

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Binder in Use for 27 Years

Emerson Wright, of Maxwell district, has a binder that is doing good work in his harvest. The machine is in fine running order and is completing its 27th year of service. This record surely goes to show that care of implements on the farm is well worth while.—Dundalk Herald.

An Albino Heron?

Dundalk nimrods fishing on the Eugenia Hydro pond report seeing a white heron. It is exactly the same size as a blue heron, has a yellow beak and black legs. The fishermen are of the opinion that the bird is an albino of the species. Being on a Hydro pond it may have turned white from a shock sometime.—Dundalk Herald.

Catched an Eel in the Saugeen

A four-foot eel, the first of its species to be caught in the Saugeen river here was pulled from the stream on Monday afternoon by Arthur Thompson and Earl Kaufman, who landed it from among the rocks south of the boat houses, with a hook and line, and brought it up town to show the incredulous before consigning it to the bill of fare.—Walkerton Times.

Orangeville School Bell Sold

No longer will Orangeville public school children listen for the school bell to which they have been accustomed for the last two generations and longer. During the vacation the school board has had the old bell and bell tower removed and the school equipped with a set of electric gongs. The other day the bell was sold to A. J. Mercer, of 335 Rusholme Road, Toronto, who is installing it on the Mercer homestead north of the Eaton farm, this side of Toronto, where it will probably serve the purpose of summoning the farm help from labor to refreshment. The bell and bell tower have adorned

the school building for fifty or perhaps sixty years. Citizens who have been long accustomed to hearing the bell will miss it morning, recess, noon and at four o'clock. It has called two if not three generations of Orangeville children to their school tasks and one can well imagine the varied emotions which its clanging summons have awakened in the bosoms of the boys and girls as it brought to them the realization that play was at an end and work at hand.—Orangeville Banner.

Are They Returned Soldiers?

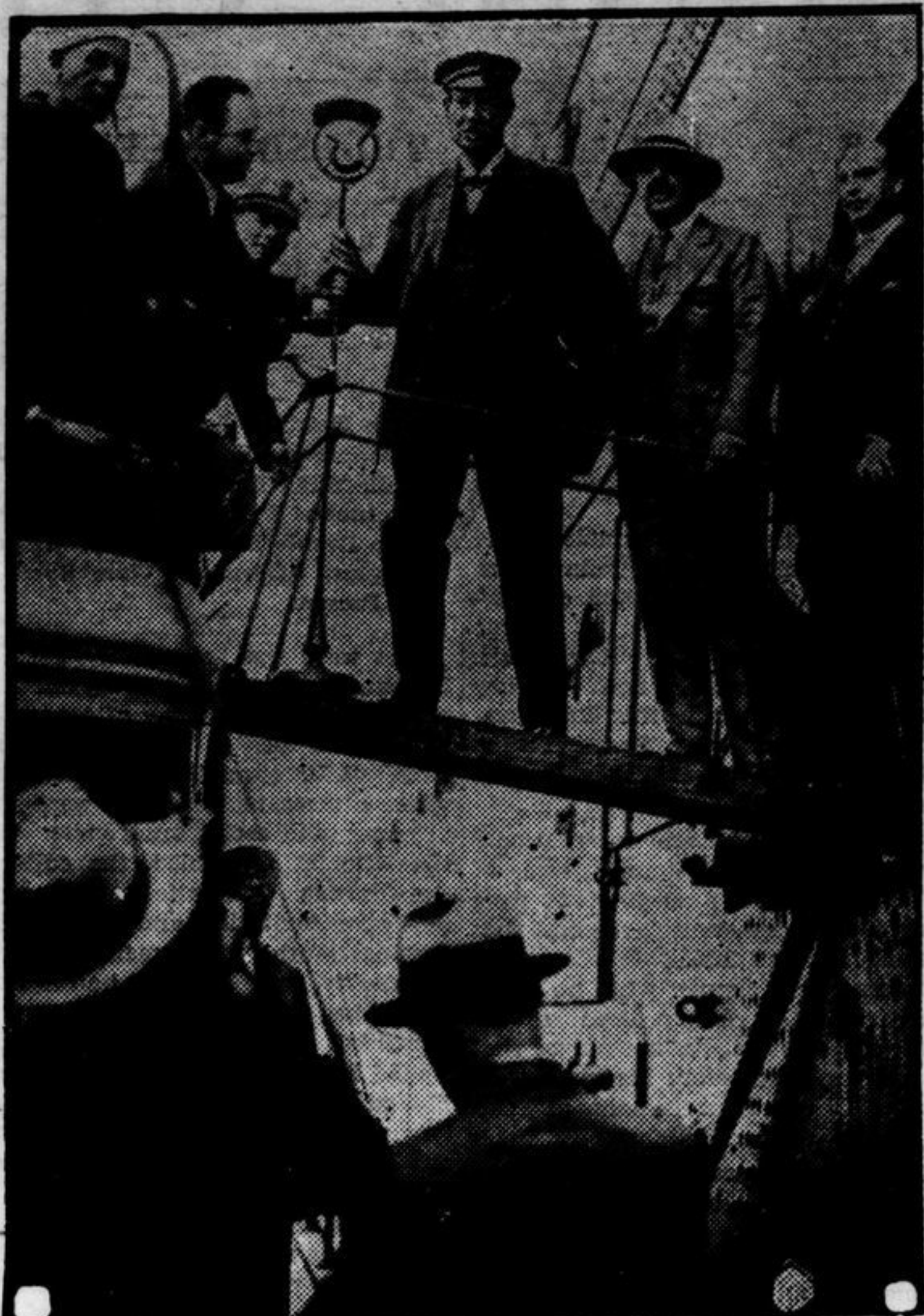
This week two men canvassed the village selling scratch or pencil pads at 25c each, worth about 10c, and claimed to be returned soldiers. The war started 16 years ago and ended 13 years since. One of these fellows was about 5 years old when it started and the other would not have been over 8. Canada must have had a nice army overseas; but really we cannot remember the Government sending over nursing bottles and nipples, and we are sure their mothers were not along.—Teeswater News.

