

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Fair of Kincardine Township, who, about 3 o'clock on March 4 disturbed a man or some men, alleged by him, to have been interfering with his geese. Two of his birds disappeared. He arrived in time to see a car leave his farm. Last Thursday James Hewitt of Greenock was apprehended, and he is charged with theft. Later charges were laid against John Douglas, Kincardine Township and Wilfred Schuler, Greenock, suspected of having been accomplices of Hewitt. These cases will be heard at Kincardine on April 1.—Walkerton Telescope.

A Kiss That Was Escorted
A kiss that might have brought a "thank you" from many a spinster, and make her conjure up orange blossoms and confetti in the sweet subsequently, did not have the same salutary effect on a young married lady, from whom a nery youth is alleged to have stolen one at the dance in the Town Hall on Monday night. In fact the grieved matron was horrified at such liberties and complained to the authorities, so it is just possible that the smack, unless it can be shown to be a case of mistaken identity or some other equally good alibi, may prove to be a costly performance. Flaming youth has a standing example of what kind of war Paris had on his hands when he looked too fondly at Helen of Troy, and realize that the single ladies, rather than the married ones, are the kind to rave about.—Walkerton Times.

Thrown From Mount
Horseback riding may have its thrills but there are times when it also has its spills, as Mr. Alex. Pleasance, clerk in Luckam's Drug Store, came to realize on Sunday afternoon. Mounted on one of Schell Bros' livery horses, Alex was giving a fair demonstration of bareback riding when some one whistled at him and in turning his head to see from whom came the musical salute he also turned the head of his mount which swung around suddenly and unceremoniously precipitated its rider face downwards in the mud. To make things more unpleasant for our townsman, the horse stepped on Alex's head, but fortunately without allowing its full weight to rest on the fallen man's cranium, with the result that he escaped from the mishap with no more serious injury than a discolored eye and a scratched face.—Port Elgin Times.

Unstained Serious Injuries
Mrs. Charles Cottrill of Greenock sustained severe injuries when on Saturday evening last, she in some unexplained manner lost her footing and fell headlong down a flight of stairs in her home. Although the exact details of how the accident occurred are still unknown, it is believed that the unfortunate lady was starting downstairs when she lost her footing and was hurled to the bottom of the steps. Dr. Tucker of Paisley was immediately summoned, and after determining the extent of Mrs. Cottrill's injuries, had her taken to Walkerton hospital. One arm is believed to have sustained a compound fracture while the other arm also broken. The nose is not broken; was at first believed but the injured dy's face and head were badly cut and bruised.—Paisley Advocate.

Stolen Geese Case
Since the country roads have reopened for motoring, Provincial Constables Nelson and McClevis, the latter in headquarters at Hanover have seen very busy. One of the complaints they investigated was that of Stanley



SIR THOMAS AGAIN SEEKS CUP
Workmen in the bows of the new "Shamrock V", work on which is now being rushed to completion at Gosport, England. In this stout craft Sir Thomas Lipton (inset) will make his fifth attempt to win the America's Cup, which has been in possession of the United States ever since 1851.

by the pilfering of a number of such like "lax-moralled" people and made the charge that a salutary example might be made and taken as a warning by the rest. The man pleaded guilty and the sentimental circumstances surrounding the particular incident induced the Magistrate to give the man a suspended sentence, coupled with the obligation of reporting to the police once every three months and giving an account of his well doing, which in the past has not been of the highest order. The decision was an instance of the tempering of justice with mercy. Leigh H. Snider acted for the accused.—Wlarton Echo.

Fergus Man Suicided
William Archibald Stewart, aged 24, a traveller from Fergus, hanged himself with his necktie on Saturday night in a cell in Court street police station. Stewart was found in a dying condition by Police Constable Willis, and was rushed to St. Michael's hospital, where death was pronounced. Stewart was arrested about 10.30 p.m. on charges of drunkenness and B.L.C.A.. A taxi driver who had been driving him about Toronto drove him to Court street station to make a complaint of the passenger refusing to pay his bill. About 11.40 o'clock P. C. Willis was in the corridor when he was attracted by groaning from the cell in which Stewart had been locked. Opening the door, he found the man's body suspended by a necktie that had been fastened around the water pipe. The officers in charge rendered first aid while an ambulance was being summoned, but without success. The body was released from the hospital to relatives on Sunday, and was taken to Fergus for burial.

Convicted on Charge of Drunkenness
Constable Leitch registered a conviction before Magistrate Walker in the case of the Paisley man whom he prosecuted on a charge of being drunk in a public place. This was the case of disturbance mentioned last week. For the prosecution the only witness heard was the constable, who in his evidence alleged that the defendant was in a state of intoxication, also that he, the constable, had warned the accused several times against being drunk. Three witnesses were called by the defence in an effort to prove that, as he himself swore, the defendant was not drunk. The Magistrate preferred to accept the officer's statements and imposed a fine of \$15 and costs of \$5.50 with the alternative of ten days in jail. In rendering his decision, the Court admonished the constable not to temporize with drunks on our streets, to use judgment in deciding whether to escort them home quietly, to lay a charge against them, or if necessary in the case of those who repeatedly offend arrest them and, in the absence of a fit place in which to lock them up here, to take them to jail in the county town. Campbell Grant of Walkerton was the counsel for the prosecution and D. Forrester, of Paisley for the defendant.—Paisley Advocate.

