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 "Johnny, you're a sight! What have you done to your clothes — they're cut full of holes."  
 "Aw, maw, we was playin' grocery store, and I was the piece of cheese."

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**RESIDENTS OPPOSE MOVE TO CLOSE CATARACT P.O.**

Residents of the village of Cataract are up in arms against a proposal to close the Cataract post office. At a meeting last week they passed a resolution opposing the change and ordered it despatched to the Postmaster-General at Ottawa. This action followed a petition circulated amongst the farmers of the fourth and fifth lines west asking that a rural mail service be established in that locality. Half of those asking the service now obtain their mail from Cataract, the balance being served from Belfountain. At one time a thriving small town, Cataract boasted large stone quarries, two hotels, a flour mill, a barrel factory and a brewery. It was a junction point on the Elora and Toronto-Teeswater branch of the C.P.R. and at one time as many as three carloads of pure spring water were shipped to Toronto daily for drinking purposes. Time, however, has passed this picturesque village in its stride, and today there is but one store, operated in conjunction with the post-office, and a Hydro Electric plant, which serves Alton, Erin, Hillsburg, Orton, Caledon, Inglewood and Caledon East. Only 15 families still obtain their mail from the village.—Orangeville Banner.

**NOT SO BAD**

"How many resolutions does the earth make in a day? It's your turn, Willie Smith."  
 "You can't tell, teacher, till you see the morning paper."

**NEWTONBROOK**

The Y.P.U. met on Monday evening in the United Church S. S. Hall with over forty present. The Citizenship convener, Mr. Irwin Brown, was in the chair. Mr. Kenneth Foreman read the scripture lesson and Rev. A. H. Halbert offered prayer. Miss Trauter sang a solo very acceptably. Mr. Clifford Brett introduced the guest speaker of the evening, the Spanish Vice-Consul Rae and Professor J. Gons of Toronto University, who gave very interesting and informative addresses on "Conditions in Spain and causes leading up to the present crisis." This was followed by a discussion and Professor Cono answered questions. He said "Interference from outside countries (Italy and Germany) was prolonging the struggle and if Spain was left to settle its own problems the war would soon cease." It was decided to accept the invitation of Lansing Y.P.U. to visit their organization on Tuesday evening.

A special feature of the evening service next Sunday in the United Church will be an address by Mr. F. W. Moffatt of Weston illustrated by moving pictures on his recent trip around the world. A hearty welcome to all.

The Woman's Association will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Afternoon Tea next Thursday, December 1st from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. There will also be a White Elephant Booth.

Mrs. J. C. Bales gave an Afternoon Tea last Tuesday at her home at Lansing for the United Church, Newtonbrook Choir Gown Fund. A beautiful bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums made an attractive table centre with yellow lighted tapers. Members of the choir assisted in the dining room. Mrs. A. H. Halbert assisted the hostess in receiving the guests.

The Golden Rule Mission Band meets Saturday at 2.30 p.m. in the S.S. room and will hold its election of officers.

The Christmas Tree S. S. entertainment of the United Church has been postponed until Tuesday, December 20th owing to the Christmas Party at Earl Haig Collegiate Institute on December 16th.

The ninth annual Commencement exercises of Earl Haig Collegiate Institute was held last Friday evening with a very large attendance. Melvin Preston received the O. D. Bales trophy for proficiency in scholarship, games and leadership in the Upper School which was presented by Reeve R. E. Bales, and also the Reuben Well's Leonard Scholarship, University College, and First Carter Scholarship, County of York, which was presented by Hon. Leopold Macauley. The Valedictory was given by Melvin Preston. General Proficiency prizes were presented to a large number of the pupils. Forty-eight students received Graduation diplomas and thirteen students received Commercial diplomas. At the close the teachers received the parents and friends in the class rooms.

Mrs. A. W. Galbraith was hostess to the Auxiliary of the W.M.S. at her home on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The president, Mrs. Halbert, presided. Miss Atkinson led in the devotional service and prayer was offered by Mrs. Galbraith. A resume of last year's Study Book was given by Mrs. James Murray and the new Study Book, "The World in Canada", was introduced by Mrs. Clarence O. Bales. A special feature of the meeting was the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate to Mrs. W. T. Wells who has been treasurer of the Auxiliary for 13 years. It was arranged to hold the next meeting one week earlier, on December 13th, owing to the Christmas activities. Refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

Misses M. and F. Atkinson have returned home after spending a week with their sister, Mrs. Galbraith.

