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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Although police have had charge of the matter nothing new has been revealed concerning the whereabouts of the unknown person who shot a valuable Percheron mare in the pasturefield on the farm of Mr. E. A. Story at Bloomington. Since this paper first gave out the information to the public about the horse being shot the incident has been given some prominence in the Toronto papers.

Announcement is made by Hon. W. H. Price, acting Minister of Education that the increase in written examination papers this year may affect the date of announcing some of the results. There is an increase of at least 30 per cent. in middle school papers, and an increase of over 25 per cent in upper school papers.

Colonel Price said the department hoped to be able to issue middle school results as early as last year, but upper school results might be delayed. The last departmental examination was written on June 30. The associate examiners completed their duties on July 22 and a special revising board are now engaged in the final consideration.

According to the Municipal World an amendment to the Municipal Act this year is of particular interest to municipalities. At the next municipal election no municipality in a county, with the exception of the townships of York and North York, will be entitled to elect more than one deputy-reeve.

If the number of municipal electors (other than husbands and wives of owners or tenants) of a town (not being a separated town), a village, or township is 1,000 or less, a reeve is to be elected. If the number of municipal electors exceeds 1,000, a deputy-reeve is also to be elected. Where the municipality has more than 2,000 and not more than 3,000 municipal electors, the reeve is to have two votes in the county council; and where the municipality has more than 3,000 electors the deputy-reeve will have two votes.

Great care will have to be taken by local clerks in making their certificates for the county clerk as to the number of electors to be counted, under section 51 (2) and (3) as enacted 1928, chapter 37, section 2. Also after the next elections county clerks will require a list of the county councillors showing which have only one vote and which have two votes. This will be decided from the certificates sent by the local clerks.

Calendar Reform Plan Gets Airing in October

World Conference to Discuss Fate of Present Calendar Established in 46 B. C. — Many Nations Favor Change

That 1933 may go down in history as the year in which the calendar given to the world by Julius Caesar in 46 was thrown overboard, is the prospect held out in a bulletin recently issued by the International "Fixed Calendar" League, from London, England. Whether definite action is in sight, as anticipated by the League, or not, 1931 will be marked by a gathering of delegates of all the governments of the world at Geneva, in October, for the purpose of determining whether an improved calendar should be universally established and when and how it should be made effective.

Defects of the present calendar are legion, according to a statement by the League. Fundamentally these are: (1) the lack of equality in the lengths of months; (2) the fact that months do not contain a whole number of weeks; (3) that the days of the week shift each year to different dates; and (4) that the dates for Easter, Whitsuntide and the other holidays are changed each year.

National Committees Formed

The need for a revision of some kind seems to be pretty generally admitted on the basis that the irregularities of the present calendar are plainly evident, annoying and costly. Committees have been organized for some time in most European countries and in Brazil, Chile, Mexico, China, Japan, and the United States, where questionnaires have been sent out in tens of thousands in order to ascertain public opinion in the matter. In some countries, notably in Germany, Great Britain, Ireland and the United States, committees have been active in educational work. The U.S.A. committee has already reported that American opinion is favorable to calendar reform and that the proposed 13-month year is preferred. It is stated that at the end of 1930 more than 118 companies in that country had adopted the system, while hundreds of enquiries have been received for information as to how 13-month calendars for private corporations are operated.

In France, the committee appointed by the National Economic Council (an official body over which the Premier presides) completed its study of the subject during the past year and recorded its preference for the 13-month calendar. German railway, educational and other authorities have reported in favor of the plan. In Great Britain, it is stated, many business and labor organizations have been already impelled by the defects of the present calendar to use four-week periods instead of months, while since July 1, 1930, post office settlements between all nations have been paid in four-week periods. It is further reported that vital statistics and health records are now kept by the League of Nations, and all nations, in four-week periods.

Advocates of calendar reform before the League of Nations cite the following as the principal defects of our present system: First, the divisions of the year, the months, quarters, and half-years, are of unequal lengths. Months vary from 28 to 31 days; quarters from 90 to 92 days; while the first half-year, therefore, con-

tains two or three days less than the second. These inequalities cause confusion and uncertainty in accounting, statistics and schedules, while comparisons are difficult and inaccurate.

Second, the calendar is not fixed changing every year. Each year begins on a different day or the week. The exact reproduction of the calendar of any year takes place every 28th year, hence periodical events cannot be fixed with precision.

Third, constant shifting of the number of working days in months causes continuous confusion. At present the difference between various months is as high as 19 per cent. Workers are troubled by the unequal intervals between dates for pay days and those when rents and monthly installments are due. The fifth week's groceries would never have to be bought out of the same monthly salaries or allowances, if the new calendar were instituted.

Three Plans Suggested

Out of the many plans for improving the calendar which have been submitted to the League of Nations, there are exactly three which are likely to receive serious consideration. The others are regarded as too absurd or too revolutionary to get widespread support.

The first, promoted by a British railroad man, is the so-called thirteen months plan, which ingenious ly provides that every month shall be exactly alike, consisting of twenty-eight days and beginning on Sunday. At the end of the year, the odd 365th day would be known as "Year Day," an international holiday with no place in either the monthly or weekly programme. The name of the new month would be "sol" between June and July.

