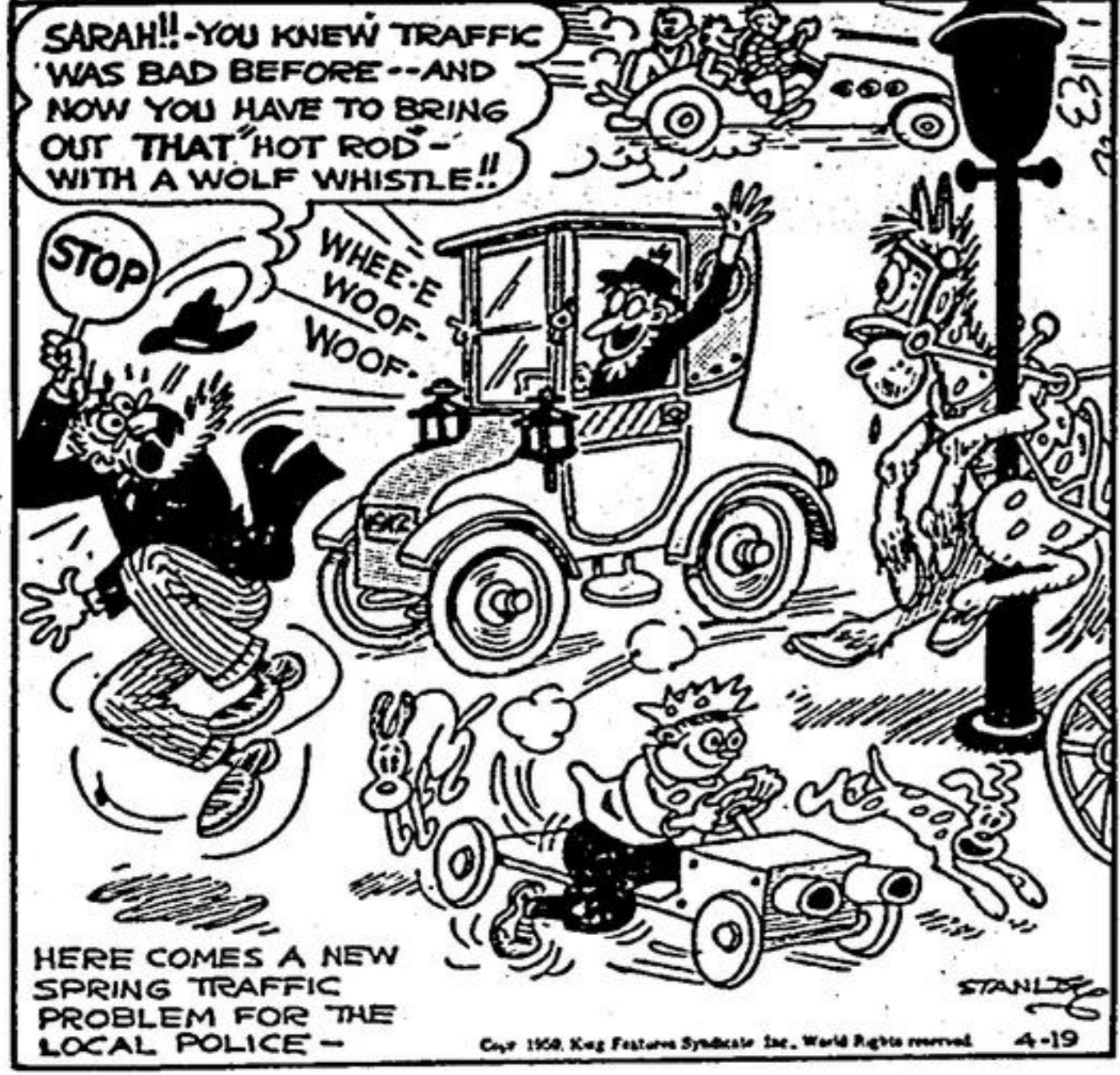


THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Dismiss Charges in Pugh, Beckett Mishap

The charges against the driver of the car which struck Gordon "Ginger" Pugh and Thomas Beckett on Jan. 31, were dismissed in Newmarket court Thursday. Magistrate Earl Hand said in dismissing the charges that there was no case against the driver, A. Campbell McIntyre of Toronto.

