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ALLEGED THIEF CAUGHT AT MOUNT FOREST

Revolver Shots Ring Out and Cause Scattering of Pedestrians Last Saturday Evening.—Accomplice Escaped.

One man was arrested while his companion escaped, following a thrilling chase through the main streets of Mount Forest and extending into the country last Saturday evening, in which several shots were fired by Chief of Police Cringle.

The man arrested gives the name of Fred Wallace, of Hamilton, where it is understood his father is a traffic officer. The man who escaped had given the names of Leo Kirby and Leo Sales. They are accused of robberies in Mount Forest and in Harrison, and illegal possession of liquor.

About two weeks ago Smith Bros. Ford garage at Mount Forest was broken into and some cash and an electric drill stolen. Early on Saturday morning William McConnell's garage and radio store at Harrison was burglarized. Later two men driving a big Hudson car were noticed in Harrison offering for sale an electric drill answering the description of that stolen from the Smith garage and they were observed leaving in the direction of Mount Forest.

McConnell telephoned this information to J. L. Smith, who, with chief Cringle, drove out into the country to meet the pair. The latter, however, were travelling at such speed that they were allowed to pass, and the Mount Forest car trailed them into town, where they were found to have halted in front of a gas station.

Fires Three Shots Going to the side of the car, Chief Cringle ordered the two men to get out. The driver's only answer was to laugh and back his car at thirty miles an hour for a block and a half along the crowded main street. Chief Cringle fired three shots, one of which punctured a tire and another penetrated the radiator. The fugitives, however, managed to turn their car around and started for the country.

Mr. Smith also turned his car and, picking up Chief Cringle and Louis Pfaff, gave chase. Once they got close enough for Chief Cringle to fire again and the race continued for about two miles and a half into the country. Then, with the flat tire and punctured radiator, slowing their speed, the fugitives abandoned the car and took to the fields.

Mr. Pfaff managed to catch Wallace, but the other escaped and circling the town stole a Whippet car belonging to Alfred Hutchinson a farmer. This was promptly reported and a posse went in that direction. However, although they caught sight of the car, the man managed to make his escape.

In the Hudson car left behind by the pair, there were found 10 cases of beer, three cases of whiskey and about a dozen flasks, as well as two radios stolen on Saturday from the McConnell garage at Harrison and the electric drill taken from the Smith garage.

The provincial police were notified and took Wallace back with them to Guelph.

It is alleged that the two have been bootlegging in this district. The Hutchinson car was later recovered in Toronto, but all trace of the escaped fugitive has been lost.

ST. VINCENT WANTS 7TH LINE TAKEN AS COUNTY HIGHWAY

County Settles Damage Claim for Not Rebuilding McNulty's Bridge.

A deputation from St. Vincent township, composed of Messrs. Benjamin Doran, John Kingston, Hector Kingston, John Carson, E. W. McIntosh and Stanley McNally waited on the Grey County Council at the June session requesting the county to take over as a county road the 7th line of St. Vincent. This road leads a short distance north from the Meaford road and then skirts the shore of the Georgian Bay, the ultimate idea being to have a county road right around to Balaclava and to Annan.

The deputation dealt with the importance of this road to the farmers of St. Vincent who are engaged in the fruit growing business, it being pointed out that last season alone over 22,000 baskets of small fruit and 18,000 barrels of apples went down over this road. The road is also used to a considerable extent by tourists. The matter was referred to the County Roads Committee.

The Road and Bridge committee presented its first report recommending the payment of a large number of accounts; also that a settlement be made with Mr. McNulty for \$800 in full of his claim for damages against the county for not rebuilding McNulty's bridge, and that the County Solicitor be instructed to draw up the necessary agreement safeguarding the interests of the County.

There was a short discussion of this report, Deputy Reeve Ferguson of Egremont being the chief object-



OWEN D. YOUNG

Co-author and first administrator of the Dawes Plan, who, it is rumored, stands a good chance of being nominated by the Democrats for the presidency of the United States.

DEMENTED MAN'S RELATIVES FOUND

Unfortunate Found Wandering in Glenelg Township Returned to Relatives Near Meaford, Who Came For Him Monday.

