

BLOOMINGTON
Miss Elsie Lemon of Bichelliff, was home for the weekend.
Mr. Stanley Rose spent the weekend in Brooklyn.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and family of Markham visited at his home here.
We are sorry to hear that Mr. Louis Hamm is very ill with pneumonia.
Mr. and Mrs. Tindall and family

of Toronto were at his brother's over Sunday.
Most of our week-end visitors were forced to prolong their stay on account of the severe storm.
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JACOB YAKE

ACCIDENTS IN HOMES OUT NUMBER INDUSTRIAL

Special to The Tribune
A recent survey by one of the leading insurance companies elicited the rather astonishing fact that it was much safer for a person to be working in a factory than to be engaged in domestic duties. No less than 46 per cent of the injuries caused for by 22 visiting nurse associations in a metropolitan city arose out of domestic pursuits, and but 9 per cent happened while the injured person was at work.
Among the domestic injuries nearly one-half were due to falls on or down stairs, over chairs and in bath tub; and to slips on rugs or off the step ladder. It would appear that these types of home hazards deserve more consideration as a cause of disability than they have been receiving.
Burns and scalds are next in importance as a cause of domestic injury. No less than 28 per cent of home casualties during 1930 were directly traced to the stove, grate, lamp and match hazards.
While undoubtedly spectacular progress has been made in industrial establishments against accidents by means of improved safety devices, physical examinations and personal instruction, a concentrated and regulated effort along these lines regarding the home has as yet not been made. In fact, it is questionable whether it will ever come to pass. For obviously the individual, rather than the officials, has the regulatory power, which of necessity must be of a highly personal nature. In the last analysis, the question resolves itself into one of attitude and self-discipline. Care is the great ally; carelessness the great foe.

BALLANTRAE SCHOOL DAYS

By Miss Tindall, teacher at Ballantrae
The first school begun by the energetic Irish of the Ballantrae Section was built down the lake road near the boundary of Mr. M. Rose's and Mr. Mac Connor's present farm. An old filled-in well remains to mark the place. It was a large log school, plastered inside and out. The roof was shingled with hand-shaved shingles made by the Hill and Staley families who lived on the other side of Musselman's lake. They were bought at 1000 for \$1. Mr. Anderson was first teacher.
To walk into this school at it was then one would probably be surprised at the interest shown in Education. The little old school held around 50 or 60 pupils, but in special seasons, during the winter, the number was largely increased. Families were larger than today. One of the old residents who went to this school told me there were 130 attending at one time. One inspector reported that the pupils were packed like herrings in a barrel. There were two or three rows of old fashioned bench seats with a desk in front. To the front of this desk the seat of the head was fastened. From three to five pupils could be seated comfortably at each desk.
Pupils had beards and moustaches. To provide for the overflow of benches were nailed along the wall; the pupils sat facing the wall. The teacher's desk was in the front—a simple affair more like a table. In a small cupboard library books, charts and maps were placed. The large box stove used in the centre burned six-foot cordwood, which could be bought for a whistle or for the cutting. The teacher built the fires, and the children did the care-taking by turns. The teacher carried the light wood to start the fire every morning. A blackboard was at front—black painted boards.
One of the early masters was Mr. Udell. He was very severe and strict but was an excellent teacher. Some of his pupils were older than he, and wore whiskers and moustaches. They took an interest in their work and realized the benefit of an Education because their fathers lacked it. They were taught "Reading" Writing and "Rithmetic" to the tune of birch or beech rod. Geography was an important subject after grade III. The History of England was taught in grades III and IV. It was only on rare occasions that there was a grade IV.
The methods of punishment were severe. The habit was to punish physically instead of mentally. For instance Mr. Udell, Mr. Wilson and Miss Defoe made the disobedient child sit on the seat of nothing. Perhaps some of you know what that is. The child was forced to stand beside the wall with knees half bent and arms held straight out sideways. This position was held until the child's strength gave out. Another favourite punishment was a ring in the wall. The child drew a circle with chalk on the wall, about two and a half feet from the floor and then bent over and put his nose within the ring and held the awkward position until he fell over.
The birch rod was never idle. It was used for older pupils. One lady told me that in her school days of 1860-1872 they got a whipping every time they bent over, dropped a pencil, or stepped crooked. They were hit over hands, head or anywhere. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Doherty and Mr. Mason were early teachers—single young men on \$150 to \$200 a year. Most of them were fully qualified. Mr. McGee was reported to be specially fond of big girls. Mr. Wilson was Irish. Sometimes his language was so broad that pupils could not understand him. One of his favourite expressions when he dismissed the classes—he usually sat with feet upon the stove—was "Awa to yer farrums, ivery one of ye."
New Frame, then new Brick School.
Of those who attended school in 1860 only a few remain—Mrs. Sam Hood, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Appleton and I think, Mrs. Bates are the only ones left. When settlement spread out Churchill way a new frame school was built in 1873, between the 8th and 9th, on the site

