

### In Other Communities Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance

**Accident at Chesley**  
Mrs. Donald McDonald, wife of our local Massey-Harris man, met with a nasty accident one day last week. The family live above the implement shop and Mrs. McDonald puts out her washing on a line connected with her back kitchen, the clothes line being brought back and forward by a pulley. There is a platform at the rear of the kitchen and Mrs. McDonald uses this as a standing place for putting out her washing. The platform gave way at one end and Mrs. McDonald fell to the ground. The fall was broken by one end of the platform not giving way and Mrs. McDonald got off with bad bruises and a shaking up that will confine her to her bed for at least three weeks.—Chesley Enterprise.

**In Her 97th Year**  
On July 15th, Mrs. Annie Milne, the town's oldest citizen, celebrated her 97th birthday. Unlike Moses at 120 her natural death has somewhat abated, nevertheless, she eats quite heartily and her many friends hope this grand old pioneer mother of seven children, two sons and three daughters being spared to cheer and comfort her in the sunset of her life, may live to be a centenarian and still able to enjoy life.—Chesley Enterprise.

**Smokehouse Burned**  
On Monday night fire broke out in the smokehouse situated to the rear of Mr. J. W. Church's meat store. The fire which had gained considerable headway was noticed first by Mr. F. McEae who came up Norman street to sound the alarm. Mr. Marvin Howe, who was near the corner of Main and William St. conveyed the alarm to the station by means of his car and after giving the alarm to the night watchman at the plant hurried back to assist in a bucket brigade which had been formed and was instrumental both in getting the fire under control and checking it from spreading. The fire brigade used their hose to completely extinguish

### OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

**The Deadly Open Ditch**

Practically all of the highway building of the modern type in Canada and the enormous increase in traffic have come about in the last ten years. We have been frantically building hard-surfaced roadways while motorists literally waited at the barrier for the signal to go. Traffic is waiting all along the line for more highway in all directions. Where will it end?

Our Highway Departments have built good roads; they have surfaced the roads well; they have policed them and have put up danger signs. But over an enormous mileage there is that threatening open ditch at the roadside that becomes a mental hazard and a constant menace to traffic. No method of travel is 100 per cent. safe; a man on horseback may be thrown to the ground or even a pedestrian may step in a hole and sprain his ankle. We cannot obtain and never will, perhaps, absolute security and safety in transportation, but to go on building highways lined on both sides with deadly open ditches is altogether too wasteful of human life and property to continue long as an established government policy.

Any motorist driving at 30 or 35 miles an hour is only a fraction of a second from the ditch all the time; and any sudden interruption of traffic, especially on a congested highway, leaves the driver with only one alternative. To the left or the centre of the road the danger multiplies; to the right is the only escape, and that, in most cases, means destruction of the car and perhaps loss of life.

This menace to life and property could be largely removed by using tile in the ditches and leaving only a depression to carry off flood water. The roadway would be just as well or better drained, for open ditches are constantly filling in, necessitating upkeep costs or impaired efficiency.

Even at greater expense per mile of construction, if that be necessary, the deep open ditches should be eliminated; they will be in time, for this is only the beginning of motor transportation. And in the construction of highways it will be a wise policy to build well as we go rather than pile up mileage at the cost of human life.—Farmer's Advocate.

### Deserted Villages

Those who travel much along the highways and byways of our rural districts know that there are some mighty live communities in even sparsely-settled districts. There are also the communities that seem somnambulant, if not quite dead, to the casual observer. They have not even put up a sign board by which the passerby can identify them.

The signs of a live community are many, but in these warm summer days we think especially of the places we know where there is a community hall, a playground or a park. A park usually means at least one monster picnic that is a red letter day once a year, as well as countless lesser outings under the auspices of small groups and families. It should mean that there is at least one game organized for frequent play. Soft ball teams do

much to build up civic pride in these lively districts. Tennis has its devotees, and for the little children there are swings and teeters.

A community is not a mechanism equipped with a self-starter. A live community is the natural development when the people are alive to their opportunities and responsibilities. If the people, young and old, have no means of self expression and are in the habit of looking always to the distant city for their amusement and outings, the community may some day expect to find itself listed in the sad record of Deserted Villages—deserted at least by the young and the enterprising, who might just as well have kept at home.—Farmer's Advocate.

**Lived 70 Years in Bentinck**  
Very rarely indeed does anyone—especially in this age—who has lived to a ripe old age, pass his whole life under one roof, but that was the experience of Mr. Moses Jacklin of Bentinck township, who passed to his reward at the old homestead on Thursday last at the age of 69 years and 41 months. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Jacklin, he was born at the old homestead where he died. He had been ailing for the past three months or so with heart trouble, but, during his long life, he had been blessed with remarkably good health.

