

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Hat Rack Presented to Foster Hewitt

Radio fans have different ways of showing their appreciation for broadcasts they have enjoyed, but Mr. Geo. Graves of Hanover has received special mention for his unique method of letting the announcer know that his broadcasts were acceptable.

He so enjoyed the professional hockey games as announced by Mr. Foster Hewitt that he sent him a fancy hat rack, adorned with a carved maple leaf which he had made himself.

Mr. Hewitt acknowledged the gift during the broadcast of the final Stanley Cup game over CFRB on Saturday evening.—Hanover Post.

Fair Shoes Twenty-three Years Old

A customer of J. A. Murphy exhibited to him one day recently a pair of boots which he purchased the Saturday before a certain 12th of July celebration held in town and gave some particulars of the event by which it could be distinguished from others. It turned out that the celebration in question was held in 1909 and that the shoes were 23 years old. They were a well known brand still made off practically the same lasts and sell for \$5. During the war the price rose to \$15, but is now back to the figure of 23 years ago, \$5. This pair of shoes had the original heels and had never been half soled.—Alliston Herald.

Injures Hand

Mr. John A. Hartman, a former local blacksmith and machinist, and who for upwards of twenty years has been on the staff of the Truax Sash and Door Factory, met with an unfortunate accident at the latter institution about 4.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, when he got his left hand into the tenanter machine he was operating, with the result that the ring finger was severed at the base, while the big finger adjoining was taken off just above the centre joint.

Dr. J. T. H. Robinson, who was summoned, rendered first aid to the injured man, after which he was rushed to the Bruce Co. Hospital, where the

mained hand, which was badly bruised and crushed as well, was treated surgically and otherwise and put in a state for making the best possible recovery.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

Up Against It

When Chief Ferguson and Night-constable Crawford requisitioned the council on Monday night for their customary \$40 new suit each, the town fathers in conformity with their economy program were in the act of recommending that they brush up their old uniforms, when the Chief intimated that his pants wouldn't hold out much longer. Fearing that Crawford, who was absent, might be in a like predicament, the Finance Committee recommended that each be granted a pair of trousers not to cost over \$10 apiece.

In throwing a copy of the resolution over to the press box, Reeve Campbell Grant's pitching arm, which hasn't supplied up for the season yet, was so out of control that the missile fell far short of the target and on the Herald-Times scribe's reaching on the floor to recover it, there was an ominous rip that sounded through the council chambers, and on all hands, from the mayor down, looking in the direction of the split, they realized that a member of the press was in more dire need than either of the cops, but did nothing to relieve the situation other than suggest that someone loan him a barrel.

However, the saving graces of a long winter overcoat enabled the reporter to retire in decorum, although he is feeling in the effects of the depression worse than ever now.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

Sentenced for Store Theft

Last September Liesemer & Kalbfleisch's hardware store and garage were broken into and a quantity of small articles taken, including the key of the store cash register, and a small amount of money from the register in the garage. When the proprietors arrived the next morning, they found the light burning in the stock room of the garage and a five dollar bill lying on the garage cash register. In the hardware store the side of the cash register had been pried off, but no cash taken, although the key of the machine was missing. Several small articles were stolen from the showcases. No clue could be secured at the time, but the

firm owners worked quietly on the case, and finally were successful in recovering the cash register key. That piece of evidence finally led to the detection of the guilty party, and on Tuesday of last week Constable McCrevis summoned Stephen Hinsperger of Mildmay to appear before Magistrate Walker on a charge of breaking into and stealing property. Stephen had been employed for some time in selling Watkins' products in Walkerton and Brant. On appearing before the Magistrate on Tuesday morning he admitted his guilt. It appears he had hidden himself in a car in the garage and when the place was locked up for the night he was inside. He opened the garage register, and extracted some small change, but left a \$5 bill of his own on the register. He then entered the hardware store, where he attempted to get into the cash register, but failed through not understanding the key system. The Magistrate, learning that the accused had a previous record, and had served a three months' term for a theft at Deemerton, sentenced him to eighteen months terminate and twelve months indeterminate in the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph.—Mildmay Gazette.

