

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Seize Nets

The government fish inspection boat Miseford and government inspectors here Tuesday seized two sets of nets which they alleged were within the 3-mile limit and were in waters prohibited from net fishing.

There will likely be a court action. The nets meantime are under seizure by the inspectors.—Meaford Mirror.

The Checker Champion

Quite a bit of interest was taken by checker players in the exhibition given in Shelburne, Tuesday night of last week, by N. W. Banks, American checker champion.

Car Goes in Ditch

After travelling 147 feet and showing skid marks some of the distance a Durant car driven by William Lyster of Oakville took to the ditch on the south side of the road a little west of the Cookstown Creamery at noon Tuesday and ran over a clump of willow trees, uprooting some of them.

Lyster's story of the accident was that a truck was turning to back up to the door of the creamery and turning out to avoid it he came so nearly going into the ditch on the north side of the road that his car was forced over to the other side. He could not

say whether he had applied the brakes but the skid marks though nearly obliterated by traffic a half hour later showed that he had attempted to stop the car by using the brakes.—Alliston Herald.

Did Well at Camp

Meaford Company of the Grey Regiment made a record at the recent camp at Orillia. They brought home the Rutherford trophy for general efficiency and the Cleland trophy for musketry. This was a splendid accomplishment, reflecting credit on the officers, N.C. O's. and men.

Meaford company did some splendid shooting in getting the Cleland trophy. Jack Morris shot 114 out of a possible 115. Certainly Major Lewis and the Meaford Company are to be congratulated on their splendid work.—Meaford Mirror.

Narrowly Escaped Drowning

Had it not been for the timely action of two boys, the Saugeen River as it flows past the Bend, on the northern outskirts of Walkerton, in all probability would have been the scene of a drowning at about 2.45 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. For those unable to swim this stretch of water is dangerous, many believe.

Christina Siegfried, about 18 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Siegfried, town, was the girl who had the harrowing experience.

Tony Caruso, who went to her rescue, was almost exhausted and sinking when Ralph Vanderburgh pushed out a raft upon which they were hauled, and spectators state that had not Ralph acted quickly a most distressing occurrence—the possibility of a double drowning—might have resulted.—Walkerton Telescope.

Visited James Bay Port

Dr. F. M. Walker and son Albert

reached home Monday evening after a trip into Northern Ontario right up to James Bay. They left here the 22nd of July and drove to Hamilton. The following day they drove into the picturesque north and to Cochrane left the car and boarded a train for Moosonee, the northern terminal of the T. & N.O. railway. For miles north of Cochrane the road runs through a dense forest of spruce which gradually grows smaller until it becomes a mere scrub and finally the country is a muskeg with frost two feet under the surface all summer. Moosonee is ten miles inland from James Bay and the river will have to be dredged to admit vessels. Dr. Walker was taken by motor boat to Moose Factory, the old fort established long before the U. E. Loyalists settled in Ontario, where he saw what remains of the ancient glory of the fur trade when the British and the French fought for the riches of the North American forests.—Alliston Herald.

Road Opened

The recently paved portion of the Palmerston-Listowel highway was opened for traffic Saturday. Although traffic of all kind is permitted the road is not completed. Work is still proceeding on the shouldering but it is expected that this will be concluded before next week is over.

No word has been received regarding an official opening which will probably be made the occasion of a gala event in Listowel. Paving on Highway No. 23 is now complete except between Palmerston and Atwood, a distance of about five miles. Hopes were held out that this would be paved this summer, but the refusal of the Department of Highways to defer Perth County's share of the cost for a year longer than the usual time, stopped the plan.

The Dufferin Construction Company had the contract for the paving and their work now stretches from Teviotdale to Listowel. All the pit machinery and huts located on the Listowel road are still in position and it is expected that this company hope to obtain the contract for the Listowel-Atwood stretch next year.—Palmerston Spectator.

Faces Perjury Charge

On a warrant issued on July 12, charging perjury when giving evidence at a sitting of the Supreme Court in Walkerton last May, Ronald A. Burgess, of Southampton, was arrested in Sandwich last Thursday.