The late Mr. Jacklin was a tall, striking looking man, and in earlier years more particularly took a prominent part in the affairs of his native township. He was honored with the Residency about 35 years ago, after serving a term in the Council. He also acted as Assessor of Bentinck for 3 years, and was a trustee of the Allan Park school for 36 years. He held strong political views and was of the Liberal persuasion, and was a member of Christ Church, Allan Park.

While somewhat bluff and outspoken in his manner of address, the late Mr. Jacklin concealed a very kindly heart and during his long life retained the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends. He married Miss Ann Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Bentinck in 1885. Their marriage was blessed with seven children, all living. He also leaves one brother Aaron of Brant township, and one sister, Mrs. George Brown of Bentinck, to mourn his passing.

The funeral, which took place to the Hanover cemetery on Sunday afternoon, was very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Allison was in charge.—Hanover Post.



Hon. Mrs. Loel Guinness, one of the most beautiful of English aristocrats, is to take up residence in Pittsburg, Pa., with her husband, who has been placed in charge of his father's business in that city. Before her marriage a year ago, Mrs. Guinness was Hon. Joan Yarde-Buller, daughter of Lord and Lady Churston.

### MOVIES

**"ONCE AND FOREVER" COMING TO VETERANS STAR THEATRE**  
"Once and Forever" a Tiffany production which will be the feature picture attraction at the Veterans Star Theatre Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4, is said to be an intensely gripping and dramatic story of adolescent love with the locale laid in France just prior, during and after the World War. The story, which is an original by Houston Branch, was founded on an actual occurrence witnessed by the author while in France during the hostilities.

**THRILLS AND CHILLS ARE MIXED IN VERNON COMEDY**  
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The following from the last issue of the Canadian National Parks Association Bulletin is reproduced in the hope it will have some effect against the present practice of tourists, motorists and many residents who wantonly destroy the wild-flower life of the country. Whether or not we will all agree with its contents the article is written by one who has made an intensive study of our floral life and is worth reading. It says:

"Possibly nothing is so much a part of our lives from the cradle to the grave as flowers. Set the infant down amongst wild flowers, and immediately he wants to eat them all. Then the wee toddler arrives with something for 'Mom.' The chubby little 'fist will only contain a badly crushed dandelion. In his eyes it is very precious.

"We all remember the school-room the morning after the circus. No one had done any homework, so our teacher's desk looked like a condensed flower show. The dear old lady (May her grave be covered with violets!) tried to look very ferocious and pretended she could not find her strap, till Fatty puffed in ten minutes late with a bouquet of seven enormous sunflowers for 'Teacher.' Then she had to laugh, and we roared. She stood the sunflowers in the corner where she had so often stood Fatty and gave us all double homework, which we all carefully prepared. Next comes the careful selection of flowers for the 'only girl' and the sight of the obnoxious bunch the other fellow brought. So it goes on all through life; in times of joy and times of grief flowers will bring messages of goodwill and hope into our lives.

"In isolated parts of our great national parks wild flowers are so beautiful, so plentiful, and in such variety, that one is filled with rapture akin to reverence at the knowledge that so much beauty could be found in one place. It is difficult to realize that there was a time when beautiful flowers grew in profusion all over the park. The thoughtless and excessive gathering of flowers has completely removed many of the most beautiful examples from the easily accessible places where weeds now predominate.

"The threatened extinction of the most attractive of our park wild flowers has become a serious problem to the park authorities. The distinction between a flower and a weed is in a measure only a question of scarcity or abundance; their desirability depends as a rule on their rarity. The man who could so popularize the dandelion, the stink-weed and the thistle that they would be gathered in preference to the avalanche lily, the columbine and the lady's slipper, would become immensely popular.

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with the park authorities; they would at least name a fine high mountain after him, or possibly an entire park. Unfortunately the gathering of a bouquet of these weeds would create about the same amount of hilarity as the amateur duck hunter proudly displaying his bag of mud hens.

"According to the park laws, the man who chops down a lot of beautiful park trees merely to hear them crash, and the man who fills his car with wild flowers merely to throw them out withered and useless at the next stop, are both equally guilty and both are liable to a heavy fine. While ninety-nine out of every hundred tourists would view with satisfaction the arrest and subsequent punishment of the tree chopper, only one out of the same hundred would not consider the flower waster a victim of oppression were the same treatment meted out to him as to the tree chopper. The reason is that flower picking has become a universal habit, which habit on the part of a selfish or greedy individual becomes a nuisance, depriving others of the enjoyment of flowers which he only appreciates in the setting. A striking contrast is the lover of flowers who gathers sparingly and carefully preserves his specimens for reference, or visits the growing flower many times to study its development.

"If the tourist would only realize that the unpicked flower will retain its beauty for days and add greatly to the pleasure of many future tourists, while the picked flower only lasts a half-hour or so, when it becomes a sorry wreck and is thrown away in disgust to bring no pleasant memories to anyone!

The members of many societies are pledged to do one act of kindness each day. Organize a society of your own; organize a society of the park and the pleasure of your fellow tourists by allowing the wild flowers to mature."

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