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WOOD ALCOHOL POISONING

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Note: Dr. Forster will answer such health questions in these columns as will be of interest to others and permissible in public print.

Wood alcohol—chemically known as methyl alcohol in distinction to grain or ethyl alcohol—has for years been employed in the arts and industries, and has been responsible for many cases of fatal poisoning.

Prohibition of the legal manufacture of alcoholic beverages has resulted in their illegal manufacture. And with poor materials and equipment has come the distillation of liquor not only poor but poisonous, because of its wood alcohol content.

Symptoms of Wood Alcohol Poisoning.

The earliest constant symptoms are weakness, dimness of vision and nausea. Accompanying these disturbances there may be a pronounced thirst (for water), pains in the back, headache and shortness of breath.

The reason that methyl alcohol acts so differently from ethyl alcohol is a matter of oxidation. Ethyl alcohol is largely burned up in the system the same as ordinary food-stuffs, only a small proportion being excreted by the elimination organs.

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HEALTH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Of Public Interest

Mrs. F. K. MacD. writes: "The following topics are of interest to me and to the public as far as I know:

- (1) What causes leakage of the heart? (2) Is there any cure for it? If so what can be done for it? (3) What causes cramps in the legs, especially of the muscles? (4) What can be done to prevent or cure them?

REPLY

(1) "Leakage of the Heart" is a condition brought about by imperfect closure of one of the openings in the heart, between its chambers or at the entrance to the vessels that leave the heart. Each of these openings is guarded by a "valve" which closes the opening at certain times during the heart's action.

RURAL VOTERS MAY "SWEAR IN" IF NOT ON LIST

Provisions Similar to Those in Force at Dominion Elections Allow Rural Voters Not on List to Vote.

An important change in the Ontario Election Act this year allows all rural voters in a municipality of less than 3,500 population to vote by simply being vouchered for by a qualified voter already on the list.

(2) The outlook depends on the gravity of the condition, and the treatment varies accordingly.

(3) Over-exertion, alcoholism, kidney disease, diabetes, gout, hysteria.

(4) Removal of the underlying cause will bring relief from this symptom.

Description Should Be More Detailed

P. J. writes: "A small sore appeared just above my eyebrow about six months ago. It is only the size of a flax-seed. It gave me no inconvenience except when I would rub my finger over it, when it would smart a little. But now it is beginning to hurt."

REPLY

Inasmuch as the sore might be anything from an acne pimple to a skin cancer, it would be hazardous for me to venture an opinion. Only by looking at it could I tell you what it is.

My advice would be to consult a physician who can examine it and then advise you regarding its nature and proper treatment.

COUNTY HIGHWAYS COST \$109,506.86 IN '26

Fourteen Miles Constructed, Three Big Bridges Built, and Cost of Maintenance Included in Figures

Fourteen miles of county roads have been constructed with gravel during the past year, according to the report of the County Roads Superintendent, John Johnson, read at the Grey County Council in session on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Eaton, the council's member on the Owen Sound Suburban Area Commission, also read his report to the council at the Wednesday session.

The first, or inaugural meeting of the County Council which has previously taken place on the fourth Tuesday in January at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will henceforth take place on the same day but at half past seven in the evening.

The council also passed a by-law postponing the sale of land for taxes in arrears. The by-law read as follows:

1. That no Warrant shall issue for the sale for taxes of land situated in the County of Grey until the issue of the Warrant for the sale of land so situated and liable to be sold in the year 1927.

2. That no Lot shall be advertised for sale for taxes on said Lot until the amount of taxes shall have reached the sum of Five Dollars.

3. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on, from and after the passing thereof.

Reeve Wm. Weir presented the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, which recommended the paying of a number of accounts and also that Reeves Hogarth and Weir be appointed a committee to interview Mr. McNally with regard to a settlement of his claim for a bridge on Lot 3, Concession 19, Proton Township. The report was passed without discussion.

The County Property Committee report was read by Reeve J. A. Hogarth and recommended the paying of a large number of accounts. It was passed without discussion.

The report of the House of Refuge Committee showed that at the House of Refuge at Markdale, there are now 62 inmates, of which only 4 pay their keep. Eighteen of these are from Owen Sound and 44 from the county.

Reeve Chas. Holm presented the report of the County Roads Committee, which read as follows:

The Committee met in Owen Sound on August 5th to open tenders for the Thornbury bridge. The lowest tenders were accepted, being William Clark & Son, Owen Sound, for \$6082.00 for the concrete, and the Sarnia Bridge Company for \$10,600.00 for the steel superstructure.

Of these amount the share of the Town of Thornbury will be approximately \$375.00 for concrete and \$1150.00 for the steel superstructure due to extra wing wall and sidewalk.

