

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

#### How Taxes Grow

Mr. James Martin, of West Gafra, believes in systematically keeping records of his farm business. His father before him followed the same practice with the result that Mr. Martin is now in a position to give some very interesting data regarding the business of the fine farm, the old Thos. Martin homestead, which he now owns. Among other things Mr. Martin has a record of the amount of taxes paid on the property since 1880. The record goes back further to 1870 but the amount for this year and for 1875 is all that was obtainable.

In 1870 the total amount of taxes levied on his farm was \$2.45. No wonder people sigh for the good old days. In 1875 the taxes had materially increased until they had reached the sum of \$15.48. Years later they were still further increased and amounted to \$36.03. From then on the record is complete down to the present year when the annual tax bill called for \$135.45. Until 1900 the progress while steadily forward, was comparatively slow, and municipal and county councils were able in 20 years to stiffen the rate to only \$37.60. In 1910 the rate had reached \$38.08. In the next five years the real taxation boom commenced and in 1915 the taxes amounted to \$78.86 and five years later, in 1920, the amount was \$119.84. The war was then over and a reduction had been expected, but such was not the case. The peak was reached in 1922, when the farm's taxation amounted to \$114.26 with 1926 a close second at \$142.43.—Clifford Express.

#### The Village Snow Plow

Our new snow plow that at the beginning of winter brought welcome relief to residents on the side streets by clearing the snow from the sidewalks, seems to have petered out to a condition of uselessness. The implement was sold to us as a one-horse outfit, equipped with the heavy layer of the beautiful that descended upon us proved too heavy and tollsome for one steed, so it was hitched behind a team. But the pair of equines crowded each other on the narrow way so that they could no longer be driven on the job. Then another team was tried out, but their owner declined to engage further in the walk-cleaning operations and so the plow has not been used for the latest snowfalls. It has been suggested that a tandem team might do the work, but so far this has not been demonstrated. We still have the snow plow, however, and in the interests of the common people, it should be kept on the job, if at all possible.—Paisley Advocate.

#### Unfortunate Accident

Mrs. Arthur Dickison of the 13th concession of Carrick was the victim of a very unfortunate and painful accident last Friday evening. Mr. Dickison attended a sale at Hanover in the afternoon where he purchased a horse and brought the animal with him after dark. Mrs. Dickison took the lantern out to the barn to assist in stabling the newly purchased equine. The horse, new to its surroundings, became frightened as it entered the shed, and bolted. In its flight it collided with a rack, and the impact was so forceful that the rack was thrown against Mrs. Dickison. Her injury was very painful, and Dr. Carpenter

was immediately summoned. He found that a fracture of the leg above the knee had been sustained. Mrs. Dickison is doing as well as can be expected but it will be some months before she regains the proper use of her limbs.—Mildmay Gazette.

#### Creamery Receives Trophy

The imposing silver trophy donated by Hon. Geo. S. Henry, for the highest scoring butter exhibit at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto last Fall, and won by Paisley Creamery, was received a few days ago. It is a fine piece of silverware, in which every patron of the creamery may share in the pride of possession, as it is only by co-operation of cream producer and co-operation of cream producer and co-operation of cream producer that such excellent results are attained as to bring into our midst such an insignia of merit.—Paisley Advocate.

#### House Burned

Clive Irwin, lot 28, concession 8 east, Mono, had his brick residence destroyed by fire, Tuesday afternoon of last week. The chimney had been on fire at noon but apparently had been completely put out. About two o'clock, when Mr. Irwin was at the barn doing the chores, his brother at the farm across the road, saw smoke coming from the roof again, and gave the alarm, but the fire had made too much headway this time to be got under control. The west wall also fell in. The contents of the house, or most of them, were saved. Only last Christmas eve Mr. Irwin lost his driving shed and garage by fire.—Shelburne Free Press and Economist.

