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Careless Driver Pays Damages
Damages amounting to \$2,500 with costs, were awarded Duncan Johnson, Mining farmer formerly of Mara township, for injuries received when he was struck by a car driven by Walter Ross, also of Mara, in an accident on the highway north of Orillia on October 8, 1927. The case was heard by Justice McEvoy at the adjourned sittings of the Assize Court last Friday.

Johnson, a man of 70 years, was coming home from a threshing and was alighting from an auto in front of the house of a farmer named Eyers when struck by Ross going in the same direction. Johnson received terrible head injuries and was in the hospital a long time. Doctors' and nurses' bills amounted to \$774.

His Lordship found that Ross had not exercised ordinary care. When he saw a car stop in front of him he should have assumed someone was going to alight and slowed down. He said a pedestrian had every right to get out of an auto on the traffic side of the road and the fact that Ross had 18 feet of roadway to pass was in itself evidence of carelessness.

Evidence of a doctor was that Johnson would never be the same. Since the accident he suffers dizzy spells and his memory has failed badly. He said he remembered nothing from the time he stepped off the running board on to the roadway.—Midland Argus.

Great Hockeyist Barred
At a meeting of the O. H. A. executive in Toronto on Friday last and at which Dr. McGue and Messrs. Campbell Grant, P. A. Lambertus and Leonard Trushinski attended as a delegation from Walkerton, an effort was renewed to secure a certificate for Trushinski to play with the Walkerton team this year, but as the O. H. A. held that this great hockeyist had been too much of a tourist, or in other words, had changed about too much in the past, they are withholding his certificate so far as playing in O. H. A. group games in this district is concerned. Should Walkerton win its group, it was intimated they would

remove the ban and allow Trushinski to help the team carry its triumphs as far down the country as they can go. He is conceded to be one of the fastest hockey players Ontario has produced and his presence in Walkerton, where he has a permanent position, promises to be a great boon to local hockeydom. The Hockey Club have arranged for the use of the rink every Saturday morning, and Trushinski will teach high school students and other young hockey material, free gratis, some of the fine points of the game.—Walkerton Times.

Unknown Auto Strikes Woman
A serious accident occurred on Wednesday evening at six o'clock on the corner of Eighth and Hurontario Streets, when an unknown car, driving at a terrific speed, struck Miss Maud Bannister, throwing her from her bicycle to the road. The mystery car did not stop but made a hasty getaway from the scene of the accident leaving the unfortunate victim unconscious by the roadside.

Apparently no one saw the accident and Miss Bannister lay for some time unnoticed.

Mr. Bert Brown, driving south, saw a bicycle in the centre of the road, swerved sharply to avoid striking the vehicle, when his eye caught a huddled body to his right, lying face down on the road side. He stopped his car, picked Miss Bannister up and carried her to a nearby house where medical aid was summoned. She was found to be suffering from a badly cut head and several body bruises.

Miss Bannister stated that the speeding auto was travelling southward, the same direction she was bound. She heard the roar of the motor and saw the glaring headlights, the next instant the car struck her bicycle. "The car," she said, "did not stop, but tore on leaving me on the road."

Apparently no person saw or heard anything of the accident, and the unknown driver has made a clean getaway.

Miss Bannister was taken to her home on Robinson Street, where she is now confined to bed.—Collingwood Enterprise.

MARSHALL FAMILY HONORED BEFORE MOVING TO HANOVER
On Wednesday evening, November 28, one hundred friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, Hampden, to bid farewell to these life-long residents of the community, before leaving for their new home in Hanover. During the evening, Mr. Michael Evers called Mr. and Mrs. Marshall to the centre of the dining room, where Mrs. M. Evers read an address and Mrs. N. Schenk presented them with an electric floor lamp. Following is the address:

"To Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall: Dear Friends: We have assembled here tonight to spend a few social hours with you before your departure from our immediate midst. As you are not going far, we will still have the pleasure of neighboring with you in a sense but we felt we could not let you leave without expressing our appreciation of you as neighbors and friends. You were unsurpassed—a joy to know, ever ready to give a helping hand, sharing our joys and lightening our cares. We treasure that high and noble type of friendship. As you leave this community, we hope you may yet be spared many years of health and happiness and that you will always remember the happy bygone years spent with your old friends in this neighborhood. May God's richest blessing always attend you. Come to see us often, that we may still share the benefit of your valued friendship and example. As a token of our sincere regard for you, we ask you to accept this gift as a small remembrance.—Signed on behalf of the Hampden community."

Both recipients responded and expressed thanks to one and all for their kind words and beautiful remembrance. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in a social way.

A LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER
(By Clara McCreery)
I get a little paper from a little country town—
A far cry from the dailies, that on Sundays weigh us down;
It's printed every Friday, and it has no supplement,
No colored rotogravure, but I'm always glad it's sent.

It gives no clever verses by the syndicated bards,
But states that Mrs. Williams entertained some friends at cards;
"Ye scribe" saw Judge McArthur shaking hands with friends today;
It says the Curtis family sold out and moved away.

On Boulder Dam it's silent, and there's nothing on finance—
It tells that the Rebekahs gave an installation dance.
That Miss Day is returning soon to open up her school,
That Alexander Hargrave lost a valuable mule.

