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"A scheme has been announced by the Manitoba Wheat Pool for the liquidation, over a period of years, of the loss incurred in the marketing of the 1929 crop, and similar schemes will probably be adopted by the pools in Saskatchewan and in Alberta. It is part of the plan to avoid having the provincial governments make any payments in the very near future on the guarantees which they gave last summer of pool borrowings from the banks. The governments and the taxpayers will be wise if they do not anticipate too much from the plan in the way of preventing heavy calls upon them in that connection.

Indeed, it may be questioned if the governments are entitled to complete relief from the consequences of their action. When the guarantees were given it was repeatedly claimed by the governments that they were not extending any special favors to the pools. What they were doing, or thought they were doing, was holding up the price of wheat for the benefit of the whole West, by endeavoring to prevent a large quantity of pool wheat from being forced upon an unfavorable market. How completely they failed in their object is shown by the fact that the price of wheat, which then stood at about \$1.15 per bushel, has since steadily declined by over 45 cents a bushel. Whatever wheat the governments saved from being "dumped" at that time has since been sold, or will have to be sold, at prices very much lower. It is altogether probable that both the wheat market and the pools are very much worse off for the government assistance given. If these facts are brought home to the provincial governments and to the electors in a way sufficiently painful to prevent in the future such unwise governmental excursions into the field of marketing, some loss for the provinces may even be a cheap price to pay for the experience."—Financial Post

WINNERS DECLARED

Winners of the Turnip Competition under the direction of the Markham Agricultural Society are announced as follows:
 1. Harold Cowie, Milliken, 93; 2. George Hamby, Unionville, 92; 3. V. Boynton, Gormley, 91; 4. Jack Foster, Markham, 90; 5. Jos. Boyd, Pickering, 89; 6. D. Tran, Claremont, 88; 7. Chas. Boynton, Gormley, 87.
 The judge was Mr. Geo. Rush of Toronto.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Municipal politics are beginning to bubble, but at this time we are not prepared to say what Reeve Sanders or his associates in the council are contemplating.

The motto for the hunting season this year was: "If you look like a moose stay at home." However, even good looking men like those who went from Stouffville have been taken for a moose. Now bring on your venison!

The weather for the past week has been so mild that householders had difficulty in keeping their furnaces low enough to leave the homes comfortable. Those farmers who are drawing water for their stock due to the long spell without rain, are fervently hoping for a real good downpour before freezing-up time, which is drawing near at hand.

Opponents of the smoking habit will have a powerful argument in the report of Fire Marshall Heaton who says that in the Province of Ontario last year more than sixteen hundred fires started from cigarettes. This is evidence of the callous indifference of many smokers, as the most ordinary common-sense care would have obviated all this damage to property.

For some years the town of Aliston has been putting off the expensive day when it would have to build a new high school. A couple of years ago Inspector Levan ordered a new building to be erected, but no action was taken. Recently the board has been wondering why the government grant of \$3,000 was not received and enquiry brought the answer that no grant could be given under the circumstances. A further grant of about \$10,000 due next February is also in jeopardy. So the board is now forced to take steps to secure a site and to go on with the erection of a new high school building, although the taxes are at present burdensome they claim.

The new issue of permits for the purchase of beers and wines and spirituous liquors went into effect on Saturday, Nov. 1st, the old permits having expired the previous day. The new issue provides for the purchasing of a permit for beer and wine only, and also a permit for all beverages, and spirituous liquors, the former selling at \$1.00 and the latter at \$2.00. The former can at any time be exchanged for a general permit by paying the extra dollar. A good feature of the new permits is that a space is provided for marking the cost of the purchase made, and it is the duty of the Inspector to carry forward the total from page to page. This will apprise the permit holder just how much he is spending on liquors and beverages, and it will also allow the Inspector and should the latter feel that the permittee is spending more on drink than what he can afford, he is not only empowered but instructed by the Liquor Control Board to put a limit on the permit holder's purchases. No home should be made to suffer due to the provider's fondness for booze, and should his selfish extravagance in this way not manifest itself to him then it is up to the Inspector to curtail his purchases. The Liquor Control Board would rather see more and larger entries in patron's bank books and less in their permit books, and has made it easy for them to keep a tab on their spendings for their quenchers or the cup that cheers.