Highway Is Straightened

Those who have travelled Provincial Highway 26 from Collingwood to Wasaga Beach in the last few weeks have, without doubt, noticed that some changes have been made. The road when completed will have very few curves and those that are left will be long and well banked. One straight stretch has been completed and makes the road almost unrecognizable to those familiar with the old gravel ridge's many twists and turns. Difficulty will probably be found next spring in the stretches of road that have been built across swamp.—Collingwood Enterprise.

Curling Rink for Flesherton

For the past several months plans for the building of a curling rink has been occupying the minds of curling enthusiasts, and the fruits of their labors are now being shown. On Monday a meeting of all those interested in curling was held in the Munshaw House and the formation of a curling rink Company was proceed-



NEW YORK FETES NOTED SPORTSMAN  
Sir Thomas Lipton, venerable Irish sportsman, obliging the cameramen by posing as he left the S.S. Leviathan for New York City's welcoming boat, the "Macom."

ed with. Mr. J. O. Dargavel was elected President, George McTavish, treasurer, and a committee composed of Messrs. W. Akitt, G. Brackenbury, J. McMillan and C. N. Richardson was appointed.

Plans have been secured for a rink 163 by 30 feet, approximately the same as the Markdale rink. There will be a recreation room 30 by 17, and an ice surface 143 by 30, which allows for two games to be played at the same time. Several sites have been investigated and it has finally been narrowed down to a situation in Memorial Park, immediately in the rear of F. G. Karstedt's store. The financing of the proposition has just about been completed with over \$2,000 subscribed and only about \$300 still to be secured.

The curling game was received with enthusiasm when it was installed here last winter, when about 20 members joined up when the club was formed with G. B. Welton as President. All playing was done on the side sheet of ice in the skating rink, but it was not satisfactory, as only one sheet of ice was available.

The price for erecting the building has been secured but the building contract has not yet been closed. It is expected that construction will be commenced at once, so that the curling fans will have an ice surface in plenty of time.—Flesherton Advance.

LIGHTNING SINUOUS; DOES NOT ZIG-ZAG

There is no such thing as zig-zag lightning, declares Charles Fitzhugh Talman in his feature "Why the Weather" (Washington).

