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**BUNKER'S HILL.**  
 Sept. 12. — This district has had some splendid rains and everything is now looking fine. The men engaged in road work have finished their job. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hickey have gone to the hospital in Kingston. School has re-opened with Miss Rannels as teacher. Potatoes will be quite scarce this year.

**BELL ROCK.**  
 Sept. 10. — Threshing has been the order of the day, but the recent rains have changed the programme. A sad event took place on Monday, 2nd inst., when Winston, only son of Zara Reynolds, was accidentally drowned in an old mine pit. The deceased was a bright little fellow of eleven years and a favorite of all who knew him. Mrs. Earl Martin, formerly of Verona, has taken charge of the Bell Rock school. Recent visitors: Gerald Timmins, Kingston, Patrick Timmins, Wilkison; and Mrs. A. Till, Moscow, at J. Timmins'. Mrs. E. M. York, Kingston, at J. Pomeroy's, "Oak Hill Farm."

**MISSISSIPPI.**  
 Sept. 10. — Mr. and Mrs. William Geddes and family, motored to Renfrew last Sunday. Miss Annie Olmstead, Kingston, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Olmstead. John Irwin, Toronto, is visiting friends in the village. William Scott, Carleton, is visiting with his daughter, Miss Annie Scott. Charlie Benedict returned to his home last Friday having spent some time at Muskoka. Joseph Steels spent a few days with his brother, William Steels. Thomas Dowdell and Master Raymond Fournier spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fair, Sharbot Lake, last week. Mrs. Robert Gibson and two children spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ansley Gibson, Sharbot Lake, last week.

**COLE LAKE.**  
 Sept. 11. — Wesley Shellington, Belleville, spent the week-end at home. Miss Eliza Judge is in Rockwood Hospital training for a nurse. Miss Bessie Kennedy has returned to Murvale after spending her holidays at home. Mrs. Alexander spent a few days at R. Jackson's. Threshing is the order of the day here. S. Martin, who has been on the sick list is able to be around again. James Mooney, who spent his holidays with Frederick Kennedy, has returned to his home at Portsmouth. Miss C. Freeman has been engaged to teach our school for the coming term. Verum Shellington has gone to Oshawa, where he has secured a position. Mrs. John Booth is visiting at Mrs. Y. Jackson's for a few days.

**HARLOWE.**  
 Sept. 10. — Mr. Edwards, Standard preacher and family, are under quarantine for Scarlet Fever. Mr. Mae, who has been in the hospital with blood poisoning in his knee, is back again greatly improved. Mrs. R. Gray, Selby, is visiting with Mrs. J. Hiller. Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. Hiller. Robin, Miss Anna White, who has been spending her holidays with her parents, has gone to Rochester, N.Y. Miss Kathleen Gray, has gone to Plinton to stay with Mrs. Tindal for a while. J. Gray has finished his road job for this summer. Rev. Mr. Ogden made his trip through to Harlowe, on Sunday, and preached in the afternoon, although it rained and the roads were slippery.

**FLORIDA.**  
 Sept. 11. — A number from here attended the re-opening and 40th Anniversary Services in the Methodist church, Wilton, on Sunday last and also the concert on Monday evening. School has re-opened with Miss E. Glenn, Amherst Island, as teacher for the coming months. Visitors: O. C. Storms, Wilton, at Edward Martin's; Hilda Jeffrey, Hartington, is visiting his brother, C. W. Jeffrey; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, Bath, Mr. and Mrs. S. Martin, Cole Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Martin and little son, also Miss Barr, Fermoy, were Sunday visitors at John Peters'. Clinton Martin has gone to Watertown, N.Y. Miss Lottie Martin, Whitby, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Martin. A number from this place attended the school fair at Harrowsmith, on Monday.

**COXVALE.**  
 Sept. 10. — Rain is greatly needed in this district. Farmers are drawing water several miles. The hay season is about over here. Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox and children and

David Cox and children motored to Kingston last week-end. George Cox, Sr., met with a painful accident last week when the car in which he was riding, lurched into the ditch, throwing him into the windshield, and severely cutting his head. Dr. Moon, Sharbot Lake, was in attendance. Little Miss Chloe Cox, who is seriously ill, in Kingston General Hospital, is not much improved.

School was re-opened with the same teachers as last year. V. Praskey, Folger, made a flying trip to Coxvale last week. Messrs. Watkins, Hamilton and Myers passed through here Wednesday. Charles Cox, Sr., and Charles Cox, Jr., returned from spending a couple weeks at Echo Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, David Cox, and U. S. Praskey made a hasty trip to Ardoch on Friday. James Cox made a business trip to Clarendon last week.

A forest fire caused much alarm here during the dry weather in August, but assistance was brought from Tweed and Ardoch and it was finally controlled. Cattle buyers are already visiting this district.

**Lennox & Addington**  
**MOSCOW.**  
 Sept. 10. — Miss Mildred Townsend met with an accident on Sunday last, when she had the misfortune to break her leg. A speedy recovery is expected. Dr. Arthur Bell and family visited at J. S. Bell's recently. Mr. and Mrs. McCrory and two children at Arlie Benn's; also Mrs. S. Benn is visiting her two sons here. G. A. Hawley, of the Bank of Montreal staff, Yarker, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. Asselstine, Moscow. A number from Moscow expect to take in the Kingston fair next week.