The editor of the Brandon Sun favors eating in the kitchen. He says so bluntly, and when he makes up his mind, it is difficult to change it. The western editor says dining rooms are a nuisance. He has been reading a little bit of history and finds the dining rooms were introduced in France in the sixteenth century, and that some person in England saw them and took the idea home. We suppose that's how we happened to have dining rooms in Stouffville. In turn someone brought the idea to this continent and here you are.

Of course the occasional meal in the kitchen is all right; it saves steps and it never seems necessary to have all the implements at hand. It is so handy to reach over the table to the stove or the kitchen cabinet without scarcely getting up. But the women folk must get sick and tired of staying in the kitchen. There they prepare the things to eat, and there they wash the dirty dishes, and if they have to sit right down plunk in the centre of all these activities and consume the victuals there they'd never have much of a change. Of course we are thinking of homes where a maid is not employed to prepare the meals.

That western editor can eat his black bread and pigs knuckles on the kitchen table if he desires, but most of us here are anxious to have our leg wrapped around the post of the kitchen table.

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"Old Timer" has either lost his balance or he has been entirely misinformed regarding the flag incident of which he writes in the last issue of Tribune. I wish to put him write on the facts, which I have direct from one who participated in the affair.

First let me say that to this day the fine old elm tree on which the Yankee flag was placed still stands at Mongolia, as a mute memory of those stirring times.

At the time of the Fenian Raid the feeling between the Grits and Tories ran high. The Tories were supposed to be the "blue bloods" while the Grits were something else. Even after the raid, William Button's troop were to drill at Mongolia on a certain day.

On a day before this drill the idea was conceived by practical jokers to fly an American flag at the top of the elm, knowing full well that the Button troop would never drill under the stars and stripes. No sooner was it thought of than the flag was perched on the upper heights by a nimble tree climber. Anticipating that the loyal troop would resort to cutting the tree down, a number of large spikes were drove into the trunk so that no one would risk an axe in it. (There were no cross-cut saws then.)

Some of the men who took part in the sport of hoisting the flag and seeing the consternation of the Button troop included Robt. Curtis the merchant, J. Calvert, Thos. Calvert and George Calvert. All of them have passed on, but to their last days they never forgot the old flag incident.

"Descendant"

WHITCHURCH TP. COUNCIL

The November meeting of Whitchurch Township Council was held at Vandon on Saturday. Members present were Deputy Reeve W. Williams, Councilors Ratcliff, Rae and Evans, and Reeve H. Kidd presiding.

The usual bylaw was passed appointing deputy returning officers, poll clerks, and places to hold a poll in case one is demanded any time during the year 1931. There were no changes made in the polling booths from last year and none in the officials in charge excepting in polling div. No. 2 (Bethesda) where Fred March is made D.R.O. and Clarence Bolender P. C.

Less Preston appeared before council requesting a grant for cutting down hill on the 6th concession at lot 17, and Chas. Brandon made a request for 160 yards of gravel.

Councillors Ratcliff and Rae introduced a motion to grant R. E. White, district representative, the sum of \$10.00 for junior plowing competition.—Carried.

Councillor Ratcliff and Deputy Reeve Williams moved a resolution paying Sir A. Jarvis the sum of \$88 for eight sheep killed by dogs unknown, and J. B. Brillinger the sum of \$15 being for one sheep killed and damaged to flock.

Reeve Kidd gave council a little insight into the proceedings taking place in the county concerning the assessment appeals now before a judicial committee. As Whitchurch was not one of those pushing the appeal no counsel had been employed although the reeve must necessarily be present at the sittings to look after the council's interests. He wasn't prepared to say that the assessment of Whitchurch would be greatly affected after the committee once gives its decision.

The following general accounts were passed for payment: P. M. Thompson funeral and cemetery expenses re Hazel Weeks \$60; H. Kidd, A. H. Vanostrand, H. M. Jakeman each \$3 attending reselecting jurors; W. Crawford, selecting jurors \$6; John Williams constable, \$37; R. Y. Broughton disinfecting \$7.50.

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