Burgess was plaintiff in an action against the Town of Southampton, claiming damages for injuries sustained when he fell last New Year's day in that municipality, breaking his right leg in two places. Mr. Justice Garrow awarded him \$1,000 damages, but the Town of Southampton, through its counsel, Mr. O. E. Klein, K.C., moved to have this judgment set aside or to have a new trial granted on the ground that Burgess perjured himself. The charge facing Burgess is that he did commit perjury at the sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario, held in Walkerton before Mr. Justice Garrow, "by swearing that he did not fall at or on the step of the doorway opening from the Walker House onto High Street, but that he did fall and injure his leg at and by reason of a certain crack in the sidewalk on High Street at a point some distance from the step aforesaid, knowing such evidence to be false and the same being given with intent to mislead the court.—Walkerton Telescope.

Butcher Shop Robbed

Sometime during the early hours of Wednesday morning last a thief entered the butcher shop of Messrs. Rutledge & Small, Main street, and made off with about \$80 in cash. As far as investigation could disclose, the marauder first attempted entry by climbing over the roof of the rear lean-to and gaining access to the floor above the shop. Apparently his nerve failed him when a sheer drop through a ceiling trap-door to the floor below was faced. Returning to the ground, the robber removed the back screen door and forced open the bolted door beyond, which led into the shop. The money was stolen from the safe, which was only partially locked, having been placed there to handle the purchase of some cattle in the morning. This cash was in a tin receptacle in the body of the safe, while the robber missed \$170 more in cash which reposed in a locked compartment. Under the circumstances it is confident-

News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Busy Readers

Accepted as a good augury for the season's Western wheat output, the first car of new wheat inspected on Canadian Pacific tracks in Winnipeg Saturday by the Western Division, Board of Grain Commissioners graded No. 1 Northern and weighed 63 pounds to the bushel, three pounds over standard weight.

Twice unsuccessful in transatlantic flight, Stanislaus Hausner, Polish-American flier, will try it again—this time from Chicago to Poland. The aviator announced he would take off within the next two months. Whether the flight would be non-stop or call for refueling at New York, he said, depends on the gasoline capacity of his new plane.

James Ruben, Hamilton, committed suicide Saturday night at Niagara Falls in full view of hundreds of tourists, by walking into the Horseshoe Falls near Table Rock.

A gallant attempt as rescue by Frank Stewart, 791 Manning Avenue, Toronto, proved unavailing, and Stewart went out so far that he himself was in danger of losing his life.

Slight change was reported Sunday in the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Marsh of Amherstburg, injured late Saturday in an auto crash at Arner, on No. 18 Highway. Hopes are now entertained for the recovery of Mrs. Marsh.

John B. Colgrove, 67-year-old president of a defunct Taylorville bank, staggered into Springfield Sunday after being kidnapped, beaten, bound and gagged and left in a field of weeds to die.

Six men were burned to death when fire broke out in the Maywood Hotel at Waukegan, Ill., on Sunday.

Eight skeletons of "Natufians," prehistoric Palestinians, which members of the Anglo-American expedition excavating at Athlit, Jerusalem, assert indicate a new genus, have been shipped to London for study at the Royal College of Surgeons under the direction of Sir Arthur Keith. Four of the skeletons are well preserved. With them were found 8,000 flint tools and flakes of the Mousterian period.

Libby Holman, exotic singer of "torch songs," came back to Winston Salem to fight charges that she brought about the death of the young sire of the Reynolds family, her husband, Smith Reynolds, Jr.

Having laid her way to world fame, Hen No. 6, from the University of British Columbia farm, has now been "inlaid" for the benefit of posterity.

The inlaying was done by James Kennedy, Vancouver. Mr. Kennedy cut out a picture of Hen No. 6 from a newspaper, and copied it in inlaid wood.

Rendered tinder-like by the scorching sunshine, 5,000,000 feet of lumber were completely destroyed by fire which started late Saturday afternoon and engaged the Timmins fire department for hours before it finally burned out.

Damage was placed at \$150,000 by officials of the Flesherton Lumber Company, owners of the lumber yard.

Mrs. Mary Callaghan of Melrose, near Belleville, died in her 99th year Monday morning. Born in Marysville, she was prominent in church life, and was one of the oldest women of the province.

After being idle for nearly one year, the rail saw in the Canadian National Railways' yard at Belleville has resumed operations, and 55 men were taken on Monday.

Arrangements are being made to remove some 300 Doukhobors, men and women, held at Oakalla and Nelson jails, British Columbia, under sentences of three years' imprisonment for participating in nude parades.

Rolland L. Rideout, arrested at Buffalo several weeks ago and wanted in Canada in connection with the robbery of three banks, was started on his journey to Winnipeg Monday in custody of two officers of the R.C.M.P.