Only within the last four or five years, he says, has the motion-picture industry discovered the fact that lightning, however much it may twist and meander in its path across the sky, never turns sharp angles. Zig-zag lightning was formerly the rule rather than the exception on the screen, just as it was once universal in the drawings and paintings of great artists, but it is unknown in nature. He goes on:

"The first person to call attention to the mistake of the artists in this matter was the Scottish engineer James Nasmyth, who was the son of a landscape painter.

"At a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1856, he stated that 'in no instance among the many thunderstorms whose progress he had most attentively watched had he ever observed such forms of lightning as that usually represented in works of art; in all such the artists invariably adopt a conventional form, namely, that of a zigzag combination of straight lines.' Nasmyth believed the error of the artists originated in the form given to the thunderbolt in the hand of Zeus as sculptured by the ancient Greeks.

"Some decades after these remarks were uttered the photography of lightning began to be common, and the photographs all showed that he was right in believing that lightning is never truly zigzag. Its path generally includes many sinuous curves, and it often branches, but a sharp angle is very rarely seen in a photograph, and it is then doubtless an effect of perspective."

A TRAVELLING PLANT

Some plants—like people—love to go travelling and to see the world and they manage their journey very cleverly. In Russia, for example, there is a plant called the "Wind Witch". When it is grown up the branches of its stalk curl down and pull up the plant by its root. Then it waits for a strong wind to come and carry it off to a new spot, where it takes root again and "sets up house" in fresh surroundings.

Some Day

A Crewe doctor hopes to teach dogs to talk like their owners. We should love to hear a Pekinese addressing its mistress as "Oo ickie popsy wopsy!"—Funch.

REPTILE FARMS TO BE MADE PAYING BUSINESS

Young Woman Expects to Have an Enjoyable Time on Her Snake and Reptile Farm on Islands.—No More Dangerous Than In City Streets She Protests.

Mrs. Dennis Andrews, who is twenty-six years of age and the mother of two children, is going to raise reptiles, a business that most women and many men would abhor. Mrs. Andrews plans to purchase three or four islands near Southern Burma and use their jungle areas for the breeding of such fauna as pythons, lizards and cobras.

Furthermore it does not strike Mrs. Andrews as odd that a woman should choose such an occupation. In the first place, she says, there is much money to be made in reptiles, and in the second place, she is deeply interested in herpetology, which you may or may not know is the branch of zoology dealing with snakes.

Danger? Mrs. Andrews insists there is no more danger in the jungle than in a big city.

"When you see a street thronged with motor-cars", she said in explanation, "you do not stop to think that any of them could kill you if you were not agile enough to get out of the way.

"There is one exception," she said. "That is the black spitting cobra which flings its poison yards away, and with Annie Oakley accuracy can hit an eye at a distance of fifteen feet. The enemy thus becomes blinded and is easy prey for the reptilian sharpshooter."

Mrs. Andrews' husband, Dennis Andrews will leave soon for Calcutta to engage natives for the expedition. Andrews and two herpetologists will accompany Mrs. Andrews to the jungle islands, the children to be left with relatives in Calcutta.

After the islands are bought they probably will be burned off so that foes of reptiles can be eliminated. One then will be used as a breeding place for pythons and boas, another for lizards, a third for laboratories and food-raising grounds and a possible fourth for lesser reptiles.

The commercial possibilities of the enterprise, Mrs. Andrews told her interviewer, are enormous. To begin with, there is a vast market among shoe manufacturers for reptile skins because of their long-wearing qualities. Secondly, museums seek reptiles for scientific study. Thirdly zoos pay big prices for live exhibits—a first-class python, for instance, brings from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in the open market—and fourthly the poison is valuable both for its own sake and making anti-venom as snake-bite cure for tropical lands.

"But," said Mr. Andrews, "don't think I'm only after the money. I intend to have a thoroughly good time. You know I simply can't understand why reptiles aren't more popular."