#### New Parish Hall

At a special vestry meeting held at the Church of the Messiah on Thursday evening last, that congregation decided to fill a long felt need by erecting this spring a parish hall at an expenditure of \$4,500. The new hall is to be joined to the northwest corner of the present edifice. It will be used as a Sunday school room and meeting place of the various church organizations.—Kincairdine Review-Reporter.

#### Chain Farms

We have in this country chain grocery stores, chain drug stores, chain hardware stores, chain butcher shops, and chain small wares, and the speed with which they have multiplied and covered the country seems to point to a profitable trade. And now we have Virgil Jordon of the National Industries Council Board of the United States, boldly questioning whether the present system of small farms, owned and operated by the individual farmer, is not doomed to be replaced by something better. He stated that out of a total of 6,500,000 farms in the United States only 800,000 were a financial success, and it is reported that some chain farms are being operated by banks and insurance companies and are remarkably successful. The claim is made that in sections where the ordinary farm produces forty bushels of corn to the acre at a cost of twenty-six dollars, the chain farm produces seventy bushels to the acre at a cost of twenty-nine dollars; and the return in the investments in chain farms is said to be from six to thirteen per cent. In Central Illinois one tract of 7,500 acres, involving thirty-two former separate holdings, is being operated with a tenant on each

farm with a superintendent over the whole. This is rather a new development in farming and from the national view, rather an unwelcome one. A thousand or a million farmers, each owning and operating his own small farm, are much to be preferred to the same number of tenant farmers, who have little opportunity and possibly small desire to own their farms.—New Outlook.

#### Priceville

##### (Our Own Correspondent)

The Guild spent a very social and enjoyable evening on Wednesday last, when there were about forty present. A splendid paper was given by Mr. Robert Whittaker on "The Royal Road" and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Readings were given by Misses Sadie Carson, Gladys Hincks and Margaret MacPhail and a recitation by Mr. Robert Whittaker. Mr. Colin McLean gave some fine music on the violin, accompanied by his son Jimmie on the piano. They responded graciously to an encore. Then a spelling match was enjoyed. Miss Mabel Nichol and Mr. Jack Carson were the captains. A prize was given to the ones who stayed up the longest. The winners were Miss Jean McLean, A. L. Hincks, Robert Whittaker and Murray Nichol. Then a contest was indulged in after which a lunch of pie and a cup of tea was served. The proceeds were \$7.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin McLean visited one night recently at Mr. H. R. MacLeans.

Don't forget the play "The Little Clodhopper" to be presented on Friday night, February 22, in the McKinnon Hall. The play is humorous all through and will keep you laughing. Plan to be there.

Mr. Stanley Harrison and friend of Ormore spent Sunday at Mr. A. L. Hincks.

Miss Jennie Calder and brother Jim of Fairbairn are spending a few days at McCuaig's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson of Swinton Park spent the week-end at Mr. Alex. Carson's.

Mr. Alroy McLean of Orangeville Business College is spending a few days at his home.

The Willing Helpers had a very pleasant meeting on Friday. The missionary meeting was at two with Mrs. Corry presiding. Then Mr. Corry gave a splendid talk on Missionary work. Mr. Corry led in prayer. Immediately afterwards the Willing Helpers had their meeting. The President, Mrs. J. Nichol in the chair, considerable business was done and plans and preparations made for the future. It was decided that we have another parlor social on Friday, March 8th. Keep that date in mind. Committee in charge are Mrs. H. R. McLean, Mrs. Colin A. McLean, Mrs. J. McMeekin, Mrs. W. J. MacMillan; Doorkeepers, Miss Mary McEachern, Mrs. Dan Stewart. It is to be held at the home of Mr. John Nichol. We hope to have a large crowd.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. Hermie McLean is not well. He had been working in the bush and after coming home he took a severe pain around his heart. Dr. Milne was called and he called it a heart cramp. A nurse was sent for from Markdale and they phoned for his daughter, Doris, in Toronto, who came home Friday night. We are glad to know that the patient is much better.