In the excavation for a new lake in connection with the landscape project at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph,

ly believed that the guilty one was well acquainted with the habits of these two business men and was well aware of the unusual amount of cash in the safe, also with the fact that the safe could be opened with a slight turn of the dial. Provincial Constable Butler has been making official investigation.—Shelburne Free Press and Economist.

inmates engaged in the work have unearthed many interesting relics of the early days in that district. These include several pairs of antlers of deer. One in particular is a splendid specimen with skull and antlers complete, which has been mounted and placed in one of the reformatory offices.

Percy C. Palmer, treasurer of Hotel Norton Palmer, at Windsor, died late Monday at his home in Highland Park, Mich.

The fire marshal's department will be asked to probe a fire which occurred at 2 a.m. when smoke was found coming from the centre of the business section of Grimsby's Main street.

Smashing their way through a front entrance to John McDermid's tobacco store on Woolwich street, Guelph, early Monday, burglars looted the cash register of \$60 and made their escape.

Conrad Sutter, of Baden, arrested several days ago after passing worthless cheques, was on Monday sentenced to five years in Portsmouth penitentiary on each of the five charges of forgery, the terms to run concurrently.

Registered on police files as Cecelia Myrtle Berner, but charged under the name of Rose Young, 27, a woman appeared in Windsor police court on Monday and pleaded guilty to being married when she went through a marriage ceremony with another man.

Joint charges of murder were filed Monday at Natchez, Miss., against Miss Octavia Dockery, 60, daughter of a Confederate general, and Dick Dana, 61, bearded eccentric and nephew of Charles A. Dana, the great journalist, in connection with the slaying of Miss Surget Merrill, 72-year-old recluse and one-time "belle of the Old South."

Her husband's reported prejudice against the medical profession prompted a police probe Monday at London, into the death of Mrs. Cecelia Dockstader, 32-year-old Muncie Indian woman, who died Saturday at the reserve.

Provincial Constable Embleton and Chief Constable de Mille are investigating a series of robberies which occurred on Grimsby's main street Monday morning.

Twenty-one days in jail and five lashes was the punishment which Magistrate S. B. Arnold, Monday ordered for Clarence Van Dusen, 23, colored, in Chatham, when he pleaded guilty in City Police Court to a charge of assaulting his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Steele of Ferndale, Mich., and Miss Jessie Scott of Buffalo, N.Y., are in Hotel Dieu Hospital at Windsor, as a result of an auto accident near Tilbury Monday night.

Dundalk district is suffering from too frequent rains, greatly delaying haying operations. Within the past three weeks rain has fallen at least every third day. Monday, at Corbetton, south of Dundalk, a heavy hail storm was experienced.

LET US PRAY

A preacher at the close of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up."

"Presently every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet.

The preacher seated them and said, "Now let every man not paying his debts stand up."

The exception, a careworn individual, clothed in last summer's suit, slowly assumed the perpendicular position.

"How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only one not able to meet his obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered meekly, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

Here lies the body of William Brace, He sure was one fine fella, He said in his sleep: "I love you Grace," But his wife's name was Stella.

LONG-TAILED COCKS OF JAPAN

Rare among the oddities of bird life are the long-tailed cocks being raised in the village of Oshino on Shikoku, one of the large islands of Japan. Ordinarily the tails measure from eight to eleven feet in length, but the prize specimen of this valuable little flock has a tail measuring twenty-five feet, and its owner hopes to develop it to a length of thirty-six feet.

The first of this unusually ornamental species was raised about 270 years ago by a great lover of birds who carefully selected the birds procured by crossing the ordinary barnyard chicken with copper and green pheasants and other birds. The tail feathers grow from five or six unusually large and strong quills that are never molted, but this long-desired result was not obtained for some 240 years. After seven years of experiments in crossing the birds with White Leghorns tail feathers were produced, in 1899, that do not come out.

The tail feathers may be rolled around one's hand without danger of breaking them and grow about two and one-half feet in the first year, up to six feet in the second and to nine feet or longer in the third year.

In order to preserve the tall feathers the birds are kept on a shelf in a narrow box about four feet high with the feathers wound in coils in an adjoining compartment. Every day the bird is taken out and allowed to walk about for half an hour or so while someone holds up the tail to prevent it from getting torn or soiled. Once a month the tail is carefully washed with warm water and as carefully dried while the bird perches on some high place, a roof or elsewhere, so that the tail can hang for its full length until quite dry.

At present there are only a dozen birds of this species. In color they are black and white or pure white, but experiments are being made to produce birds that will be brown in color.

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