The Futile Quest

The mind of man would search, would find  
The plan and purpose of ways that wind,  
Of devious ways where straying feet  
Must go through hours sad or sweet,  
And the pattern of life, to him denied,  
Has left him ever unsatisfied;  
But ah! if he know the deep design  
Would it make earth sweeter or love more fine?  
If he saw the plot of the whole, would it add  
To the joy of living all men have had?  
The mind of man is an eager thing  
And ever goes seeking, questioning,  
To find the answer which can reveal  
The reasons back of the things we feel.  
But what could logic's light disclose,  
To add one whit to our joy in a rose?  
Can any teaching of absolute truth  
Lend more to the raptures of love and youth?  
And what can be learned of a bird, save wings,  
Are surely earth's loveliest, bravest things?

TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

Coarse salt will drive fleas away, but care should be taken not to get it around plants as it will destroy them. One of the most useful aids on wash day is turpentine. It will loosen dirt without the slightest injury to fabrics.

The little compartment trinet boxes without covers that are so much used in dresser drawers can be kept in place with thumb tacks through the bottom. Plasters and adhesive tape can be easily removed without hurting the skin if softened by applying benzine or gasoline with a sponge.

After the food being cooked reaches the boiling point, turn the gas or electricity down to where it will keep just at that stage. It will surprise you how low it need be.

When travelling on even the fastest train you can write comfortably and smoothly if you hold a cushion on your lap and rest both your arm and writing tablet on the cushion.

If you are certain that your parchment shades have been shellacked and varnished, do not be afraid to wash them with a white soap and lukewarm water. Rub afterward with a little furniture polish on a perfectly clean cloth.

Do not take a chance on your electric appliances. Loose attachments, worn insulation on the appliances or extension wire, defective lights, all will blow out a fuse and may even blow out the motor on your appliance. At the first sign of trouble have it repaired and save expense and, possibly, disastrous results.

Are you annoyed by a squeaking floor? Why not take out the squeak? Find out just where it is, then apply a little liquid glue in the crack between the boards. Use a knife blade, dipping it in the glue and carefully putting it in the cracks and moving it back and forth a bit so the glue reaches the spot and sticks.

I Will Succeed

"If you will keep your faith in me  
Though life be like a stormy sea  
And difficult my task may be—  
I will succeed.  
"If you will look with smiling eyes,  
Let days be dark with lowering skies  
And nights be fraught with weary sighs  
I will succeed.  
"If you will speak a word of cheer,  
Though harassed oft by doubt and fear  
And ugly failure hover near—  
I will succeed."  
—Grenville Kleiser, in Chicago Tribune

USEFUL INSECT NOW RAISED ON FARMS

The lady-bird is one of the most useful insects in the world. More than a thousand different kinds are known, and they are found in almost every country.

Unfortunately there are not enough of them, for they wage unceasing war on the plant-lice, or grea fly, which eat the leaves of apple trees and do so much damage to hop plants, vines and roses.

To meet the demand, a number of lady-bird farms have been started in England, the United States, and elsewhere. Here the beetles are carefully looked after while they raise their families.

Sometimes, as happened in Essex a few years ago the lady-birds become too numerous in one district. The farmers then have a busy time collecting them in order to send them to places where there is a scarcity.

In England the finest fighter of the green fly is the lady-bird whose wing-cases are decorated with two black spots. When oranges were first grown in California some of the trees did not bear so goodly a golden crop as was expected. A scientist who studied the matter suggested the importation of an army of lady-birds, and ever since the beetles have fought valiantly for the fruit-grower and added immensely to his wealth. In the United States lady-birds are bought by the pound.

DO PRAIRIE DOGS LIVE WITH RATTLESNAKES?

It is widely believed that rattlesnakes, burrowing owls and prairie dogs live together in peace and harmony. Such is not the case, according to the best informed naturalists. This belief arose from the fact that rattlesnakes and burrowing owls are often found in the dens of prairie dogs. The relationship, however, is not so peaceful as many suppose. In fact both the rattlers and the owls are fond of small mammals as an article of diet and they visit the prairie dog dens primarily to catch and eat young dogs. The frequently remain in the holes with the young prairie dogs, after which the snakes prowl while their meal is being digested. It is common to see rattlesnakes sunning themselves at the entrances of prairie dog burrows. The prairie owls not only feed upon young prairie dogs but also use deserted burrows for building their nests and rearing their young.

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