A moccasin dance was held on the rink in the Agricultural hall on Friday night when a good time was enjoyed. Miss Lottie Whittaker returned home from Flesherton after spending some time there, she is at present waiting on Mrs. Purdy, who is very ill.

Priceville Young People's Guild intend putting on their play "The Little Clodhopper" at Swinton Park on Friday, March 1, so hope the weather keeps fine.

Mrs. Meecham and family and Miss Jean McLachlan intend leaving this Tuesday morning for Woodbridge, to reside there.

#### Varney

##### (Our Own Correspondent)

Dr. G. M. Leeson and Miss Maggie McNeice spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Leeson. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eden, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. Eden.

Mr. William Lennox, of Saskatchewan, who was spending the winter with his brother and sister here, left Monday for his home in the West.

Mr. Lorne Allan got a pleasant surprise Monday night when friends and neighbors gathered at his home and presented Mr. Allan with a full purse. The evening was spent in music and dancing.

Mr. R. J. Eden has had a new radio installed in his home this week.

William Long has been helping Wm. Gordon get up a large pile of timber for the buzz saw. It is nice to have lots of wood for the cold weather.

Mrs. Norman J. Kerr is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell and brother Harry. The Ladies Aid are having a social evening at the home of William Caldwell on Wednesday night, February 20. A good time is expected.

#### Crawford

##### (Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. Andrew Hastie and Dougald were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mighton.

Miss Elsie Boyce has returned home after spending a pleasant week with Durham friends.

Mr. Herb Livingstone of near Elm-

wood was helping his uncle, Mr. Duncan Livingstone the past week. We are pleased to report the latter is improved in health.

Mr. Thomas Boyle from the West visited last week at the home of Mr. Archie McDougall. He attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Milne.

Another former resident of Crawford has passed the Great Beyond in the person of Mrs. Annie Milne, who departed this life on February 6, 1923, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Kidd, of Chesley. Mr. and Mrs. Milne and four children came to the 12th Concession, Bentinck, in 1866.

She was a good Christian woman, a devoted wife and a kind and gentle mother. Mr. and Mrs. Milne helped to establish Crawford Presbyterian church and were for years earnest co-workers in the different organizations of the church and community. She was in her 97th year and had been in good health up to four years ago. The pall bearers included two from Crawford, namely, Mr. D. J. McDonald and Mr. A. J. McDonald. Six children are living to mourn the loss of a devoted and self-sacrificing mother: Mrs. R. T. Kidd (Elizabeth); Andrew, of 8th Concession Brant; Mrs. Selkirk Morrison, (Jessie) of Meaford; John, of Langdon, North Dakota; Mrs. Ewing (Mary) of Buffalo and James C., of 7th Concession Elderisle.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The regular monthly meeting of the C.Y.P.S. met on Thursday, February 14. The program was in charge of Mr. George Hastie and Mr. Herman Bierworth. The former occupied the chair. Following the opening hymn Mr. James McDougall led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was read by Miss Myrtle McDonald. A quartette composed of Messrs. R. McCaslin, K. McCaslin, H. Weirmer and H. Belworth, sang the hymn "Saved by Grace". Valentine recitations were well given by Miss Evelyn Hastie and Master Bobbie Hastie. The main item on the program was the debate, "Resolved that human happiness depends upon the observance of the Ten Commandments". The affirmative was upheld by Miss Esther Petty and Mrs. Geo. Hastie, while M. H. Bierworth and Mr. W. Krauter argued the negative. It was quite apparent to all which side was the easier to uphold. The judges, who were Rev. M. Young, John McDonald and D. J. McDonald, were unanimous in their decision of the affirmative. It was also unanimous that the four speakers did remarkably well. The meeting closed by all repeating the Lord's prayer. Two contests "Sweets for My Valentine" and "Hearts" closed the evening's program.