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of the present school. It was more central than the old one and had two rooms. Miss Meta Defoe and Mr. Mason were the first teachers as far as I can find out.
The inspectors' work was to test, recite, sums, geography and arith. of every class. The teachers' methods were more of telling, than of developing reason as it is today. Much memory work was required. Many other teachers followed. In 1890 this frame school was burned down. A demented woman is said to have built a fire in it and set the school on fire.
The next year the present brick school was erected, among the first brick buildings in the locality. Mr. Walton's house was the first. The last school still contains equipment which was used in the 1890's. Mr. McLean and Mr. Flower were the first teachers in the new school.
Singing Class Good Sparring Place.
The first church services at Ballantrae were held in the log school house on the Lake Road. The ministers were local preachers and very earnest workers. As the population increased in 1870 the Presbyterians and Methodists joined in building a union church on the Simpson property. The work was all done by bees, logging, chopping and hauling bees. In a few years ill feeling arose over bringing in a Presbyterian minister, and the Presbyterians built a new church up the eighth, on the corner of Hood's farm. It is now a summer church at Musselman's Lake. In 1880 this was built, at a cost of \$500, by a contractor at Markham. The old school and union church was the social centre. Mr. Udell organized and led a singing class in 1870-71 and taught doh-rah-me. Many young people attended. One of the older residents of Ballantrae said it was a good sparring place.
The preachers came from Toronto and the villages. They were good ministers. This same lady said they expounded the pure gospel and stressed hell-fire in simple language and in so interesting a style that a child could understand. They were severe and expected attention from everyone. The late Mr. Simpson Sr. (Continued on page 5)

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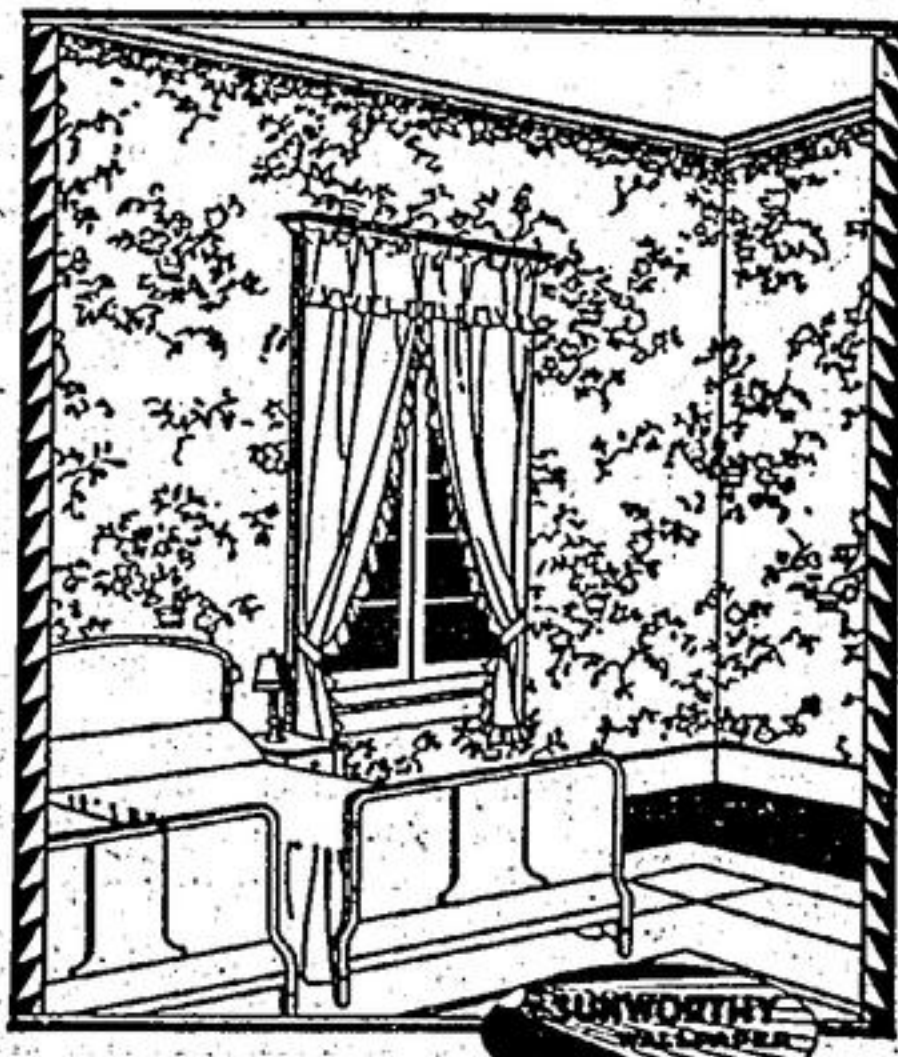
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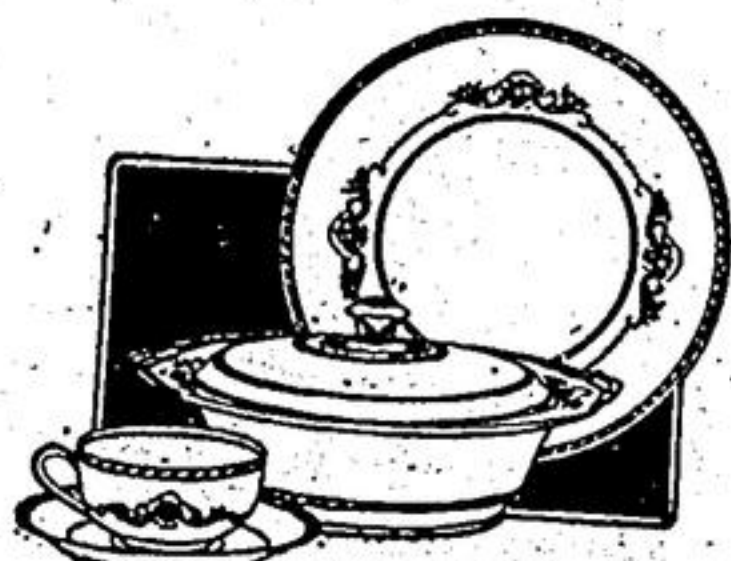
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