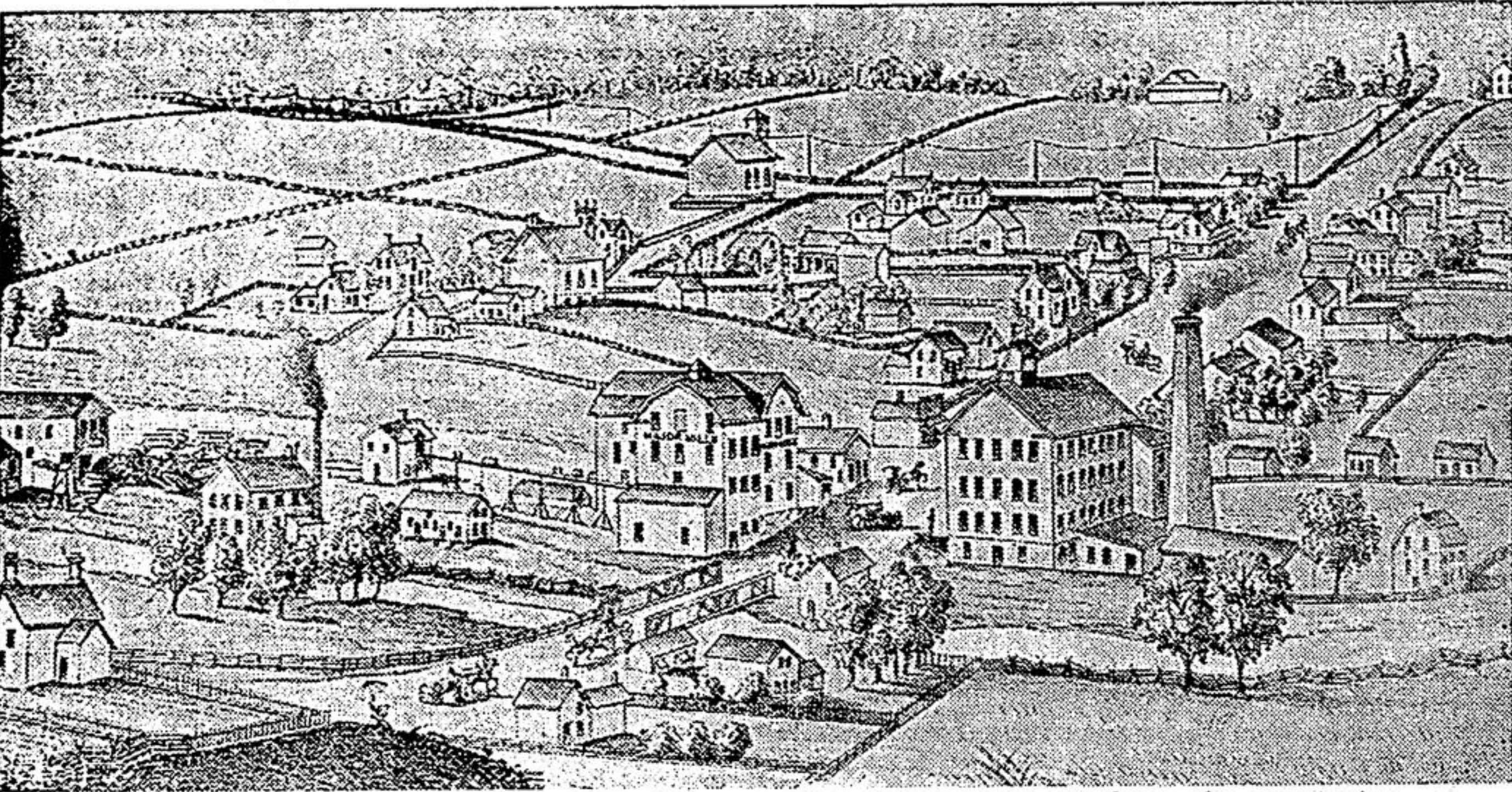


THREE FIRES ALTERED THE PATH OF HISTORY AT THE NEARBY VILLAGE OF WHITEVALE



Foliage of maples and other trees hides old homesteads on the Fifth Line, main street of Whitevale, which now is shade of a past which had a promising beginning as a thriving industrial settlement.



