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Best news of the week: "County Councils Likely to be Abolished."

"County Councils are a Joke" says a member of the Legislature speaking this week. An expensive joke, adds the taxpayer.

Because the odd County Councillor starts shouting don't get the impression all members of County Councils think the same. Many members of County Council agree with the suggestion to abolish the County spoke of government.

Pussy-willows are now in bloom and are in much demand. Grass on lawns is turning green and while we have had some cold weather this week, all round us we see the signs of glorious spring.

A drive through York County this week revealed the Fall Wheat prospects as exceptionally good. Maple syrup makers are busy and although the early part of the season looked rather discouraging there have been some good runs lately, and we are assured of lots of this, one of Canada's best and most distinctive products.

Aurora Jubilee Juniors were eliminated in the final game for the Ontario Junior C provincial championship by Orangeville last Monday evening. While beaten in the final our northern neighbours made an excellent showing for the season and we extend congratulations.

The farmer is getting the break on the hog market, for which he has waited a long time, says the Alliston Herald, in their interesting live stock column. A farmer selling a lot of eight hogs which a few years ago would have sold for a total of about \$60 brought the vendor \$163.

Ontario's surplus of three million for 1937-38, after charging relief costs to ordinary account is another worth-while achievement which Premier Mitchell Hepburn can add to the already impressive financial record of his administration. True the surplus is smaller than the nine millions reported last year, but taxes have been reduced and many expenditures taken over from municipalities.

A Suffolk ewe, rising three years of age and owned by Charles Anderson, Oro, has set some sort of a record for prolificity. Two years ago, she gave birth to twins, a year ago to triplets, and just recently to triplets—a total of eight lambs. The ewe was raised by Delno Jerney, Hawkestone, and was sired by a ram supplied to Oro Sheep Club by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Since 1892 Rochester, New York, has developed through purchase and exchange the largest collection of lilacs in the world—over 1000 shrubs, representing 384 species. At the height of their beauty each year, a week is set apart by the city to celebrate the Lilac Festival, a fête which draws nearly 100,000 visitors from all over the country.

An exchange urges farmers to be wary of certain unscrupulous persons who are offering miracle seeds for sale at this time of year. The general practice is to take ordinary seed, apply an extravagant name, such as Bonanza, Bountiful, or Miracle, and offer it for sale at an exorbitant price. It may even be represented as coming from a mysterious source, with only a limited quantity available. Strange to say, these salesmen find farmers who accept the story of big yields and pay good money for ordinary seed, only to find later, that they have been duped.

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Friend: "It is rumored, Miss Elderly, that you will soon be married. Is it true?"
Miss Elderly: "No, it isn't true. But I am very grateful for the rumor."

LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO
From our Issue of April 7th, 1898
Mr. John Brown had a successful sale yesterday and was well pleased with the result. Messrs. Eckardt and Prentice wielded the gavel by turns, and got through a large list quite early in the evening. Implements sold well, and cattle brought good figures. One cow was carried along until the price reached \$54.

Mr. W. H. Pugsley with the county engineer and several others went on Wednesday to lay out an extension of the Toronto Street Railway line as far east as Highland Creek.

The Thornhill Public Library Board met on Wednesday evening, when the best of satisfaction was manifested with the progress made thus far. The total number of volumes have now reached 577, and others are to be added from time to time as the funds come in. These with the daily papers, the magazines and other periodicals are making it very pleasant for the intellectual public of this vicinity.

Eggs will scarcely be so plentiful for Easter Sunday as they would have had the warm weather of March continued through the fore part of April.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of April 2nd, 1908
Mr. John Tyndall and family who have resided at Carrville for a number of years past have moved onto the Powell farm at the end of Richmond Street, which they recently purchased from the Storey estate.

Probably the first "raising" of the season in this section of country took place on the farm of Mr. Henry Rumble, lot 21, 3rd con. Vaughan, last Friday when the frame work of a barn 40x72 was erected. This is to replace one of the barns burned a few months ago. There was a large crowd present, and the work was completed by 5.30 o'clock. Mr. Rumble purposes erecting another larger barn later in the season.

Citizens of this place are naturally disappointed because the proposed bill to bring water from the artesian wells in the vicinity of Lemonville was lost in a committee of the Ontario Legislature.

The C.P.R. station in the village of Weston was destroyed about 4 o'clock Saturday morning by a fire which is supposed to have been caused by lightning. Books, papers and contents all consumed. By hard work the freight sheds were saved.

The Victoria Square Rifle Club is still doing business at the old stand. As the end of the season is drawing towards its close there is keen competition among the members for the highest average score throughout the whole season, and notwithstanding that most of the members are old-timers, it is a very trying time on their nerves. The following are the scores for March 21st and 28th: R. Agar 94, W. Scott 85, R. Frisby 79, T. Read 78, C. P. Read 77; W. Mustard 96, R. Agar 84, W. Scott 82, T. Read 74, C. P. Read 66.

EUROPEAN STRENGTH

France is taking a very realistic view of the present European lineup when her newspapers point out that Germany and Italy combined now have almost three times the population, and therefore three times the mobilization strength of France. Germany and Austria combined have 72,000,000 people, Italy 42,000,000, and France 42,000,000. Add Britain's 47,000,000 to France's total and it would mean that they would have between them only 89,000,000 as compared to the combined 114,000,000 of Germany and Italy, which is one very good reason why Mr. Chamberlain is not anxious to give Hitler and Mussolini an opportunity to start something. A margin of 25,000,000 is something to be reckoned with.

Mandy — "Rastus, why don't you work? Hard work never killed anybody."
Rastus — "Dat shows what you knows about it. I've already lost two wives dat way."

Woman (to new acquaintance)— "Now you aren't the kind of a woman who lets the dishes pile up in the sink, are you?"

Friend—"I should say not. I make my husband do them."

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