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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 8th, 1897 At the School Board meeting on Monday the contract for excavating for the new H. S. building was given to Mr. M. Murphy.

The council met on Tuesday evening, June 6th. Present: the Reeve and councillors Innes and Wright. The newly elected candidates, Messrs. David Hill and Henry F. Hopper, made their respective declarations of qualification and of office, and took their seats at the council table. The treasurer's half-yearly financial statement was laid before the council, exhibiting a balance of \$20.07 in the treasury on the 30th June. Messrs. W. Storey and A. Newton, representing the Board of Education, addressed the council in reference to the purchase of a bell. Mr. Innes moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the reeve and Mr. Hill be a committee to confer with the managing committee of the Board of Education in regard to the matter referred to by Messrs. Storey and Newton. Carried.

On Wednesday evening, June 23rd, the Maple parsonage was crowded, the occasion of the gathering being to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bedford. Mr. J. C. McQuarrie presided, and Mrs. L. Hadwin and Mrs. Amos Shunk presented Mrs. Bedford with a beautiful piano lamp and Mr. Bedford with a valuable silver ink stand, and address.

East York Conservatives met in convention on Tuesday of last week to nominate a candidate for the local House, but although there were several nominations none would accept. Another convention will be held.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 4th, 1907 We understand the erection of the elevator at the C.N.O. station for Mr. Ramer is progressing nicely.

Thirty-three candidates are this week writing on the Departmental examination papers at the Richmond Hill High School. Of the above 9 are writing for Senior Leaving certificates, 17 for Junior Leaving, and 7 for Junior Matriculation.

The painting and decorating of the interior of the Methodist Church and Sunday School room is completed and the work certainly reflects great credit on the Thornton-Smith Company. The choir gallery has been enlarged, the cushions recovered and the stained glass windows put in order. Everything is ready for the church re-opening next Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Blanchard of this Village passed away on Monday evening after a few minutes illness. The sudden death cast a gloom over the Village, and the husband and relatives have the sympathy of all in their great bereavement. The funeral takes place this Thursday to the Village cemetery.

Marriages Nichols-Wellman—At 128 Victor Avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, June 20, by the Rev. Wesley Dean, Mr. Louis L. Nichols, to Miss Hattie Wellman, youngest daughter of Mr. George Wellman, Elgin Mills.

Wright-Beer—At the Village of Brougham, by Rev. Mr. Ropson, on Wednesday, June 26th, Miss Arvilla Beer, to Mr. Harry Wright, proprietor of the Palmer House.

VELLORE

Large Crowd Attends Annual Strawberry Festival St. Paul's Presbyterian Church held their strawberry festival at the Vellore Township Hall on Wednesday evening with a record crowd who came to enjoy the bountiful supper. Mr. Chapman and his assistants presented a very amusing and entertaining program, assisted by Gordon McGillivray's male chorus who sang three splendid numbers. Reunions are the order of the day now. Burton reunion was held at Vellore on Thursday of this week and Saturday saw the McDonald clan gathered once more for this annual event.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. J. Harrison who underwent an operation in St. Michael's Hospital, is progressing favourably.

One hundred thousand lake trout are being released in Lake Simcoe near Barrie this week.

The Canadian Post Office Department made a profit of \$3,266,080 in the fiscal year of 1936-37.

Earns Promotion



Arthur B. Smith, above, will become general superintendent, Sleeping, Dining, Parlor Car and News Service, eastern lines, Canadian Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Toronto on July 1. After joining the Company as office boy at Montreal in 1903, he served in posts of increasing responsibility at Winnipeg, Banff, and Toronto, where he became assistant superintendent in 1913 and superintendent in 1923.

General News & Views

A drive through York County this week revealed a glorious picture of Ontario farm life at its best. York County farms never looked better than to-day with promise of abundant crops.

During an informal chat with Sir William Mulock, this week Canada's Grand Old Man on the subject of fishing remarked "anyone who has not acquired the taste for fishing, has missed something really worthwhile in life." And all fishing enthusiasts shout "aye".

It is useless to try to tell the younger generation they don't know it all. Let them alone and in a few years they will find out they did not know any more than we did at their age.

One of the most resourceful individuals we have known in a long and checkered career was the chap who lived by the side of the track in an eastern state and kept himself in coal by making faces at the railway engineers.

It is seldom that imperfection increases value, but this appears to be the case with stamps. Collectors have gone crazy to secure the new King George VI issue with a few dots on them that were not meant to be there.

"You can't sell the customer by insulting him," says a trainer of salesmen. Brother, you should see the man demonstrate a vacuum cleaner.

No one speaks more pleasantly to a newspaper editor than a man who has been in trouble and expects to be in some more.

You have all heard the expression "there is no fool like an old fool." Of course there are young ones who drink alcohol and drive a motor car.

In a recent canvass of funds for the International Plowing Match, to be held at Fergus next fall, Fergus businessmen contributed \$800, Fergus Council \$200 and Beatty Bros. \$500, and still they kid Fergus of being Scotch.

Are you ambitious or just satisfied to go along the free, easy and less strenuous way. It is good to contemplate at times what we have accomplished. But we must not expect our yesterdays to carry us to the end of our days. Life means eternal striving. Raise your hat to the past if you wish, but take off your coat to the future, is the advice of the Smiths Falls Record-News.

In the course of his reading recently the editor of the Smiths Falls Record-News came across an interesting article relating to railway ties, and learned that the wooden crosstie, under railroad tracks, is believed to be one kind of industrial equipment for which a satisfactory substitute never has been developed. During the past 50 years more than 2,500 patents on other kinds of ties have been issued but none of them has been adopted.

Last year the Dominion government spent \$539,518,000, which was \$87,000,000 more than it earned. Of every dollar expended 17.8 cents went in payment of relief charges; 4.9 cents for old age pensions; 12.1 cents for returned soldiers and their families; 31.3 cents interest on national debt; 9.8 cents to provide C.N.R. deficits, and 3.7 subsidies to provinces. The country actually spent \$1.19 for each dollar it took in.

In England further attention is being paid to the eternal question of homework for school children. A report, prepared by teachers and inspectors, has been forwarded to the board of education in London, recommending there should be no homework for elementary school children under 12 years of age, not more than one hour a day for those between 12 and 14, and 1½ hours for those between 14 and 16. This might be suitable to the majority of children, but some pupils are slower to learn than others and so it is doubtful if the setting of a fixed rule such as this with respect to homework would be advisable.

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