Whitevale of 1877, in this sketch, had factories and mills and the dreams of many — until succession of fires wiped out the business foundations of the community.

Well-Known Local Village Was Home Of Many Prominent Pickering Families

Three fires changed the course of Whitevale's history and set its progress along the quiet path of a secluded hamlet rather than along the 20th century road of industrial progress, according to a Toronto Telegram story.

Almost a century ago the hideaway community located in Pickering Township a half mile south of No. 7 highway, was a bustling town of 1,000, with mills, factories and shops promising a future greatness.

One disastrous fire after another altered that picture radically. A chart of 1877 shows a big woollen mill, stave and heading factory, cooperage, cheese factory, wagon and carriage builders, three blacksmith shops, three general stores and a public hall.

Today a grist mill and one general store remain to serve 250 residents, and farmers in the surrounding district. The old Whitevale Hotel which once provided rooms, fine food and liquor for drummers and visitors is now a three-apartment dwelling.

The cheese factory provided a framework for a private dwelling which still stands on the Fifth Line of Pickering Township—Whitevale's main street. A new grist mill—only 70 years old—grinds on where the woollen mill once wove fine cloths.

Only the maples, planted by the pioneers, have grown. Slender sticks on the old map of Whitevale, they are now spreading giants that burst this time of year into a gentler type of blaze than those of Whitevale once knew.

The vain call to firefighters first sounded in the settlement in 1874. That day several plants including the carriage factory were destroyed. A few years later the woollen mill, swept out of existence by another blaze. And shortly after a third blaze razed the flour mill and the public hall.

With the shops and factories went the dreams and plans of T. P. White, the man whose money and enterprise started the industrial wheels rolling in the village to which he gave his name.

He died not long after the third fire broken by the disastrous end to his bold schemes for Whitevale. With his death, the community entered on a new and quiet chapter.

Actually, the White saga

marked a second phase in the history of Whitevale. Before his arrival the budding hamlet was called Majorville after the pioneer Major family—among the first settlers in the district.

Today, Fred Major, a farmer whose property is on the outskirts of Whitevale, is the last survivor of the original family.

The grist mill, which now raises its bulk over Whitevale's ancient houses, is owned and operated by the Wilson family—father and four sons. They came to Whitevale in 1832 and wish they had made the move earlier.

Though thwarted in its original dreams, Whitevale's future is by no means all in the past. Its long-time residents and mushrooming influx of dwellers who commute to jobs at Port Union, Ajax and Toronto, anticipate its steady growth as a residential area.

Road paving programs and population pressure in Toronto are closing the gap between the metropolitan area and the country hamlet.

Oldtimers are not certain how much they like the gasoline laden breath of the city blowing over the mill pond and through Whitevale's tree-shaded streets.

Right now it's a good place to live. Time moves a little slower and a little more pleasantly for veterans like J. L. Birnie, 78, Whitevale's oldest resident; for Howard Turner who lives in the house his grandfather built in 1856; for people like Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hornshaw who live in the old house on the hill that T. P. White built so he could watch over the village in the valley.

Residence in Whitevale to its present contented residents also means such things as time to read the books in its library, amazingly complete for the size of its reading public—has on call. And to watch their children journey safely to the village's 88-year-old public school.

In 1931, Whitevale's plague paid another visit—VanBlaricom's store was burned to the ground.

The Oddfellows moved their meeting place to the old-fashioned gallery of the church. VanBlaricom established a new shop below.

Not since 1934 have there been so many business failures in Canada as in 1952 when 1,509 businesses went bankrupt.

VICTORIA SQUARE

The Anniversary services of Victoria Square United Church will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At 11 a.m. the guest speaker will be Rev. Wm. G. Berry, M.A., B.D. of Toronto. Special music by Victoria Square United Church choir. At 7:30 p.m. the guest speaker will be Rev. Clayton H. Searle, M.A., B.D. of High Park United Church, Toronto. Special music by the Washington United Church choir.