Mrs. Clifford Brown and family of Wyevale visited her parents for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. S. Hill, Miss Mildred Skelding and Mr. Fred Hill of Huntsville were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Halbert last week-end while attending the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

Miss Denora McCammon entertained the United Church choir last Friday evening at her home.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Leslie Grisdale is recovering from her recent illness.

**12 THINGS TO REMEMBER**

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

—Marshall Field.

**THORNHILL**

The Thornhill Home and School Association have been fortunate in procuring as their guest speaker, Mrs. Peter Sandford, who has chosen as her subject, "What we owe our children." Mrs. Sandford was president of the Ontario Federation of Home and School for three years and at present is a member of the Toronto Board of Education. Her husband is Professor of Psychology at Toronto University. The subject of address is one that provokes curiosity and we, who have heard her can assure the parents that she will give valuable food for thought and sprinkle it liberally with delightful humor. The director of music for the school, Mr. Ryerson, will play piano solos. The parents and teachers of Thornlea and Langstaff schools are cordially invited to this meeting, which takes place Monday evening, November 28th at 8.15 at Thornhill School.

The Young Ladies' Guild of the United Church will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. T. MacGregor, Unsworth Ave., North Toronto on Thursday evening, December 1st at 8 o'clock.

Do not forget the male choir concert under the auspices of the Guild to be held in the United Church on Tuesday, December 6th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Spencer, Fisherville, who reached their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday, November 21st.

The Thornhill Horticultural Society will hold their annual banquet on Monday evening, December 5th, in the Lawrence Memorial Hall. The guest speaker will be L. M. Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables". Other artists will be Tom Hamilton and Miss Doreen Johnston of Richmond Hill. Everybody welcome.

Olde Tyme Church Fair, Lawrence Memorial Hall, Thornhill, Saturday, November 26th. Don't miss it.

**TEACHERS' BANQUET**

The teachers of South Simcoe, Albion and King and their friends met at a banquet in Beeton Presbyterian church, Wednesday, November 9th, to welcome their new inspector, Mr. C. A. Lapp, B.A., B. Paed.

The speakers of the evening were Mr. Lapp, inspector for South Simcoe, Albion and King; Lt.-Col. O. M. Martin, General Secretary of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation, and Mr. J. W. Cawood, Sec. O.P.S.M.T.F. Benefit Fund.

Besides the excellent speeches given, entertainment of a musical nature was provided by piano solos rendered by Miss Beth A. McBride and Mr. Palmer Barton. A song also added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Following this the chairman, Mr. John Scott, had the ladies and the men separate for a federation meeting to elect officers for the year 1938-39.

The new officers of the Women Teachers' Federation Local are: President, Miss Millicent Barrett, Beeton; Vice-President, Miss Margaret E. Murphy, Alliston; Sec.-Treas., Miss Beth A. McBride, R.R. No. 2, King.

The new officers of the Men Teachers' Federation Local are: President, W. John Scott, Ivy; Vice-President, A. Douglas Fry, B.A., Tottenham; Sec.-Treas., W. G. Ernest Cumberland, Alliston.

Following the election of officers, the teachers and their friends spent a few hours dancing in Ray's Hall to the strains of Jack Doyle's Orchestra.

**THE VALUE OF A SMILE**

The following dissertation on "the value of a smile" is posted in the employees' room of a large department store in Pittsburg:

It costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich he can get along without it, and none so poor, but is richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, and sunshine to the sad, and Nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away!

And if it happens that some of our patrons should be too tired to leave you a smile, may we ask you to give one of yours?

For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

"Well, Jedge," said the waiter "whut'll you-all have foh breakfast? Has you eber tried any of ouah boiled eggs, sah?"  
 "Yes," replied the Judge, "and I found them guilty."