Almost Asphyxiated with Coal Gas
Mr. and Mrs. James Whitehead, prominent residents of the town are in the Bruce County Hospital as the result of being almost asphyxiated by coal gas escaping from the furnace at their home at a late hour Wednesday. They had not as yet retired when about 11 o'clock Mrs. Whitehead, who was the first to feel the effects of the gas, complained of feeling ill, and as she showed signs of collapse, Mr. Whitehead hurried to the phone and summoned Dr. Thos. A. Sinclair, who lives near by. When Dr. Sinclair arrived he found Mr. Whitehead also in a state of collapse, and as he sank to the floor, the physician endeavored to assist him to bed, but the patient being a very heavy man, the doctor found he had no easy task. It was while engaged in this arduous work that the physician himself was overcome by the gas and had to be assisted home where Dr. Stalker was summoned, to treat the now prostrate medico. In the meantime neighbors and others had arrived at the Whitehead home, and Dr. Robinson, who was summoned, succeeded in reviving the prostrate couple sufficient to permit their removal to the hospital, where, although in a very alling state, they are now advancing rapidly towards recovery.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

Opening Highway
Two snowplows have been at work the past few days, attempting to open up Highway No. 10 between Dundalk and Flesherston. Starting on Saturday, work was commenced at the Dundalk

corner. Work was continued on Sunday and Monday and at latest report the road had been cleared as far as Bennett's. Great difficulty was experienced in plowing the heavy, ice-packed road at the Bert Osland hill and in front of Wm. Bennett's. Despite the fact that the road is not plowed through to Flesherston the cars are running, and can continue to do so until milder weather softens the snow. On Thursday last a plow attempted to buck the drifts at the Dundalk corner, using a truck with four-wheel drive as motive power, a rear axle broke, and the plow started for Shelburne for repairs, near Corbetton a front axle snapped. The damaged machine was towed into Shelburne, where repairs were effected. This week's Shelburne Economist says: Two of the highway snowplows got four miles north of Dundalk on Monday in an effort to clear Highway No. 10 for motor traffic when they both had breaks that put a stop to operations. The plows were brought back as far as Shelburne, Monday afternoon there await the arrival of a mechanic to make the necessary repairs.—Dundalk Herald.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS
Gentle Spring
The hockey season is about concluded. The Acton Free Press and the Durham Chronicle will now have to devote their attention to baseball.—Alliston Herald.

Eat, Drink and Be Merry
There are too many mortgage sales in the papers these days to give a healthful look to the country. Too much automobile would explain a lot of them. Over production of tobacco is another, to much help in the fields, while the boss burns up gasoline in another, and lastly, the general slump in the prices of farm products. Remedy the first three reasons and the last one would not have such a serious aspect. In other words, we are living beyond our means and giving no thought as to future financial conditions, or how they will affect the home. A sort of "eat, drink and be merry" attitude seems to be on the increase.—Forest Standard.

Spare the Rod
The Durham Chronicle thinks much ado was made about nothing in one of the Toronto papers lately when a strapping of twenty-one pupils took place in the Hanover school, the boys receiving four slaps and the girls two, for neglecting to get up their work. Well, up in Bruce, fifty years ago, the "Squeers" that maddened many of the schools did not hesitate to hand out three dozen strokes and their victims rarely peeped about it at home lest the dose would be repeated. There is too much maudlin sympathy these days about inflicting corporal punishment in schools. James L. Hughes, connected with Toronto schools for a period of sixty years, holds that discipline by the rod prudently handled is the most effective.—Milverton Sun.

Those Annoying Scientists
Thorough and frequent cultivation has, in the minds of most for a century, at least, been the keynote to successful farming. We have been encouraged to till and cultivate the land in order to conserve moisture and thereby grow big crops. Now scientists tell us that much cultivation burns out the humus, and humus is necessary to maintain or increase the water-holding capacity of the soil. The theory is advanced that moisture is lost largely through evaporation from growing vegetation, and that by keeping down all weed growth we are doing about all that can be done to prevent a loss of moisture. If this theory be sound, unnecessary cost is often incurred in the cultivation of potatoes, corn and orchard lands. If scientists are going to explode out time-worn theories they are duty bound to supply definite information regarding the new doctrine they would have us accept.—Farmer's Advocate.

Controlling Production
There is a school of economists who believe that the control or lessening of production is a remedial measure for the ills of agriculture that should now be applied. This policy is being attempted in United States in connection with some leading staple crops and we shall, no doubt, be able to profit in time from the lessons learned and demonstrated in the neighboring Republic. The weakness with artificially controlled production is both impracticable

and impossible. When one neighbor sees another decrease acreage there is an inherent urge to increase, and nations watch each other just as neighbors do. A decrease in Canada's wheat acreage of two or three million acres would be quickly offset by a corresponding increase in Argentina, Australia or India. The weatherman and the law of supply and demand are the only controlling factors with any power. Controlling cost of production presents more opportunities to the husbandmen. Canada's position in the realm of production and marketing is going to depend on whether we can produce cheaper than the farmers in other countries. If we can, we win.—Farmer's Advocate.

Time after time we read lists of motor casualties and we never dream it may happen to us.—Galt Reporter.

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