Sunday School for October 25 will be at 9:45 am. for this Sunday only. Please note the time.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bovair and family in the passing of Mrs. Bovair's mother, Mrs. Ratke of Roblin, Manitoba.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mission Band was held on Saturday afternoon, October 17, at the home of Mrs. Earl Empringham with twenty two children and eleven adults present. Miss Betty Huston presided over the meeting. Misses Carol Mortson and Randallin Trussell sang a duet "I have the Joy, Joy, in my Heart." Miss Steckley, of Gormley, a missionary in India for over two years gave an interesting account of the lives of the children of India. She also illustrated how the children were dressed. Following the meeting refreshments were served.

The Semi-Annual of the W. A. was held on Wednesday of last week at the Trinity United Church, Newmarket. Mrs. A.W. Willows, Mrs. R. Brumwell, Mrs. S. Boynton and Miss Mabel Sanderson attended it from Victoria Square.

Several of the men of the community gathered at the church on Saturday to reshingle the north side of the church shed. Some to help and some to hinder. In spite of the helpers and the hinderers, the job was completed in good time. A very enjoyable lunch was served by the Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston. We would like to thank all who helped.

Mrs. A. Huston, Mrs. R. Boynton, Mrs. S. Boynton, Mrs. P. Bennett and Miss Coral Perkins attended the Mission Band Convention, held in the St. Clair United Church on Thursday of last week.

Sorry to hear of the loss by fire of Mr. Jim McCague's fine Show Barn at Alliston. However we are pleased to report they were able to get all the livestock out safely.

The regular monthly meeting of the Couple's Club will be held in the form of a Halloween Party on Tuesday, evening, October 27 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart. Please come in costume.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sr. Women's Institute will be held Tuesday even-

ing, October 27 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jim Valliere. Theme, "Citizenship and Education." Roll call, "Suggestions to help the school teacher." Greetings from District President, Mrs. G. Francey. Address by Mrs. W. Hunking, a returned missionary from Africa. Hostesses and entertainment committee, Mrs. D. Parsons, Mrs. A. Frisby and Mrs. H. Barber.

Mr. R.E. Sanderson spent Wednesday of last week visiting friends at Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Northcott and girls of Nobleton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Sandle and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett and Ray and Miss Rosemary March had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Empringham.

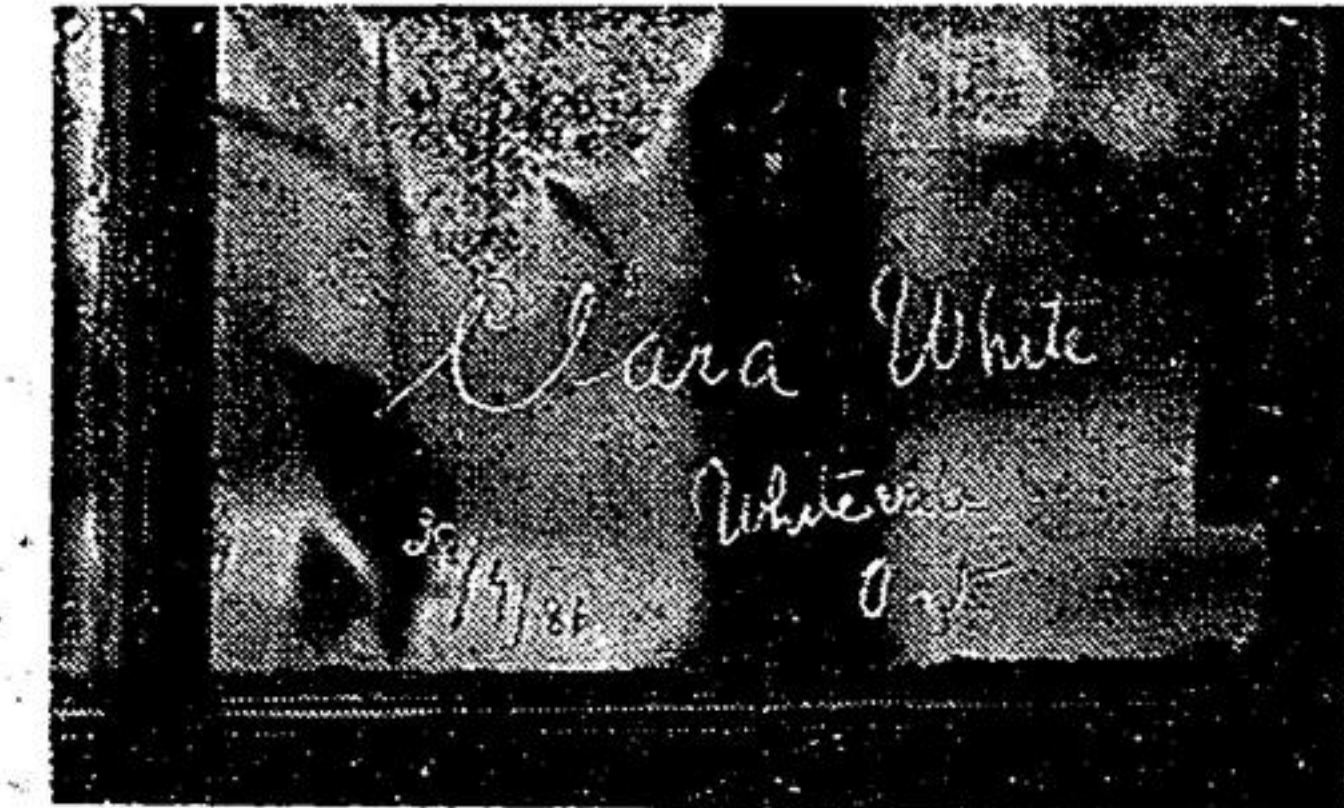
We are sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. H.J. MacKay, who was a former minister to our community. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. will be held on Wednesday evening, October 28th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fraser Gee. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Sissons of Stouffville, who will talk on "Old Glass". Each one is to take a piece of old glass or china they treasure.

