became so hungry that they lit right on the main street of Collingwood in search of food.

Stratford dairies have been waging a campaign to get back some of the 40,000 milk bottles which have disappeared from circulation. The bottles cost money and the dairies decided to make an effort to get them back. They ran a series of advertisements in the press and in the last two weeks thousands of bottles have been handed back to the milk men.

"There is no service of the state more honorable or more valuable than the service of men and women who, as aldermen or councillors, will take their share in guiding the fortunes of their city or countryside."—H. M. King Edward VIII.

William Powell, of Lowville, wishes there were a stork derby for pigs. One of his sows has produced 64 shoats in the year ending with the close of January. Farmers thereabouts claim it's a record for Canada.

Bruce County Council, when in session at Walkerton, adopted a recommendation that all motor vehicle owners be compelled to take out public liability and property insurance before the government issues a license.

Despite an operating surplus of over \$11,000 shown in the annual statement, the town of Orillia faces an increased tax rate for 1936. Last year's rate was 50 mills. In commenting on the operating account for 1935, the auditors, Stiff Brothers and Sime, chartered accountants, point out that no provision was made for taxes which may prove uncollectable, nor any provision made on account of debentures issued for the Canadian Mechanical Rubber Corporation loan of \$50,000 and accrued interest thereon. The town's debenture debt, as shown by the statement, amounts to over \$1,250,090.

Slot machines have disappeared from the village and there is general approval of the move to rid the town of these machines. Slot machines were a poor gamble even for those who could afford it and for those who couldn't afford it they were a poor place to invest odd change.

**Man Buys Seat for Hat**  
The most expensive hat in England is owned by Sid Wharton, a boxing enthusiast. It has cost him nearly \$250 a year for several years. Wharton likes comfort. Whenever he attends a boxing match he buys an extra ringside seat for his hat. Sometimes his "cloakroom" costs him as much as \$15 a night. In the last 10 years he has attended practically every important fight in the country.

**Indian Woman Reaches 160**  
Having reached the age of 160 an Indian woman living in the remote village of Bir Ramchandrapur, N.E. India, claims to be the oldest female in the world. Although somewhat bent with age, she is still quite active.

Sandy McDougal, very much in love, wishing to know his fate at once, telegraphed a proposal of marriage to the girl of his choice. After spending the day hanging about the telegraph office, he was finally rewarded late in the evening by receiving an answer in the affirmative.

"If I were you, I'd think twice before marrying a girl that kept me waiting all day for an answer," said the postmaster.

"Na, na," retorted the Scot. "The lass who waits for the cheap night rates is the lass for me."

That King Edward is going to take an interest—not only sympathetic but active—in conditions under which his people live was evidenced on his recent visit to Glasgow. After visiting the slums of that city, where he saw as many as eight families living in one small

dirty house, he said, "Conditions in some places I saw were appalling. It's about time better houses were found for our people."

At an auction sale in Mono township the other day, a horse 31 years of age was sold for \$17. His late owner stated that he had purchased the ancient equine eight years ago for \$25. It would thus appear that the steed had only depreciated \$8 in value in eight years, or at the rate of \$1 a year.

The next time you pass a school, pause a moment to think what that school means to humanity. Recall the long, dark centuries when the masses were kept in ignorance; when greed and oppression ruled the world with an iron hand. From the very beginning of man's struggle for knowledge, self-respect, and the recognition of his inalienable rights, the school has been his greatest ally. We refer to the school as "common" because it belongs to us all; it is ourselves working together in the education of our children. But it is a most uncommon institution. It is relatively new. It is democracy's greatest gift to civilization.—Kingsville Reporter.

### KING CITY

The Y. P. Union gatherings this month are proving very successful in material of programs as well as in numbers. Mr. Carlton Crossley gave a most interesting and helpful talk on "God and Ourselves" the first week. Last week Rev. Hardy gave a very inspiring address on the topic "Our Father," and this week Mrs. E. Campbell had as her subject "Of What Value is Prayer to Me?" which is an important question each one of us should ask ourselves.

The Lenten services which Rev. Davis is conducting each Wednesday evening until Easter are being largely attended and are impressive and inspiring lectures.

Mrs. M. Winter was the hostess at the W.M.S. of United Church on Thursday afternoon. The Vice-Pres., Mrs. G. H. Stone, presided. A chapter of the Study Book was taken by Miss Dorothy Dew.

A presentation of a handsome cane was given to Rev. W. F. Wrixon at the L.O.B.A. recently in appreciation of his services as an officer of this Lodge.

A number from this district attended the funeral of the late Mr. Thos. McCormack of Maple which took place last week.

Misses Hilda and Audrey Patton spent the week-end in Detroit.

Misses Thelma and Beth Edwards of Toronto visited with their aunt, Mrs. W. McDonald over the weekend Mrs. W. McDonald over the week-end weeks vacation.

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