Resent Prof. Gladstone's Claim

The gentlemen who took part in the search for the body of the late Orlando Pike deeply resent Prof. Gladstone's claim made over the radio that he was instrumental in locating the body. They declare that he was of no assistance. The facts of the case as given by them are as follows:

Prof. Gladstone came to Listowel on Friday and went to the scene of the accident that night and offered up a short prayer. Saturday morning he returned and with a drag line dragged the creek for about ten rods from where the accident happened. He said that if the body were not found within ten or fifteen rods from where it entered the water there was foul play. He said Pike might have been stunned and wandered into the bush or fields and he asked the searchers to make a careful search around the fields. He did not state the body would be found in the water. He left the scene of the accident about eleven a.m. Saturday. The body was found about three p.m. Saturday about two hundred rods west of the point where Prof. Gladstone claimed it would be found.

The body was found on C. Vines' farm, lot 51, concession three, and the accident happened at lot 49, concession two. It was found in a pocket in the creek about eight feet from the bank in about three and one-half feet of water by Mr. W. Ferguson and Mr. H. Sanderson. Mr. Pike fell into water about two and a half feet deep and not in the channel of the creek.—Listowel Banner.

TO STUDY NORTHERN LIGHTS

Churchill is the ideal location for studying the Aurora Borealis, "because it is not a direct line between the auroral pole at Fort Conger and the magnetic pole and in the path of the maximum light frequency of auroral waves."

This means that the "Northern Lights" are seen in their best colors and movements at Churchill. Fort Conger is on Grant Land not far from Greenland.

This information was given in an interview at Montreal by three scientists and explorers who were on their way to the Hudson's Bay district to study and photograph the phenomenon. The party, which was headed by Captain Flavel M. Williams, was equipped with movie cameras and films capable of catching all the colors of the spectrum.

One of the purposes of the expedition is to determine the height of the display, which will be accomplished by photography and triangulation and by making astronomical transits. Another is to discover of the auroral phenomenon is connected with static electricity and terrestrial magnetism.

Captain Williams says he deduced the theory that static electricity and terrestrial magnetism were closely associated when he eliminated static electricity from gasoline trucks by providing an outlet for it in the form of a chain attached to the chassis and dragging on the pavement. The saving of human lives and millions of dollars by preventing explosions due to the accumulation of static electricity in moving metallic bodies like gasoline trucks may seem a far cry from the Aurora Borealis but one thing leads to another in science.

Trucks running in an east-west direction or at right angles to the terrestrial magnetic lines of forces, Capt. Williams said, showed a 40 per cent. increase of static potential over trucks travelling north, south or parallel with the lines of force. Ultra-violet rays thrown off by sunspots striking the ionized portion of the stratosphere which directly reflects radio waves to the earth, in other words ultra violet rays from the so-called "radio mirror" are probably the cause of the aurora in the opinion of Captain Williams.

News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Easy Readers

Hilda, nine-year-old daughter of Harry Brodsky, wealthy Wilmington, Del., jobber and hosiery manufacturer, was reported to be in the hands of kidnapers who demanded ransom on penalty of harming the child.

Brodsky, who refused police admittance to his house when they arrived to investigate the report, declined to confirm or deny the story, and asked newspapermen to publish no reports and not to telephone, "so I can keep this line open."

Brodsky's attitude indicated that he proposed to bargain with the supposed kidnapers.

Playing with a loaded revolver, which he thought was part of a collection of war souvenirs and harmless, a ten-year-old boy, John Holdsworth, last week shot and killed his cousin, Howard Holdsworth, aged 20, in the rear of a fur store on Bloor Street west, Toronto, owned by Howard's father, Alderman T. H. Holdsworth.

"Howard, I'm going to shoot you," John said in a shrill boyish voice. Pointing it at the older boy, he pulled the trigger and a report rang out.

"Are you hurt, Howard?" the younger boy cried in agonized dismay, as he saw his cousin slump to the floor.

"Get a doctor, quick!" Howard told John. "Hurry."

Out the door dashed the terrified boy and met Tracey Mowers and Winston Berugais, both of 831 Bay Street, where he was entering the store.

"Howard is shot," he sobbed. "I shot him, too, but I didn't mean to do it. Please get a doctor."

Shot through the abdomen, Howard died in the Western Hospital at 5 p.m., about two hours and a half later.