When the modern mother wants her daughter, the last place she looks is in the kitchen.



John Birnie, 88 with 80 of those years spent in Whitevale, is able to tell Elizabeth King, 3, much about the community in which the young lady is growing. Her father is Rev. Ralph King, Whitevale United Church.



Small boys have spared this window down through the years and signature of Clara White, descendant of T.P. White, early day Whitevale "tycoon," is a unique touch to community's oldest home, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hornshaw.

York County 4H Clubs Complete Good Season

York County 4H Club boys and girls have once again completed a very successful season. The club year commences with the organizational meetings in April and ends with Achievement Day when the boy or girl in the Calf Club shows the calf she or he has been caring for throughout the season or in the Tractor Club demonstrates his ability in caring for and driving a tractor.

The winners in the competitions are decided on a score basis of 1000 points which for Calf Clubs includes 100 points each for attendance at meetings, judging and examination care and interest, feed records kept, showmanship and 400 points on the animals shown by them. It is doubtful if there are many organizations which have better records for attendance at monthly meetings, the average attendance being over 95% The Schomberg and Woodbridge Calf Clubs this year each had 100% completions of their projects.

The winners in the Clubs this year, were as follows: Sutton Calf Club, Richard Munro, Sutton West; Sharon Calf Club, Bill Taylor, Sharon, Markham Calf Club, Bill Miller, Agincourt; York County Baby Beef Club, Bill Arkinstall, Newmarket; Woodbridge Calf Club, Andrew Watson, Woodbridge; Schomberg Calf Club, Bob Hulse, Schomberg; Woodbridge Tractor Maintenance Club, Bruce Fieldhouse, Woodbridge. All of the winners are to be congratulated on their fine work and a particular note of thanks is due to

the club leaders who greatly assisted in carrying out the club programmes.

On Friday, Oct. 16th, six of the members travelled to the O.A.C. at Guelph to take part in the inter county Judging Competition. York was represented in the Dairy Judging competition by Bill Miller of Agincourt and Wilbur Brumwell of Gormley. Their standing point was 7th with 56 teams competing. In the beef competition with 41 teams competing, Bill Arkinstall, Newmarket and David Evershed, Aurora stood 4th. Bruce Fieldhouse, Woodbridge and Bob Beynon, Maple, stood 6th in the Tractor Club competition with 39 teams competing.

Added Donations N. York Plowmen

These additional donations are acknowledged to the North York Plowmen's Association.

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\$3.00 Ernest Davis, Bill Thompson Tommy Spence, Daniels and Dryden, 5c to \$1.00 Store, Jack Wood.

This competition draws competitors from every county and district in the Province and over 500 were present for the evening banquet.