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CLERK PROVED HIS ACTION IN PAYING SCHOOLS IS RIGHT

Extra Maintenance Has Been Paid to All High Schools in County

The question of the payment of additional maintenance to High School Boards by the county of Grey for pupils in High School districts outside of the cities was raised a few days ago by a resident of Dundalk, who claimed that the Dundalk High School was the only High School district in Grey County, and thus the only school entitled to receive such extra maintenance.

County Clerk F. H. Rutherford interpreted the Act in a different manner and paid the extra maintenance to all High Schools in the county with the exception of Owen Sound Collegiate Institute. He took the matter up with the Department of Education at Toronto, with the result that at the Friday afternoon's session of the County Council he was able to produce a letter from Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, in which he declared that Mr. Rutherford's interpretation of the Act was the correct one, and that every High School in the County was entitled to this extra maintenance for the education of county pupils.

Had the interpretation been wrong thousands of dollars would have

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been paid out illegally. The clause in the Act dealing with the matter read as follows: "and to the result-amount there shall be added the share of the cost of education of county pupils which the area which constitute the High School District by the council to the Board."

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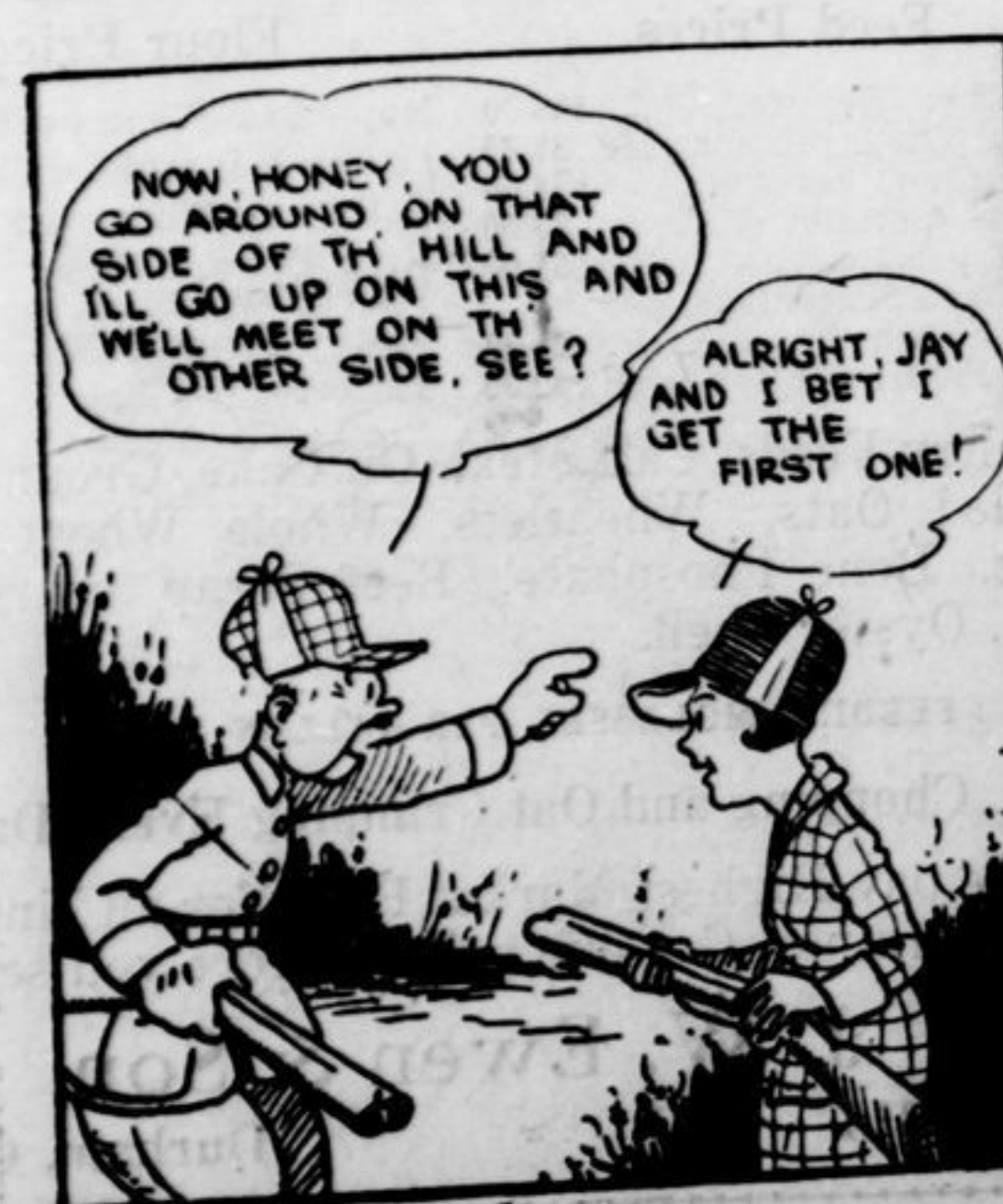
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