That section of Glenelg out near Zion had a near excitement last Sunday when a man, apparently demented, was found wandering in the fields on Walter Clark's farm. The man could give no account of himself, did not know his name, could not talk intelligently, and for a time would not enter any of the farm houses for something to eat. He was possessed of the idea that he should go back into the swamp and hunt coyotes. After having been around all day and subsequently taken to the home of Mr. W. J. Cook, where he lapsed into deep slumber, it was decided that the best way out of the difficulty was to telephone Chief Allen of Durham and have him take the unfortunate in charge.

He was brought to Durham Saturday night, and on Monday diligent efforts were made to find out something about him. He was clearly dressed in black overalls, and wore shoes that were comparatively new and showed little wear. After having had his breakfast he was brought over town by Mr. Allen, given a shave in one of the local barber shops, and became considerably brighter as the day progressed. He finally claimed that his name was John Logan, and as he talked frequently of Orangeville, Hillsburg and Georgetown, the local authorities got into touch with prominent residents of these towns. It was found that there were several families of Logans living near Georgetown, and it was from here that the first inkling of his identity was gleaned.

It was learned that one of their relatives had come down from the West a short time ago, but was supposed to be visiting relatives at Meaford. A call was put in for members of the family at Georgetown to ascertain the names of these relatives, but before the party could be located word was received from near Meaford that a man answering the description had wandered away, was being sought, and that he would be sent for that day. Shortly after noon they arrived and took the man, who proved to be John Logan all right, back with them.

The man did not appear insane, but, rather, suffering from loss of memory. He was harmless, and when placed in Chief Allen's car, or when in the company of any of the citizens, made no attempt to leave them. He seemed rather to crave company and had nothing to say except when spoken to, and in his answers was very polite.

The story told here by those who claimed him was that he possessed considerable land in the West, but had been done out of his money by an unscrupulous woman whom he employed as a housekeeper, he being a bachelor.

BUSH FIRE CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Last Thursday night a report was current through the town that somebody's barn up north, and apparently quite close by, was on fire, and some of the local motorists set out to see where the trouble was. They had not long to look, but instead of a barn going up in smoke the blaze proved to be a brush fire on the property of Mr. J. Grasby on the Aberdeen sideroad, and came from some balsam trees he had felled in order to clear up a piece of land he intends putting to crop. Besides some town folk, there were also a number of the surrounding farmers, who, being ignorant as to the cause of the reflection in the sky, lost no time in getting to the scene.

DETROIT CAR WRECKED NEAR ORCHARD

Michigan Tourists En Route to Owen Sound Came to Grief in Orchard Village.—Car Badly Smashed.

About 6 o'clock Friday evening last a sedan car bearing a Michigan license and a Detroit marker came to grief in front of W. O. Pinder's residence on Orchard Highway, six miles south of here, and how the occupants of the car escaped more serious injury is a miracle.

The car, which was occupied by three adults and three children, whose names have not yet been ascertained, was coming north, the occupants being en route to Owen Sound to attend the Old Boys' and Girls' Reunion. When coming through Orchard, a cow, which was being driven to the pasture, turned in front of the oncoming machine, which, driven by a woman, is said to have been going at a high rate of speed. The driver missed the cow, collided with a mail box, and while it did not go into the ditch, it swerved so badly on the roadway that the driver lost control and it turned turtle and rolled over three times before it came to a standstill.

Some of the passengers had to come out through the opening in the back of the machine, from which the glass had been smashed, though by some miracle there were no serious casualties, and the party later proceeded on its way to the county capital in another car.

The car did not escape as luckily as the passengers. After the somersaulting was completed it was found that the machine was almost a total wreck. The top was badly damaged, the body wrenched out of shape, and all four wheels broken, besides considerable damage to the radiator and the running gear. Storing the tires and other articles in the Pinder home, the party departed for Owen Sound, to return later and have the necessary repairs made.

Car Ran Off Road

Late Sunday night another accident happened just south of the Varney school. Going south, a party from Guelph had turned out to pass a north-bound car, when the headlights went out. Travelling at a quite lively pace, the driver lost his bearings and in attempting to bring the car back on the road, ran into the ditch, with considerable damage to the car and serious injury to a lady passenger who was taken to Durham hospital, but was able to return home that same morning.