The 4H Club program in the County is under the direction of Agricultural Representative W.M. Cockburn and Associate Representative E.K. Pearson of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Newmarket. All farm boys and girls between the ages of 12-20 are invited to make inquiry about becoming members of a 4H Club for the 1954 season.

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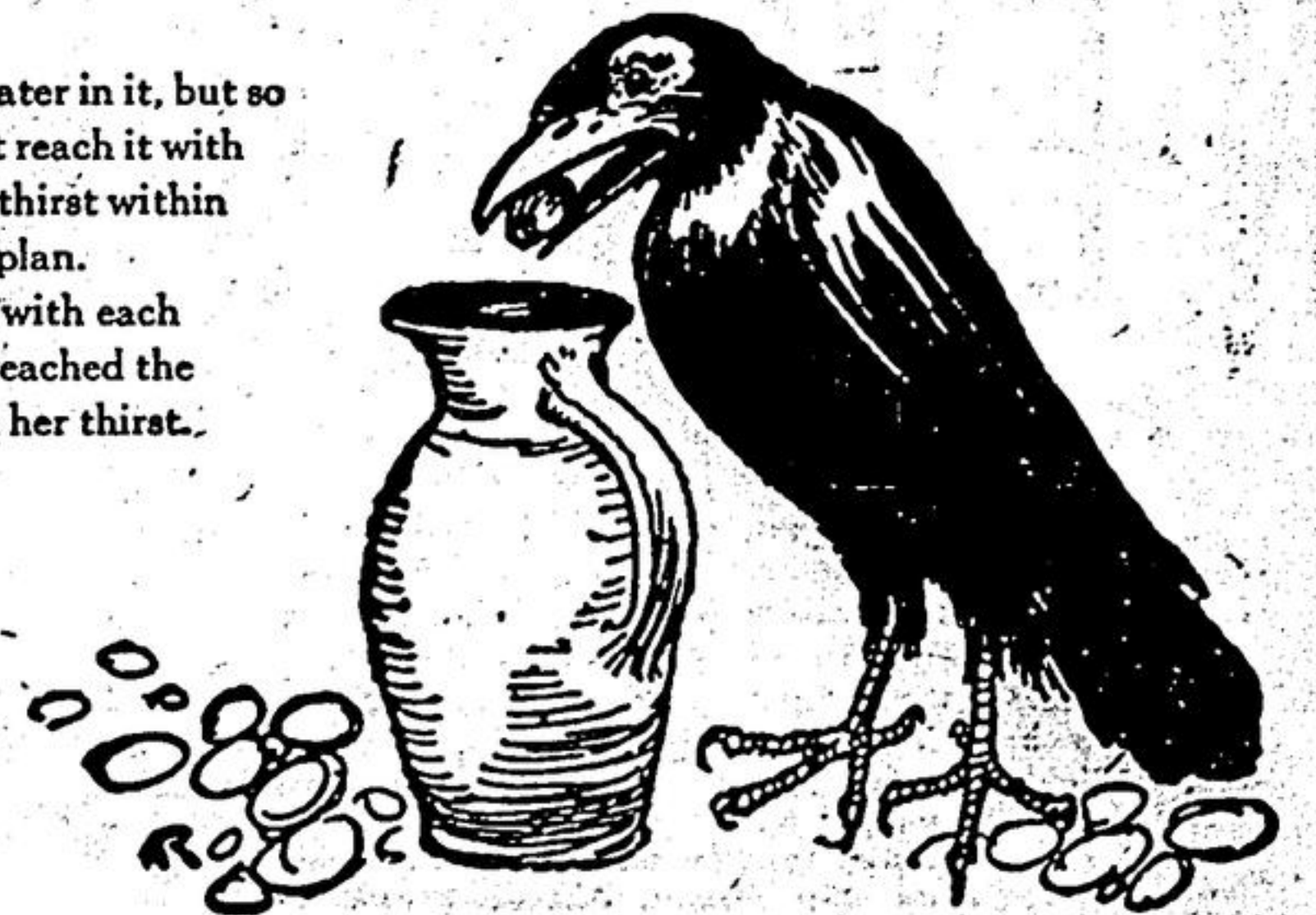


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