The sudden death on Sunday of Police Magistrate Alfred Servos Ball, K.C., brought to its close the career of one of the city's best known servants.

Born in Woodstock in August, 1850, he was the eldest son of the late W. S. Ball, first pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, and Marianne Brown, sister of Hon. George Brown. He was educated at Upper Canada College. On Saturday he conducted his last court.

Due to retire two years ago, after twenty-five years of service as a Police Magistrate, Mr. Ball was paid the compliment of being asked to continue in office.

Engine crews leaped to the ground just before a Canadian Pacific Railway train crashed head on into a locomotive at Sherbrooke, Que., last Friday. Albert Davison, of Montreal, suffered broken ribs, but his condition is reported not serious. Several cars of livestock on the eastbound train were derailed and 40 horses bound from High River, Alberta, to Maritime points were killed, the locomotive, travelling light to Montreal, was thrown on its side.

Cause of the accident is being investigated. No explanation was offered pending statements to railway officials by members of the crews. Wrecking crews were quickly called to the scene and started work clearing the tracks.

James Hodgson, 50, is dead and his aged mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hodgson, is in the General Hospital in a critical condition as a result of being overcome by coal gas fumes, which escaped from the kitchen stove in their home, 45 Perth Street, Guelph, last Friday.

Although both occupants were apparently affected during the night it was not until the afternoon that a neighbor, having observed no life around the house during the day, forced an entrance to find Hodgson's dead body on the floor and the aged woman in an unconscious condition in bed.

The house was still filled with fumes, and a lid which had been left partly off the range in the kitchen, gave evidence of how the tragedy occurred. No inquest will be held.

Ernest, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Massie, Tilbury North township, was burned to death last week when a small barn on the farm of his parents caught fire and was burned to the ground.

During the excitement of the fire, the little fellow was not missed until volunteers, who had managed to save an adjacent log barn, found his charred body in a corner of the barn. It is thought that he may have set fire to the building while playing with matches.

Dr. S. S. Millen, Essex County coroner, ruled an inquest unnecessary.

Military preparations of Soviet Russia on the north Manchurian border are taken by Japanese military experts as a clear indication that Russia expects a clash with Japan, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said, early this week.

"Our military experts estimate that the Soviet forces on the Manchurian

frontier between Vladivostok and Manchul now number nine divisions, a total of 70,000 men," the spokesman said, "with the strongest concentrations in the Pogranichnaya and Manchul districts, where there are two divisions each.

"The experts assert the dispositions clearly indicate the Russians are expecting a clash with Japan. Although they are of a defensive nature, they are capable also of assuming the offensive."

Reports from the Japanese consulate at Harbin, Manchuria, said it was indicated the wreck of a Japanese troop train there last week, causing the death of 14 men, was "the work of Russian Communists," although positive proof was lacking.

"Now that the Russians have completed their troop concentrations in Eastern Siberia we must expect such provocative incidents," the Foreign Office spokesman said in making public the Harbin Consulate's report.

Three young boys are dead and the frame structure of the United Church at Vantage, fifty miles south of Moose Jaw, Sask., is in ruins following a disastrous fire Saturday. The boys, who are believed to have been smoking in the church building and whose bodies were removed from the burning ruins were: Lyle Keith, 8; James Portz, 9; and Lawrence McNaughton, 9, all sons of Vantage residents.

Because of the heat citizens of the town and parents of the boys were forced to stand by and watch the church burn down before they could go near the place.

On Sunday night ice choked St. Mary's River, "Gateway of the Great Lakes," and thwarted the opening of

navigation in this district. Ten craft were locked in the heavily wind-packed ice, piled up by the strong winds of the previous three days. But all were well stocked with food and fuel and hopes were high that a channel would soon be cleared.

The ten vessels were held fast in Whitefish Bay, close by Parisienne Island, at the eastern extremity of Lake Superior. Among them were six steamers and a pair of barges which cleared up-bound from the Soo only Sunday morning—the Keewatin, Harmonic, Superior, Oakton, Budd, Eads and the barges Glenbogie and Holly. Down-bound from the head of the lakes, the steamers Calgarian and Winnipeg also were balked by the ice.

It was reported there was no fear of any of the vessels running short of either fuel or food for several days.

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