These are only two of the worst accidents over the week-end, as several others are reported to have occurred, but without damage to the machines or injury to the passengers. Joining the "cut-ups" the busses of the local Owen Sound-Guelph line also went out of commission and while there were no accidents from this cause, the breakdowns caused considerable inconvenience to a good number of passengers who had made arrangements to travel on them.

With the number of cars on the highway during holiday time, and the manner in which some of them are handled, it is a wonder that more accidents do not occur.

HANOVER MIDGETS DRUBBED LOCALS

Gave Durham Team a 10-2 Beating on Holiday in League Fixture.—Hanover Alleged to Have Used Players Over Age.

The Hanover midget O.A.L.A. lacrosse team handed the local ten a beating and then some on Monday when they ran away with the big end of a 10-2 score and made the locals look like fools in the last two periods when they ran in no less than seven goals. Durham started the scoring shortly after the commencement of the play and for a time it seemed that they would have little difficulty in maintaining their lead. A wide open defense, however, allowed one of the Hanover players to nose right on top of McEachnie for the tying goal, Durham scored again, only to be followed by Hanover, the period ending 2-2. The second period saw only one score, Hanover getting it.

The two final frames were where the damage was done, the larger and apparently more experienced Hanover players showing more stamina and generalship in working in on the local defence. In the third session Hanover notched four, and in the final period, three counters, placing the game on ice 10-2.

Over-Age Prayers

As the game progressed and since it has been said that the Hanoverians had no less than eight players on the line-up, who were over the age limit agreed upon by the Walkerton, Hanover and Durham clubs at the commencement of the season. The midget series in the O.A.L.A. limits the game to players of 15 years, but in order to foster the game up in this country, there was a "gentleman's" agreement between the clubs that each team could have four players up to sixteen years of age. If Hanover had eight players over fifteen years of age, then they have broken this agreement, and as it has been proved, (Continued on page 3)

HANDS WERE BURNED IN BUSH FIRE

Archie Watson, Near Dornoch, Victim of Peculiar Accident Tuesday Morning, in Which He Was Painfully Though Not Seriously Injured.

While doing some brushing on his farm in Bentinck last Tuesday morning, Mr. Archie Watson was the victim of a peculiar and painful accident that will lay him off work for a few days, but which, fortunately, will not have any future serious effects.

Mr. Watson had cut down some brush on one of the hills on his farm and had fired it to clean it up. When the fire had been going for some time he noticed that it was spreading into some cedar trees, and it was while attempting to control the flames that he met with the accident.

He had entered a small cedar clump and had not been in it very long when he discovered that it had got beyond his control, and in attempting to get out of the blaze found that he could not, without considerable difficulty, climb the fence. He attempted to cross the burned area, and while running through the ashes tripped and fell, his hands being buried in the hot ashes and coals. Luckily his face escaped the fire.

Mr. Watson's hands were quite badly burned and he had to come to Durham for treatment, when it was found that while his injuries were quite painful, they were not so serious, and that, further than an enforced idleness of a few days, no further complications were to be expected.

SUNDAY, JULY 16 DECORATION DAY

Local Odd Fellows' Lodge Have Set Date for Annual Decoration of Graves of Deceased Brethren.—Public Invited to Take Part.

A week from next Sunday, the 16th inst., has been set apart by Grey Lodge No. 169, I. O. O. F., as decoration day, the day on which they will place on each grave of their departed brethren in Durham cemetery, floral tribute of remembrance and affection.

Those who have attended these services in the past realize their impressiveness, and, given good weather, it is altogether likely that a larger gathering than ever will be present on the occasion. While it is an Odd Fellows' decoration day, and the ceremony will be in charge of that society, a most cordial invitation is extended the general public to be present and take full part in the services, join in the singing, and on that day fraternize with Durham Odd Fellows in a remembrance of those who have passed over the great divide. As in the past, programmes of the ceremony will be distributed amongst the audience and the whole town and countryside is invited and expected to take part.

Each succeeding year this decoration day service creates more interest, draws larger audiences, and is becoming known over a wide area as one of the most impressive day's services to take place in Durham's beautiful cemetery. The hour set is for 2:30 in the afternoon, which is a convenient one for the big majority.

PETTY THIEVING GETTING TOO COMMON

Someone Likely to Get Into Trouble Soon If Pernicious Habit is Not Soon Curbed.