Witnesses said that the garbage truck under control of Ginger Pugh and Thomas Beckett was parked double. One witness referred to the truck as being parked in the middle of the road. Photographs, taken immediately after the accident, were introduced as

evidence and showed that a car was parked between the garbage truck and the curb.

McIntyre was proceeding south when he lost control of his car on the slippery road. His car hit Pugh then Beckett, and swung completely around before coming to rest against the side of a post on the east side of the street. McIntyre was charged with careless driving.

The injured men are both in hospital in Toronto.

Special item for wives: A husband in Ohio broke his collarbone while beating rugs.

A robin seen hopping on the City Hall steps was probably considering applying for a building permit.

Price Peeking At 30 Years Ago Holds Surprises

Despite nostalgic sighs for the "good old days" when prices weren't so high, a new item from a 1920 paper shows the span of years hasn't made an appreciable difference in the situation.

In fact, news from the St. Lawrence market in Toronto in March, 1920, indicates that the situation on some market products is better today than it was then.

Butter 72 Cents

The news item quotes: "Butter prices soared this morning. One man with a sign reading 'United Farmers Association' tacked over his stand made this announcement:

"Dairy butter for 62 cents a pound and creamery for 72 cents a pound; while another was selling creamery for 68 cents and still another for 64 cents."

Compare with today: Recent market quotations list the price of creamery butter at 61 to 66 cents a pound, or just about the same as March, 1920.

But nowadays, butter has a stiff competitor in margarine, listed at 32 to 34 cents a pound on the market, thus giving today's housewife an edge on her 1920 counterpart.

Eggs Hit \$1 Mark

On another front, today's housewife can count her eggs a blessing at current prices, compared with the 1920 situation. The same news item said:

"Shoppers received a pleasant surprise this morning when a drop in the price of new-laid eggs was recognized. The price this morning ranged from 75 to 85 cents compared with 90 cents and \$1 last week.

"Indeed, one farmer selling new-laid eggs at 75 cents a dozen impressed upon a buyer that they had only been in the market 15 minutes and naturally must be at their best."

Buyers groaned not many months ago when egg prices crept up to "unprecedented" heights around 60 cents a dozen. Now, current quotations list eggs at 45 to 48 cents a dozen for grade A large.

Simcoe Councils Consider Resolution To Initiate Municipal Forests Program

Town, township, and village councils in North Simcoe are currently considering resolutions which ask for a provincial land use survey prior to the establishment of a district municipal forests corporation.

Drafted by the Reeves of Tiny, Tay, Medonte, and Victoria Harbour, the sample resolution calls for the individual councils to go on record as favoring a major expansion of reforestation in the area provided the municipal tax position is protected. Each council is also asked to name a municipal representative with power to act in the preliminary steps toward the corporation.

Certain of the municipalities have indicated that they may select some one outside their councils so that greater continuity may be ensured. The names of Bruce Eplett, former Reeve of Victoria Harbour, and ex-Reeve George Barr of Medonte have been suggested.

Under the proposed plan, which would be developed in conjunction with Reeve Cliff Lockhart's county reforestation committee, it is hoped to give a big impetus to the reforestation of 5 to 25 acre plots on individual farms with a farmer retaining ownership of the land where he so wishes. Planting and management operations would be carried on by the municipal corporation under a long term contract.

In this way not only would the private property owner receive assistance to increase his forest cover and at the same time retain his personal interest in the project, but the danger of fire would be restricted by reason of the separation of the wood lots.

Commendation of the plan has been voiced by agricultural and forestry leaders through Simcoe County. Latest to add his support is Deputy-Reeve Roy Hickling, Chairman of the County Soils Committee.

E. C. Drury, former premier of the province, has also gone on record as favoring the municipal forests corporation.

"When provincial reforestation units were initiated three decades ago, I thought it was the beginning of a new era for agriculture in Southern Ontario," he stated. "The expansion of reforestation has, however, been disappointingly slow. I believe that the North Simcoe Municipal Forests Corpor-



There was an air of sadness among children who attended Good Friday rally held at church in Scarborough, Ont., for one of their members, Johnny Harding, 13, was one of six children who

lost their lives when fire consumed their home in Scarborough. The fire started in the back porch from a pile of live coal left outside by Mr. Harding. In a few minutes the house was

an inferno, reducing the family from 10 to four. With collection plate, at rally, are J. Gilmour and P. Brown. Donations have poured in for the stricken family and are fast mounting to the \$9,000 mark.

