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General News & Views

Spring is just around the corner.

Rather than continue to pay taxes on two parcels of vacant property a Midland citizen offered to deed the land to the municipality. The town said "no thank you."

A large wolf was shot last week in Whitechurch township. It measured six feet in length and the man who shot it collected the \$20 bounty.

A Cargill man tapped 200 maples and made syrup the third week of February, and new maple syrup was for sale and quickly picked up on the Owen Sound market on Feb. 27. If these aren't records, they must be very close.

Returning home to Ivan Brubacher's, R.R. No. 2, West Montrose, about midnight Sunday from the Bauman-Martin wedding at Amos Martin's, Onias Martin was unable to understand the queer actions of his horse as it was about to cross the bridge spanning the Canagagigue river. When the horse finally stopped and refused to advance further, Mr. Martin investigated the trouble. It was with thankful relief that his horse had stopped for, had the animal continued forward, it would have plunged with its owner some 12 feet into the flood waters of the river. Earlier in the evening a span of the bridge had collapsed under the flood pressure following Sunday's heavy rain and no warning had been given Mr. Martin of the danger.

An Aberdeen Angus cow, the property of Norman Nelson, Caledon, gave birth to a five-legged calf recently. In every other respect the calf is quite normal. It has four normal and properly jointed legs. The fifth limb leaves the left front leg at a point just above the knee. The calf is healthy, eats well and is growing.

Sudbury citizens need not be alarmed if the water they are using these days has a milky appearance. According to R. H. Martindale, superintendent of the city water and light department, it is just an overdose of oxygen that causes the water to take on a milky appearance and the "milk" in reality is comprised of thousands of miniature air bubbles. This condition usually clears up about 30 seconds after the water is drawn from the taps, if it is left standing.—Sudbury Star.

Asked for his rules of happiness in life, R. C. Smith, dean of Toronto advertising agency men, on his recent birthday, replied: "Do anything that's asked of you, and do it willingly! Strive to do your duty always, and give your clients the full benefit of your knowledge and experience."

The fact that the three new village trustees of Thamesford are a doctor, an undertaker and a grave digger reminds the Petrolia Advertiser-Topic of the chap on a sight-seeing bus in Buffalo who saw a hospital on one side of a street and a large cemetery on the other side and remarked: "What a combination!"

When an Almonte man on the relief list has refused to do work for the municipality, a charge of non-support of his wife and family was entered. A conviction was recorded and the man remanded for sentence. The magistrate took the position that a man when supported by the municipality must, when called upon, give labor for that support. The delinquent is an able-bodied man, with a wife and eight children, the eldest ten years, the youngest an infant. It used to be said that there were men who thought the world owed them a living. Today there are all too many men persuaded that municipalities are bound to support them.—Renfrew Mercury.

Wolves, sometimes in packs of five to ten, are reported as very active in the Camp Borden Plains district. A number of people have been attacked by the animals. One 15-year-old boy, going through a short stretch of bush about 11 p.m., on his way home from a neighbor's, was attacked by a number of wolves, but fortunately, with the aid of his collie dog and a lantern he was carrying he was able to keep off the pack until his cries brought assistance. The howling of the wolves may be heard at night, and farmers who have lost calves and sheep now keep such stock shut up at night.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of March 11th, 1897 The Palmer House is about to change hands. It is expected that Mr. Walter Hulse of Toronto will take possession about the first of May. The program at the Gospel Temperance meeting last Sunday afternoon consisted of a Bible reading by Mr. Harrison, an address by Mr. Switzer and solos by Mr. J. H. Sanderson and Mrs. Mason. Mrs. Derry and Miss Annie Scarborough played accompaniments for the soloists. Miss Wiley acted as organist and Mr. R. Lewis opened the meeting with prayer.

The Richmond Hill Lacrosse Club held its annual meeting in the Council Chamber on Monday evening last and great enthusiasm was manifested by the members present. The President, Mr. F. W. Garvin, was in the chair. The Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports showed the club to be in a sound condition and with a substantial surplus in the hands of the treasurer. It was amongst other things, resolved to continue the membership in the C.L.A. and Messrs. Wiley and Nicholls were appointed delegates to represent the club at the annual convention to be held in Toronto on Good Friday. The election of officers took place with Messrs. Pugsley and Proctor being the scrutineers: Hon. President, W. H. Pugsley; President, F.W. Garvin; Vice-President, W. E. Wiley; Secretary, W. Hall; Treasurer, H. A. Nicholls; Field Captain, W. E. Wiley; Committee of Management, the officers and Messrs. F. Sims, Wyc. Trench and W. Savage; Curator, W. Douthwaite; Delegates to C.L.A., Messrs. Nicholls and Wiley. It is expected that the coming season will be a most successful one and officers and players intend if possible to retain the York District Championship. It is rumored that the Metropolitan Railway Co. intend to aid the club in making the Village the lacrosse centre for the County and District.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of March 7th, 1907 Mr. James Rumble of Patterson moved into Mr. Sanderson's house opposite the High School on Monday.

Mr. George Reaman of Concord on Tuesday of this week moved into his new home recently purchased from the H. F. Hopper estate. Nearly a dozen teams driven by his old neighbors assisted and made a long procession.

At a trustee meeting of the officials of the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon held at Mr. Harrison's it was definitely decided to proceed as soon as possible with the renovation of the church. Tenders will be asked for and the work is expected to be completed in the early spring.

A merry load of their friends and former neighbors at Headford and vicinity visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Soules Thursday evening and spent a pleasant time. They left at a seasonable hour, though the arrival at Mr. Soules' in February and returned home in March.

A handsome and substantial ornamental iron gate left Mr. George Cowie's blacksmith shop a few days ago for the south entrance at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The gate is 4 feet wide and 7 feet high, and weighs 285 lbs. The order was given by L. Innes & Sons who had the contract for rebuilding the lodge where the former house was destroyed by fire. Boynton - Nicholls

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday at the home of the bride's parents at Victoria Square, when Mr. Herman Wesley Boynton was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Florence Eva May Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nichols, by Rev. A. P. Brace, B.D., in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The bride, very neatly attired, entered the room on the arm of her father, where she was met at the altar by the groom. She was attended by Miss Graham and the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Wm. Boynton. A very choice dejeuner was served to all present, after which many good wishes were given to the young couple.

The challenge of the Second Seven of the Hockey Club to play the First Seven was accepted, and the match was played Monday evening. Mr. A. G. Savage acted as referee. The score at the close of the game stood


8-3 in favor of the first seven. There was some good clean hockey on both sides, but it is to be regretted that a couple of the juniors showed a little too much temper in a friendly match with members of the same club. The following are the teams: Seniors: W. Hall, goal; G. Sims, point; A. Boyle, cover point; H. Sanderson, rover; A. Glass, right wing; H. Carroll, centre; H. Wimpenny, left wing. Juniors: F. Boyle, goal; F. Burnett, point; R. Gooden, cover point; Leo Lynett, Rover; Bert Newton, right wing; R. Palmer, centre; J. Naughton, left wing.

Four Midland Protestant ministers did something unique in church history when they met on Sunday afternoon and "Cast Lots" after ancient biblical custom to see which pulpit they would occupy for the evening service. The move was one of a series of co-operative efforts designed to stimulate church interest from now until Easter.

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