It's glad that Jimmy Gallagher can be around again
It claims that the alfalfa crop is much in need of rain;
The supervisors voted for the road work to commence;
Will Anderson hauled lumber for his new garage and fence.

The worldly ones may smile at it, but there are tender smiles—
These home town items form a bond through many years and miles.
Oh, little country paper, with your little weekly talks!
I like to wander with you down remembered roads and walks.

REAL GOOD IN LIFE
For myself, I am certain that the good of human life cannot lie in the possession of things which for one man to possess is for the rest to lose, but rather in things which all can possess alike and where one man's wealth promotes his neighbors'—Spinoza.

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS
Some weeks ago The Chronicle editorially referred to the habit of some of us who sigh for "the good old days" when everything was cheap and life, apparently, held more than it does today with its hustle and bustle and commercialism. Our opinion then expressed was not favorable to the return of these days for the simple reason that we would not put up with it. The following from the pen of Mrs. J. Hely-Hutchinson in a recent number of The Women's Guild of Empire Bulletin, should be read by those who seem dissatisfied with present living conditions:

Our Saxon ancestors admired long hair and beards and a shaven face for short hair was a sign of slavery. Thus before marriage a girl's hair was worn long, after marriage it was cut as a sign of servitude. When a girl married she was required to bake a loaf of bread to prove she was proficient as a housekeeper. This is the ancestor of our wedding cake. The introduction and slow spread of Christianity made manners a little more gentle and the monks became the first doctors of the people and the monasteries the first hospitals. Unhappily their knowledge was not equal to their enthusiasm.

The last invasion of England was that of the Normans in 1066. Having subdued the entire country they set about the governing thereof and are notable for having introduced taxation. William the Conqueror made the Domesday Book in which ever house, mill, fishpond, field and wood is recorded, mostly by the names in existence today. On that register the people were taxed. The Normans built themselves very solid castles of stone, but these, though they had windows, had no glass. The castles had one room upstairs, where the whole family slept, and a big hall downstairs, where everyone lived. The fire was in the middle of the room, smoke escaping through a hole in the roof. They introduced linen sheets, tablecloths, and cloth coverings for beds.

When things settled down after the conquest, houses grew smaller, and less like castles. Tapestry was hung on the walls to keep out draughts, but they had no carpets—rugs were strewn upon the floors and were very seldom changed. Glass was still too expensive for anything but royal palaces; and it was risky carrying it over the rough tracks of this period. By royal command of 1238 a window of glass was put in the Queen's bedroom, "so that the room be not so windy as it used to be," but the houses even of the richest were exposed to all the winds of heaven. The houses of the poor were simply huts, with not even the comforts of cloth or tapestry on the walls or rushes on the floor. Neither rich nor poor had any of the things we consider necessities today, such as soap, tea, coffee, sugar, tobacco, green vegetables, potatoes, or salt. They had no amusements except for wandering troupes of minstrels or singers. Their chief pleasure was their food. They were fearfully greedy and ate enough food in one day to last us about a month. Here is a menu for a little mediaeval dinner at 10 a.m.—

First course—Boar's head larded and potage. Beef, mutton, legs of pork, roast swan, rabbit tart.
Second course—Deer potage, mallard, pheasant, chickens, stuffed and roasted. Roast teal, woodcock, snipe malachis baked.
Third course—Rabbits in gravy, hare potage, pork pies.

Our ancestors ate with their fingers having no spoons or forks. A man brought his own knife to meals and two people shared one plate which was made of wood. The books of the period were full of directions as to how to eat. Owing to over-eating, lack of green vegetables, and unhealthy conditions lives were very short and most people died between the ages of 40 and 50. Endless disease was caused by dirt in the streets and houses. Doctors in those days, and until the beginning of the nineteenth century, were hopelessly ignorant and must have killed far more people than they cured. No houses, rich or poor, had any passages, so four poster beds with curtains were introduced to secure a little privacy. Carpets had been introduced from the East by the Crusaders and fire places were an improvement on the fires in the middle of the floor. Considering all these things it is well to pause before sighing over "the Good Old Days"

SURFACE DRAINING
BIG AID TO FARMING
The purpose of this article is to suggest ways and means of removing surplus water from low lying areas during the autumn and spring, so that ordinary farm operations can be commenced on these about the time that the higher areas in the same field are ready for spring work. Many articles and bulletins have been written concerning open ditches and underdrainage for farm lands. These do not usually apply where surface drainage is required and can be used on hundreds of farms where other methods are expensive and sometimes unnecessary, says J. A. Clark, Superintendent of Dominion Experimental Farms.

The first and simplest method of making a surface drain, to remove standing and free water from a low area in a field, is to open a furrow with a plow along the lowest contour

of the area in the autumn, to a ditch or natural watercourse. Make sure that the water can get away through some outlet. This can be done, not only in cultivated fields, but even in the meadows if the sod be rolled back again before the grass starts in the spring.

Another method of surface draining is accomplished by ribbing up the land in the late autumn along the natural contours and then lead the water from these by a plow furrow to a natural or artificial outlet.

The third and more permanent method of surface drainage is that of plowing the low areas in narrow lands towards the same crowns. The dead furrows should lead to natural outlets or artificial ditches. This method is very common in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and could be used to advantage on many farms in the Maritime provinces.

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