Religious Group Mix Christianity and Farming

Waterloo County Mennonites discussed various matters involving well-being of the soil when they assembled to deal with farm problems.

The meeting was the first of its kind by Mennonites. Those present were informed that purpose of the gathering was to find out what is being done to improve farming methods. It was explained that farming ideas of years ago, are a menace to continued farming prosperity.

The meeting was opened by the chairman, I. M. Hurst of Bloomingdale and the devotional period was taken by Rev. C. C. Cressman of New Hamburg. The first speaker was Howard Kauffman, instructor in rural sociology and accounting at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

In his topic "The Intrigue of Soil Study and Improvement" he pointed out that 150 years ago the surplus production of nine farm families was required to feed one city family, while in 1937 the situation was reversed and it took only one farm to supply seven city families with food.

Mr. Kauffman brought out that it takes 500 years to make one inch of soil.

"Think of how many thousands of years of soil building work by nature can be destroyed by one good rain storm on a poorly kept farm, he said.

He also pointed out that in a period of years a farmer may lose as much in soil washing away as though his barn had burned down, and still the farmer may not be aware of it. In 1943 it was shown that a survey brought out the fact that the farmer following conservation methods had an increase in crops of over 35 per cent and \$200 in income.

E. I. McLoughry, Waterloo County's Agricultural representative from Galt gave the last talk of the afternoon on "Practical Approaches to Saving Our Soils."

He pointed out that Waterloo County is fast reaching the point where the farmers are going to have to do something about barren hills. He pointed out that in driving through Wilmet Township last fall he got into a dust storm of such severity that he was forced to turn on the lights of his car.

He also pointed out that Waterloo County is down eight per cent in what is considered the normal amount of woodland necessary in a community. He also explained that by keeping eroding hills in green grass and the steeper slopes covered with trees much can be done to combat soil washoff. Good grass land holds 10 times the amount of water plain ground is capable of holding.

The meeting ended with a question box on soil and crop management, the question being answered by Mr. McLoughry.

The night session was opened by H. D. Groh of Preston. The devotional exercises were taken by

Rev. J. B. Martin of Erb St. Mennonite Church, Waterloo. Rev. J. H. Hess of First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, gave a talk on "Voluntary Service Units Helping to Rebuild Rural Communities."

This was followed by a talk by the secretary on the local voluntary service units committee, A. Leonard Snider of Waterloo.

The main speaker of the evening was Norman High, instructor in rural sociology and farm economics at the O.A.C., Guelph. His talk on "Social Life Vital to the Rural Community" was interesting as he pointed out that the church pro-

vides the rural family with the greatest number of opportunities for social friendship.

"Rural families today are much different than rural families when our parents were young. Mechanization has done much to change home life," he said.

It was found in a recent survey that the farm families which took their social life as a unit rated the highest when it came to family solidarity and unity. Isolation of some rural families can retard progress in general, for where there is no association there is

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Information Wanted

The sub-committee, charged with collecting historical data, hereby makes appeal to the public for assistance, by making available to the committee, facts concerning the early history of the Township.

Information is especially required concerning:

- Early churches; denominational connection; data of founding etc.
- Properties still in possession of descendants of settlers who received same from the Crown.
- Properties that have been in possession of same family for not less than one hundred years.
- Business firms with record of not less than one hundred years of service.
- Prices of farm produce and other commodities.
- Taxes.
- Wages, or salaries.
- Plank roads and toll-gates.
- Any schools, or school records previous to 1818 or 1820.
- Any other information that may be considered historically interesting.

Time is short, therefore this appeal is urgent. Please do not delay!

Give all information in writing together with name of sender, and mail or deliver to either of the undersigned.

Alex D. Bruce, R.R.1 Unionville, Convener of Committee. W. C. Gohn, R.R.2 Gormley, Secretary of Committee.