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NOTES AND COMMENTS

An acclamation is likely in Whit-church this year, but the nomination meeting on Dec. 30th will reveal the certainty of this statement.

New York men, \$50 of them to be exact, paid \$85 a plate at a dinner to honor a prize fighter. One gentleman named Victus had agreed to meet all comers at the event.

Councillor J. Borinsky says he may retire from office this year, after several years on the council of Stouffville. Now why allow a capable officer to drop when they are so hard to secure for the position?

Hon. George S. Henry, minister of highways for Ontario, announces that a bill will be shortly presented to the Legislature, to abolish all statute labor on all roads in the organized countries of Ontario.

Research offices here are told of the successful manufacture of fuel substitute for Gasoline in England which, if it fulfills promises, is likely to prove an important factor in developing the bituminous coal resources of Canada.

This fuel is a product obtained from bituminous coal by distillation process and when used in gas generators is said to produce a gas which, in an internal combustion engine, provides the motive power as well as petrol.

Tests over a considerable period with heavy road vehicles produced by producer gas, it is claimed, have proved conclusively that gas made from synthetic charcoal is an economic fuel.

That there is not such an epidemic of chicken thieving this year as in former years, Hon. John Martin, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, attributes to the legislation that was passed last session empowering magistrates to deal more drastically with offenders and providing police poultry transports, compelling truckers and others to keep close check, available at all times to law officers on the birds they are transporting. As stated by one judge chicken stealing is about the meanest kind of thieving and no leniency should be shown a man with a truck who will go about a community and remove from the roots whole flocks of birds that have been reared with difficulty and on which much time and care have been bestowed to

bring them to maturity. But despite the statement of Hon. Mr. Martin, chicken stealing in this section is still altogether too much of a pastime, for quite a number of farmers have suffered loss within the past few weeks.

Councillor Frank Rowbotham and Councillor David Russell are both being mentioned as probable candidates for the reeveship of Stouffville with probably the present reeve, H. W. Sanders, throwing his hat into the ring with the other boys. Mr. Sanders has had two terms but there is nothing to prevent him continuing in office if the ratepayers sanction it. Mr. Russell can point to several years in the council, and his effort to keep down expenditures, while Mr. Rowbotham may tell the people that he has now plenty of time to serve as chief magistrate and that one year on council may serve just as well as many years to fit a man for the position of reeve. The Tribune is not sure that any of these men will stand, but there is a possibility that they might. Now what about a dark horse?

The Mennonites are being persecuted in Russia. A despatch from Riga on Monday said that 3000, more than a third of them children, were padlocked in unheated freight cars and sent off towards an unknown destination in Siberia where the temperature was 30 below zero, and additional train loads were being sent every other day, and that it meant almost certain death for them. The only crime that these people seem to be guilty of is that their Christian religion forbids them going to war. Is that not what Great Britain, the United States, yes the League of Nations, are working for—world peace? A large number of the Russian Mennonites have been wanting to come to Canada. From what we have read about these people we have learned that they make thrifty farmers. The Canadian West could use them. At any rate, immediate steps should be taken by Christian nations to free them from the Russian persecution. Russia has abolished Christianity. Another despatch from Moscow on Monday said that a sister in law of last year's Lord Mayor of London had been imprisoned in Russia for reading the Bible. Relief cannot come too quickly to the persecuted Christians in Russia.

There are altogether too many postponements of cases in our law courts these days and the public is beginning to wonder what is the matter with our law enforcement. As we write this we have in mind a case that was to have been tried in Owen Sound yesterday and has again been postponed. About a year ago there was an automobile accident near town, one man going to the hospital. There is a suit for damages pending, but with a whole year gone by the case is not decided yet. Why? There may be a very good reason from a legal standpoint but the general public does not see it that way. The postponing of court cases is becoming too much of a habit in this country and before long we may be like the United States, where a case may be postponed indefinitely, and then lost sight of altogether.

In the case of most of the litigation what is there to hinder it being tried in the course of a few months at the most when the witnesses will have the facts on their minds sufficiently to give intelligent evidence? In a good many instances the witnesses are disinterested parties and it seems an injustice to expect them to remember all the details indefinitely, failing which they are the target for abuse by some smart alex lawyer who will endeavor to prove they are giving testimony that is not true, when all that is amiss is that they have forgotten the details. Speed up our courts and try these cases when they are fresh. The evidence is all there to go by; then why wait until it is rusty before bringing the case before the proper authorities?—Durham Chronicle

Maw and The Kids

Madam and the children love to drive in the cold, snappy weather. But if you have to fuss and stew getting the car started there is not liable to be much pleasure in the occasion for anyone. But you shouldn't really have any fuss, you know. Not if your car is in good condition. Trouble usually is that the car is let go, after a hard summer's run, till "next spring" before tuning up and cold weather driving becomes anything but a pleasure.

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THE ELIMINATION OF THE SMALL SCHOOL

According to the statistical reports of the Department of Education, there have been from 900 to 1000 rural schools in the Province of Ontario for the last fifteen years that had an average attendance of from 1 to 10 pupils each.

These schools are considered to be neither economical nor efficient. It is impossible for the child to receive such training as will fit him to cooperate with others, and play his part in life, when in early years he receives his training in isolation. There can be little if any competition in the class rooms, on the school grounds or in other activities where by the children learn to work together. It must be very disheartening for the teacher to attempt to interest one or two pupils in a class. She has to put more enthusiasm into her work to make up for the lack of competition. The teaching process becomes a mere routine of imparting information. Pupils may be able to pass the entrance examination at an early age, but we must remember that the mere passing of examinations is not education.