**LIBERALS GAIN SEAT IN BY-ELECTIONS**

The federal by-elections held recently were probably satisfactory to Conservatives, Liberals and C.C.F. The Conservatives have elected in London Hon. Dr. Manion by a substantial majority and the new leader will be able to take his seat in the House when it opens in January. This is as it should be. The Opposition leader, for the sake of good government, is needed at Ottawa. In addition, Karl Homuth was returned by an overwhelming majority in South Waterloo, where in the last election the late Alex Edwards headed the polls by a narrow margin.

The Liberals have won two of the four elections. In the riding of Cartier, Montreal, Peter Bercovitch, former Liberal member in the Provincial Legislature, was returned by acclamation. In addition the Liberals carried Brandon, formerly held by the Conservatives. This is a gain for the Liberal party.

The C.C.F. have the satisfaction of having made a good showing in London. So everyone is happy and this is perhaps a fortunate state of affairs.

**THE HUSBANDMAN**

(By Walt Mason)

The farmer milks the loving kine, and carries grape juice to the swine, the kind of dope they like; he starts to work ere break of day and plugs along 'till dusk is gray, and hasn't time to strike. He stands in need of shorter hours, more time to sleep in cozy bowers, more time to rest and read; but he can hear the horses neigh for bundles of refreshing hay, the mules for fodder plead. The old gray mare is beastly sick, the colic makes her roll and kick, and stand upon her head, and so he nurses her all night, until she's feeling well and right, instead of being dead. He has to hunt a missing sow, or saw the antlers from a cow, so she won't hook again; he has to crawl beneath a crib and spoil his tucker and his bib; to find a setting hen. The farmer has more cause to strike than Jonathan and Pete and Mike, who in the cities live; but he has many chores in view and walk-out stunts would never do—no profit would they give. Oh, where in blitzen would we be, and where would we get off? There'd be no bacon and no beans no flour or meal or helpful greens, no skim milk in the trough. If e'er the farmers organize, and strike as strike the other guys, there'll be a frightful dearth, and we'll fold up our weary limbs, and heave a sigh and close our glims, and just fall off the earth.

Another thing that puzzles us is how any policy can be good for a nation if it brings misery to the nation's people.

**TWO ONTARIO SISTERS CLAIM \$10,000,000**

Weston and Woodbridge Women Believe Fortune Left By Uncle

**LAWYERS PAY VISIT**

Two sisters, one the wife of a Weston grocery store proprietor, the other the wife of a Woodbridge farmer, are seeking to establish a claim to a share of a \$10,000,000 fortune, it is disclosed.

Mrs. Marjorie Mallaby, Main St., Weston, and Mrs. Robert Johnston, Woodbridge, believe they are nieces of Michael Francis O'Dea, California realtor. A bachelor, he died intestate recently at the age of 89.

The sisters say their mother's maiden name was O'Dea. Papers found in the dead millionaire's possession show that his parents' names were Timothy and Bridget O'Dea. The sisters say these were the names of their maternal grandparents.

The sisters replied to advertisements in Toronto papers seeking heirs to the fortune. They say they have retained the legal services of Col. W. P. Mulock and J. F. Grogan in an effort to establish a claim on the estate.

Michael O'Dea was born in Ireland, they say, and came to Canada at an early age. Los Angeles lawyers, who have visited the sisters recently, are reported to have found evidence that O'Dea was christened at St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, Toronto. Later, it was said, he moved to Bolton, Ont. When the California boom was at its peak, he moved there and made a fortune.

Both Mrs. Mallaby and Mrs. Johnston refuse to give detailed comment on their plans. Each said: "We could use the money, all right."

Mr. Grogan, Col. Mulock's legal partner, says the Los Angeles lawyers visited the sisters two months ago. He declares there is some uncertainty about the sisters' relationship to the millionaire. He adds the sisters will have a long court fight to establish claim, but negotiations still are proceeding.

**INDIAN SUMMER**

Along the line of smoky hills,  
 The crimson forest stands,  
 And all day long the blue-jay calls  
 Throughout the autumn lands.  
 Now by the brook the maple leaves  
 With all his glory spread;  
 And all the sumachs on the hills  
 Have turned their green to red.  
 Now, by great marshes wrapt in mist,  
 Or past some river's mouth,  
 Throughout the long, still autumn day  
 Wild birds are flying south.  
 —W. W. Campbell.

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