We wish to convey to Mr. William Lunney and family our sincere sympathy in their hour of sad bereavement. The late Mrs. Lunney lived for a number of years in the vicinity of Crawford and was known as a kind neighbor, a true and loving mother and a friend to all in time of sorrow or need. Truly it may be said that a good mother has been called to her eternal rest.

Edge Hill

(Our Own Correspondent)

Miss Alma Robinson left on Monday for Owen Sound where she will begin her course of training for a nurse at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffat and family of town visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchie.

Mr. Arthur Edge has torn down the old house on the Bank's place. This was one of the oldest houses in the neighborhood but nothing remains now but the chimney.

Miss Hazel Beaton was able to resume her teaching duties last week, though she still feels the effects of the injuries received at the tobogganing party.

The children had a valentine party at the school on Thursday afternoon. A number of the younger children were present and each and all received valentines.

Mr. Alex. Vaughan has been reappointed patrolman in the upper division while in the lower division Mr. W. R. Weir has been appointed in the place of Mr. Albert McNally, who is moving to Gravenston.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bebb, on Friday evening. Games, music and dancing were the amusements.

Our Assessor, Mr. E. A. Weppler, is on his annual rounds and last week placed his valuation upon the various farm holdings in this vicinity. He is a very competent official.

#### SOMETHING ABOUT METALS

Metals have five degrees of lustre—splendid, shining, glistening, glimmering and dull.

All metals can be vaporized, or exist as a gas, by application to them of their appropriate temperature of conversion.

Repeated hammering of a metal renders it brittle; reheating it restores its tenacity.

Repeated melting of iron renders it harder, and up to twelfth time it becomes stronger.

Platinum is the most ductile of all metals.

#### Holiday Spirits

They had dined well and were riding home in a street car.

First Man: "What time is it?"

Second Man: (after extracting a match box from his pocket and gazing at it intently): "Thursday."

First Man: "Heavens. Then I've got to get off here."

Dear Ruth Raeburn I am enclosing so turn for help you various times. I have why try them will cry as we do.

Baked Finnan 1 finnan haddie, 1 ful fine dry bread. Soak the fish in cold water for at least half an hour. Then open it in a greased pan with top mixed bread-crumbs over a large flat brown, lift the hot platter, pour the hot liquid, pour the hot liquid, pour the hot liquid, pour the hot liquid, sprinkle finely minced.

Fish Cakes 1 finnan haddie or fish, 1 oz. butter, 2 eggs, pepper and salt. Cook and flake in baking dish. Beat milk. Season and cut butter in slices, firm and brown.

Tuna Fish 1 can Tuna fish, 2 crumbs, 2 tsp. lemon parsley, 1/2 tsp. salt, eggs well beaten. Mix all and steam over with one can peas, covered as sauce.

Macaroni and Salmon 1 cup salmon, 2 cup onion, 1/2 cup thick white cracker crumbs, 1 egg juice, 1 tsp. salt. Add salmon, marinate in white sauce, firm. Shape into croquettes in beaten egg and then in deep fat.

Fish Balls Wash and dry any four or five pounds of cod and pepper, and place in pan. Pour over it a quantity of tomatoes, a large onion and a large spoonful of sley. Add pepper and all one half cupful of melted butter and then bake well done.

Fish Balls Shred cold, flaky fish fine and add a sauce of 1/2 ounce of butter, one flour, and half a cupful all into a saucepan. Turn the very thick. When two beaten eggs, pepper drop the mixture, fry in boiling fat, or fry with frying pan.

Fish Cakes 1 cupful of any starch, 1 cupful of cold mashed potatoes, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 cup hot water, 1/2 cup hot thick water. Mix together the fish and add the salt, minced parsley. Moisten with the white sauce with unseasoned and turn into pan in which the butter melted. Let it cook rich brown, fold over it and serve on a hot platter border of hot, diced, and parsley garnish.