A convention of school trustees of the county of Carleton was recently held in the city of Ottawa, where this matter was gone into very thoroughly. Inspector R. C. Rose called attention to a number of schools having an average attendance of from 2 to 7 pupils. It was singular that most of these schools had no local trustee levy. Some of them had a balance in the bank of over \$1400. They drew the Township and the Provincial Grants. The school boards declined to take advantage of the school Regulations by which the few pupils in one school may be transported to the adjoining school. It was pointed out to them by the Inspector that they would receive the Township Grant and the Provincial Grant if necessary, to pay for the transportation. It was considered that a few hundred dollars would cover the transportation, and they would not therefore require all of those grants. School Boards hesitate to close their schools, even temporarily, for

fear it would result in depreciation of the value of the farm property. It might also be difficult, they say, to re-open these schools. They consider it a step in the centralization of educational control.

The following resolution was passed by this convention—Whereas there are many small schools in the Province of Ontario that are neither economical nor efficient; Whereas the School Regulations provide for the transportation of pupils from one small school to another; Therefore be it resolved that it be made compulsory upon school boards, where there are four or less pupils in average attendance to close the school temporarily and transport the pupils to an adjoining school, unless they can satisfy the Public School Inspector that it would be impracticable. This throws the burden upon the school board. The school would, according to this resolution automatically close unless they can give good reason for keeping open. It will be interesting to know what rural trustees think of this resolution.

SCHOOL REPORT

November report of S.S. No. 17, Pickering. Names in order of merit. Jr. IV—Lorne Kester, Florence Duerden, Edith Nighswander, Mabel Eckardt, Walter Slack; Mary Nighswander, Florence Tindall, Laura Hill and Fred Alsop equal, Stanley Reesor Sr. III—Garfield Dreyer, Roy Tindall, Harvey Bunker. Jr. III—Harvey Nighswander, Roy Slack, Clifford Barkey. Class II—Harold Lewis, Reta Eckardt, Ruby Tindall, Alma Fretz, Lean Hill. Class I—Lois Kester, Fred Lewis, Elsie Eckardt, Norman Fretz. Sr. Pr.—Douglas Dreyer, Barbara Barkey, Ruth Slack. Jr. Pr.—Kenneth Rapson. K. E. Reesor, teacher

Lemonville School report for Nov. Forin V.—Florence Barkey 73; Sr. IV—Elgin Hisey 72, Don Hall 68; Jr. IV—Elda Hutchinson 80, *Helen Hastings 80, Reta Wiggins 74, Lewis Wells 74, Keith Hutchinson 68, Blake Yake 65, Bruce Baker 64; Sr. III—Allan Baker 83, Doris Baker 82, Frank Hall 57; Sr. II—

Marion Hastings 76; Jr. II—James Attreed 71, Vera Wells 70, *Harold Preston 68; Sr. I—*Jim Rae 71, Sammy Fockler 63; Primer—*Blanche Preston 84, Eva Scott 52, Andrew Hutchinson 82, Aylmer Hood 79, *Elgin Hastings 79, *Norma Rae 78, Velma Yake 76. *Absent one or more exams. No. on roll 26, average att. 22. Margarette Y. Thomson, teacher

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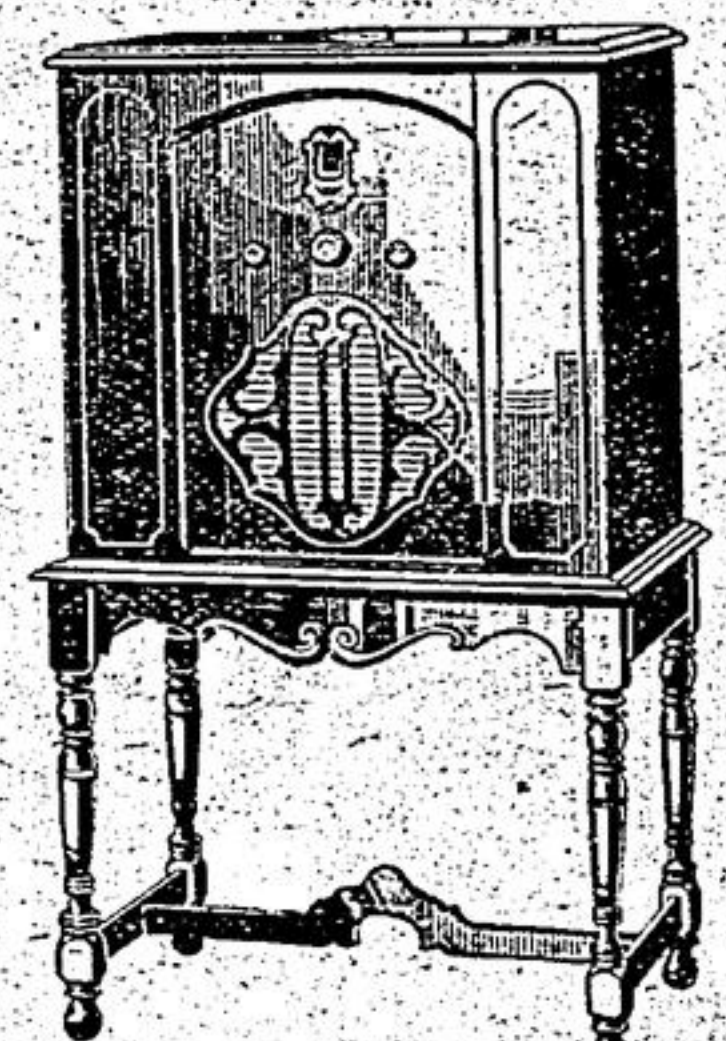
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