**SELBY.**  
 Sept. 11. — Rev. and Mrs. Branch left last week for his new field of labor at Plymna. Miss M. Anderson left on Monday last for Toronto to attend Normal. M. Brady's barn was struck by lightning, on Sunday, and was burned to the ground. Miss F. Abbott spent some time with friends in Toronto and attended the exhibition. Mr. and Mrs. J. Gou and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Amey and daughter, spent Sunday at Ameliaburg with Dr. and Mrs. File. Miss Grace Storms, Bongard's, is visiting friends here. Mr. and Mrs. J. Jaynes spent Sunday at J. F. Hudgins'. I. Anderson spent Sunday with his son at Belleville. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wood and family spent Sunday at E. Price's, Empey Hill.

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**LAVANT STATION.**  
 Sept. 10. — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sproule and family, Canoto, spent Sunday at William McDougall's. Mrs. W. Boyd spent a few days last week with friends at North Bay. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Thelma, who has been spending the past month with her aunt, Mrs. Ross Alcorn. Miss Bessie Clark, Smith's Falls, commenced her duties here as teacher on Sept. 4th. Mrs. George Lashley, Watson's Corners, spent a few days recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Lee. Mr. and Mrs. S. Lee visited the past week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. P. J. Wilson, Finch. Miss Inez Browning and Marguerite Lee are attending collegiate in Perth. Mr. and Mrs. George Sproule and family visited at Robert Sproule's, Lantana, on Sunday.

**THE GRINDER EXPLODED.**  
 And Hurled Pieces About the Building.  
 Verona, Sept. 12. — What might have proven a very serious accident occurred in E. L. Amey's mill, on Tuesday morning, about eight o'clock. While the mill was running the grinder broke into pieces, flying in every direction, one piece going right through a double floor. Fortunately no one was injured although Mr. Amey and W. Goodberry were both within a few feet of the grinder when the accident occurred. C. M. Reynolds had the misfortune to fall on a cement floor and injure his arm. S. B. Merrill is spending a few days visiting his sister at Rock Spring. Mrs. Lucy, spending the summer here, has gone to Toronto. E. Babcock had charge of the services on Sunday in the absence of Rev. H. J. Crowder.

Rev. Dr. Lawson and Mrs. Lawson are spending the week with friends in Smith's Falls and Ottawa. Miss Lila Fallon and Luke Osborne sang a beautiful duet on Sunday night in the Methodist church, the choir joining in the chorus. G. W. Lakin and family have returned from Kingston. Quite a number took in the school fair at Harrowsmith. Oswald and Henry Leadley have returned from Toronto. Mrs. J. E. Walroth has returned after visiting her daughter in Brockville.

**Enjoying Visiting.**  
 McLean, Sept. 11. — The bee and dance at William Hare's was well attended. Earl Storms furnished the music. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Embury visited at James Embury's on Sunday. William Rayercraft is at home for a few days from Oshawa. Sunday visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sils, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sils, Mr. and Mrs. George Goodberry, and two small children and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpkins and baby and Mrs. S. Clark spent Sunday at Aaron Smith's. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Asselstine and children and William

Smith and Ethel, Rev. Mr. Fhndell and Emerson Snider at John Rayercraft's on Sunday. Mrs. A. Foster and Rabley Ball took tea with Mrs. William Coustins. Mrs. Milford Waggar and Mona are at Enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Youngs and family at Milford Waggar's.

**Good Night Stories**  
 By Blanch Silver

Willy Earthworm's Search For Happiness.  
 Willy Earthworm stuck his head out of his doorway and stretching his neck to its fullest, looked around.  
 A crowd of wee ants were very busy, moving from the side of a rock near the roadway over to the foot of the maple tree.  
 They just barely nodded when they glanced up and saw Willy Earthworm looking at them.  
 "Moving?" he asked the nearest ant. "If I pulled things up like that, I'd move further away."  
 The ants paid no attention to him. They went on with their work, and Willy Earthworm, much disgusted, crawled out of his doorway, grumbling and grunting to himself. Then he started off across the ground.  
 "Some folks are satisfied with most everything," he said to himself. "You'd better hurry before it rains," he added aloud to Mrs. Ant. She nodded and laughed.  
 "We're almost through, so let it rain," she called back. Willy Earthworm crawled out onto the big road.  
 "I've often thought I'd try and find the road to happiness," he grumbled to himself as he jogged along. "and I mean to do it today or know the reason why."  
 Just then he heard someone crying and turned toward the bushes to see who it was. He found Mrs. Blue-Bottle Fly fastened in Lazy Spider's web.  
 "Oh, please, Mr. Earthworm, please help me out," she begged, with tears rolling down her face. "My children will starve if Lazy Spider returns and finds me here."  
 Willy Earthworm looked at the fly and at the sky filled with threatening clouds. Then he crawled up to the edge of the bush and tore the spiders-web so that Mrs. Blue-Bottle Fly could get out.  
 She thanked him, spread her wings and hurried away.  
 Willy Earthworm trotted on a wee bit further, but he was stopped this time by a dear little wild rose bush. She was waving back and forth in the wind, sighing as if her heart would break.  
 "I guess you would sigh, too, if you were in my place," she said as Willy Earthworm stopped to see the cause of her trouble. "All the toads who have been taking care of this part of the meadow have gone down for a swim in the pond. Here comes a rain. The earth is so hard under me that the water never will soak in and I'm famished for a drink."  
 Willy Earthworm never said a word, but he went right to boring down in the ground under Wild Rose-bush. By the time the rain began to fall the earth around her

roots was nice and soft. She had a wonderful drink of water. And she couldn't praise Willy Earthworm enough.  
 "I started out to find the road to happiness," Willy Earthworm laughed as the rain pattered harder and harder on him. "and I found it nearer home than I thought I would. It has made me happy to help them, so I believe I'm on the right road."  
 A way he crawled in the pouring rain. He had no umbrella or hat, but the worried, fretted look was gone from his face. Willy Earthworm was really happy for the first time in his life.

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