February of this year is cited as the perfect month, commencing on Sunday, the first and ending on Saturday, the twenty-eight. The adoption of standard 28-day months would mean that the same date in any of the proposed 13 months would fall upon the same day of the week. Both the current day and date could be constantly recorded on clocks and watches.

A second suggested change, known as the "Swiss plan," is less revolutionary. It provides a twelve-month calendar in which each quarter is identical. The first two months of each quarter are to have thirty days each, and the last month thirty-one days. The last day of the year, as in the first scheme, would be a "Year Day" holiday.

The third scheme, which owes its arrangement to an American, and which is sponsored by a body of representative scientists, educators and labor leaders through their membership in the World Calendar Association, is generally regarded as the plan which presents the fewest obstacles to universal adoption. It suggests twelve months, divided into four quarters of exactly equal length, supplemented by an extra "Year Day" at the end of the fourth quarter, which would be in effect a double Saturday, combining with New Year's Day into a three or four-day rest period. This plan provides that the first month of each quarter shall contain thirty-one days and the two following months thirty days each. It thereby improves on the Swiss plan which brings five Saturdays and five Sundays into every third month.

think of that. But I'll bet he will give others a little consideration hereafter. If he doesn't... well, for his sake, and the sake of all the rest of us, let's be hopeful.

CLAREMONT

Mrs. Walter Bennett of Markham visited her sister Mrs. Bennett last week.

Several members of the C.G.I.T. are at Camp Stephen, on Lake Scugog this week.

Master Bill and Ted Tomlinson and Earl Cook are holidaying at a Boy's Camp at Port Stanley.

Mrs. Hoag of Newcastle has returned home after a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearce.

Clifford Pilkey and family and F. Morley and family are camping at Port Bolster near Beaverton.

Miss M. J. McLellan B. A., has returned home after taking a short course at Summer School, Toronto.

Mrs. C. Brodie and daughter Miss Emma of Chasey, New York, are spending a few days with Miss Margaret Macnab.

Mrs. Albert Rawson, of Toronto is visiting with relatives here.

Mrs. Fred Pugh has gone to Strathroy to spend a month with her sister Mrs. Whiting.

Miss Alice Bacon, nurse in training at the Coburg Hospital, has returned to duty after her annual vacation, part of which was spent with her parents here and part at Wasago Beach.

Rev. and Mrs. Wood of Fonthill have been renewing old friendships here during the past week. Mr. Wood was a former minister of

HAS IT HAPPENED TO YOU?

by P.C.I.



Time: 5 p.m. Sunday.
Place: Kingston Road, 15 miles out of Toronto, coming west.
... about half a mile of cars moving very slowly and more cars joining the minute Brakes screaming, horns honking, heads thrust out of windows.
I flashed up to the head of the line... and got him with the goods. 10 miles an hour he was driving.
I steered him onto a wide spot off the road and I told him... plenty!! Says I, "How do you know there wasn't a doctor in that line going on an emergency call?"
"Anyhow, what's the idea of holding up several hundred people just because you want to dawdle along with 'ill Church time?' Funny thing was he didn't realize he was doing wrong... they never do. Didn't know he was insulting every other driver on the road... they don't

Claremont Baptist Church. Both of our ministers are absent on their annual vacation. Rev. A. McLellan who has the month of August left on Tuesday to visit his brother at Calumet, Michigan. Rev. H. Stevens left on July 31st for a six week trip to England.

The Claremont Social Club held its annual picnic and dance at Frenchman's Bay on the evening of July 31st. The attendance this year was not so large as on former occasions but those present spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Bowling Club held a meeting on July 31st for the purpose of reorganizing. A set of by-laws were prepared and adopted and the following officers were elected: Pres.—H. G. McIntyre; Vice. Pres.—Fred Ward; Sec. Treas.—R. J. Howe. A board of trustees was also appointed, and a Ladies Committee and a Grounds Committee. Earlier in the season pipes were laid from Mr. McIntyre's factory to ensure an ample supply of water for the green.

Some thirty members of the Women's Institute motored to the home of Mrs. Newman, Fairport Beach on Tuesday afternoon, July 28th, where they were guests of the Pickering Institute at a most enjoyable picnic. Members of the Highland Creek Institute were also guests. After a short program given by the Claremont ladies the remainder was spent in games, contests and social intercourse. Some of the pretty prizes given to the winners of contests were won by Claremont ladies. A delicious supper was served by the Pickering Institute on Mrs. Newman's screened in verandah, after which the visitors returned home feeling that they had spent a most delightful afternoon.

GOODWOOD

Misses Bertha and Edna Tate visited their brother Earl for a couple of days having motored from Montreal.

BETHESDA
Mr. Roy Smith was home on Sunday with his father here.

Reesor Steckley spent a few holidays in Toronto last week. The prayer meeting held at Eldon Bolanders on Wednesday night was well attended. We hope to see more, come, and join us in these meetings.

Quite a number from here attended the garden party held at Vandorf last Wednesday and say they had a very good time.

The W.M.S. held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Steckley on Thursday evening. A very fine program was rendered after which refreshments were served.

Bethesda played Gormley in a game of baseball in the local school yard on Friday evening, when the score was 3 to 4 in favor of Bethesda. Wait till next game and we will see how they perform.

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