Petty thievery these days seems to be too much the rule rather than the exception, and while Durham has been a pretty decent place to live in so far as this practice has been concerned in the past, and this class of petty thievery has been fairly scarce, still there has been altogether too much of it.

The last bit of this practice that has been brought to our notice is by our next-door neighbor, T. Henderson, who informs us that during the past spring he has lost a couple of forks and other tools, but this week somebody stepped in and took possession of 30 feet of garden hose that was hanging up in his yard.

There is only one end to this kind of thing. Some day the guilty one is going to be apprehended, and it is not a very nice thing to be summoned before the magistrate charged with the theft of such a small thing as a few feet of garden hose, a fork or some such invaluable property. Mr. Henderson says he has some "suspeccions" but they are not strong enough to warrant the taking out of a search-warrant, though a sharp lookout is being kept and the stolen articles cannot be kept under cover very long.

HELD ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Aberdeen school was held on Thursday of last week in John Lynn's grove. It was largely attended, and besides the supper in the open, the afternoon was spent in games of various kinds and a general good time enjoyed. It has been reported to The Chronicle as the best picnic yet held by that school section.

LATE MRS. MATTHEWS WAS EGREMONT PIONEER

Respected Resident of This Vicinity for Past 75 Years Passed Away Saturday Last.—Funeral Held Monday to Maplewood Cemetery.

One by one the pioneers are passing over the great divide, and it is with regret this week that we record the death of one more in the person of Mrs. James Matthews, who, for the past 75 years, has been a continuous resident of this immediate vicinity, and one who, with others long since gone before, played a most important part in the development of this part of the province.

The late Mrs. Matthews, whose maiden name was Margaret Morrison, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, on the 16th of June, 1842, and was therefore in her 86th year. When about ten years of age she came with her parents from Ireland direct to Egremont, the family settling on the farm at Barber's Corners now occupied by Mr. Albert Kellar. Here she grew to young womanhood and 60 years ago was married to Mr. James Matthews, who passed away in September 1922.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews moved to the homestead at Lot 1, Concession 19, Egremont, now occupied by their son, Mr. Earl V. Matthews, and where the whole of their life was spent up to 14 years ago, when they retired and moved to the present residence on Countess street. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were both highly esteemed residents of the township, were widely known in this part of the country, and since their residence in Durham, enjoyed the same respect from the town citizens as from their former neighbors in Egremont.

Though Mrs. Matthews was in particularly good health for a woman of her advanced years, and was seldom ill, for the past two years she was not as well as usual. Her former sturdy frame was apparently wearing out and she continued slowly to grow weaker until a month ago, when she was removed to Durham Hospital. Her physical condition, however, was such that she continued growing weaker, passing away last Saturday morning. Death was due to a gradual wearing out of the human machine and the deceased slept away without a struggle.

The respect in which Mrs. Matthews was held in the community was evidenced at the funeral on Monday afternoon from Trinity church, at which were gathered a large congregation from both town and country, all of whom were present to pay their last respect to an old neighbor and friend. The funeral service was in charge of the Rev. Ernest Hayes, who preached an eloquent and comforting sermon, after which the remains were taken to Maplewood cemetery for interment.

Surviving Mr. Matthews are a family of two sons and three daughters: James, near Markdale; Earl V., on the homestead in Egremont; Elton M. (Mrs. H. Schenk), and Sarah A. (Mrs. M. Hooper), both of Egremont, and Miss Jane Matthews, at home, who, during the last months of her mother's illness lavished on her every care in her power. A son Robert, died four years ago in Egremont, and W. E. was killed 15 years ago in the West. A daughter, Amanda (Mrs. A. Merchant), died 20 years ago in Egremont. Besides her family, the deceased leaves two sisters, Mrs. James Hepburn, Durham, and Mrs. George Neil, in the West.

The pall bearers were her two sons, Earl V. and James, a grandson, Milford and three sons-in-law, Messrs. A. Merchant, M. Hooper and H. Schenk.

We regret the passing of these old pioneers, whose labor and foresight in days gone by have done so much for the pleasant surroundings and living conditions of the present generation, and sympathize with the family in the loss of a kind and affectionate parent.

BENTINCK RATEPAYERS APPEAL ASSESSMENTS

Many Attend Lengthy Hearing Before Judge Sutherland on Tuesday Last.

Bentinck township ratepayers were in Hanover in force on Tuesday, the occasion being the appeal of eight ratepayers before Judge Sutherland against their assessment. Barrister Charles Middlebro, of Owen Sound, represented the township of Bentinck while Barrister Walter Henry of Markdale appeared for six of those appealing. The decision was as follows: Herbert Brigham, assessment reduced \$100. Thos. Brigham, ass't confirmed. John Hartman, ass't confirmed. John Wells, ass't confirmed. Sol. Hiltzner, ass't confirmed. Cecil Reay, ass't confirmed. H. W. Hunt, ass't reduced \$100. W. G. McCulloch, reduced \$100.

According to the evidence, the basis of assessment was 50 per cent of the actual value. A large number of witnesses were called and the hearing lasted from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.—Hanover Post.

A physician says the bobbed hair girl will soon be bald. A lass and a lack.—Kitchener Record.

TOWN'S FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Regular Meeting of Town Fathers Money Night Devoted to Accounts and Council Rose About 9.30.

There was very little doing at the regular meeting of the Town Council last Monday night and as a consequence the sitting was short and no business of much importance was done. The first big item on the docket was the passing of the usual monthly accounts which this time amounted to \$1129.48. In this bill were those from the Dunlop Rubber Company for new hose, the freight bill for the street oil and the wages of the men engaged in putting the roadway in shape for receiving the oil.

The Treasurer's report showed that on the 30th of June there was a balance on hand of over \$1,700, which caused Mayor Murdoch to remark that in the several years he had spent in the Council, this was the largest balance especially at this season of the year of which he had any recollection. As the Council this year had had several large repair bills thrust on them for which they were in no wise responsible, it must be regarded as a favorable omen and indicative of good business administration on the part of the Council. The extra work included the building of the retaining wall at the Methodist church, the repair of the Garafraxa street bridge, and the recent installation of tile as well as the labor involved in putting the town drains in working condition.

The Town Hall Question

A letter was laid on the table from J. S. Lewis of Toronto, Provincial Fire Marshal, regarding the plans for the contemplated changes in the Town Hall. Mr. Lewis said that if the stage was to be removed to the north end of the building, and the entrance to be also from this end, then the Council must see to it that an additional fire exit was made to obviate danger in case it became necessary to vacate the building in a hurry. The exits on the building were not to pass an open window unless it was protected by metal shutters which were to be kept closed during the occupancy of the auditorium. The exits were also to be plainly marked from the inside and well lighted on the outside of the building, with adequate balcony accommodation.

Several communications were laid on the table, but were mostly of minor importance. One was from Rev. Jackson regarding a contemplated visit of his religious body to town this summer, in which he asked permission to erect tents on the lot adjoining the town hall. There was nothing done regarding this matter.

Reeve Bell's Report

Reeve Bell gave a report to the Council of the recent meeting of the County Council in Owen Sound. He said that it would go down as one of the slackest sessions in a long time, the principal matters being discussed being the county road problems. He said that the County Rate this year was up one-quarter of a mill from last year and stood at eight mills. Of this five mills were for the general county rate and the remaining three for the good roads program.

Referring to the county link at Durham, which extends from the Main House and out Lanbton street eastward to the overhead bridge, the Reeve stated that the Council wished to commence work on this some time this summer and complete it next year. For this purpose it was intended that the allowance granted to Durham, \$287.50, be withheld this year and next. To this Reeve Bell had taken serious objection, with the result that the building of the roadway would not likely be started until next spring, would be completed next year, and the grant to Durham withheld only for one year.

As the county took over the construction and maintenance of the 20-foot strip, a new departure had been made in the spending of the "come-back" to the town. Heretofore, all this money had to be spent on the connecting link, but in future the money may also be spent on any roads leading on to the link.

The Mayor and Reeve were appointed a committee to look into the matter of certain hospital bills which have been of much interest to the citizens during the past year or two.

The football ground was rapidly emptying after the match, when the policeman on duty espied a small boy disappearing over the boards.

"Hi, young feller," he shouted, pompously, "why don't you go out the same way as you came in?" "That's what I am doing," answered the urchin as he vanished.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

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