

## Lambton Member Commended For Reputation

Leslie Oke, M. L. A., Subject  
of Editorial in The Farmer's  
Sun

### TRUE TO COLORS

Claim Local Member Has Defined  
Issue For Other U. F. O. Members

In a signed editorial by A. G. Bridger, The Farmer's Sun gives its backing to Leslie W. Oke, M. P.P. for East Lambton, who recently repudiated the leadership of Hon. W. E. Raney and withdrew from the Progressive group in the legislature.

After discussing the reason given by Mr. Oke for his action, the editorial "unhesitatingly expresses the view that Leslie Oke has taken the only possible course open to an honest man. Judging the whole case strictly on its merits, we cannot see how, under any circumstances, he could have taken any other step than he has done and at the same time retain his own self-respect."

"Not Entitled to Support." After referring to Mr. Oke's statement that the Progressive group in the legislature is in no sense charged with the advancement of U. F. O. principles and ideals, the editorial remarks that, if this is true, the group of which Mr. Raney is the leader "is not entitled to the slightest measure of support the U. F. O. as an organization, or from the members individually, collectively, or any other way."

In For Rough Time? "Further than that," the editorial continues, "if the newly formed party of which Hon. W. E. Raney is the leader in the legislature is, as Mr. Oke asserts, not charged with the advancement of the U.F.O. ideals and principles, then, whatever interpretation one may put upon the political resolution passed by the U.F.O. on precisely the same basis, it must be painfully apparent to this new political party that it is open to the criticism and opposition of the U.F.O. on precisely the same basis as any other political party. Further even than that, this new political party is open to the most rigorous condemnation and opposition of the sternest kind if, sailing under false colors, it attempts to promulgate policies which are not in accord with U.F.O. principles and ideals."

Basis of Repudiation In repudiating the leadership of Mr. Raney, Mr. Oke based his action on his interpretation of the term "riding autonomy", one of the cardinal principles of the U.F.O. The Farmer's Sun points out that, applied the same way, the term would effect a number of other members of the Progressive group who, like Mr. Oke, were elected as U.F.O. and not Progressive candidates, and who owe their seats in the Legislature to their publicly expressed allegiance to U. F. O. principles.

Oke Has Defined Issue "It is quite superfluous," the editorial concludes, "to point out that the situation cannot long remain as it is at present. The tendency to sidestep or temporize with embarrassing questions will never get us anywhere. Mr. Oke has defined the issue clearly and distinctly, and it would appear to be up to the U. F. O. membership to take a decisive stand, either repudiating or endorsing the attitude he has adopted."

## WANSTEAD

Calvin Hodgins and Sons disposed of their handsome wagon-horse to The T. Eaton Company last week.

The first annual share holder's meeting of The Wanstead Farmer's Co-operative Co. Ltd., was held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 21, in the Orange Hall and was largely attended. The meeting was called to order by the President, Orville Ramsay, who briefly reviewed the year's operations. The reports submitted showed the Company to be in a very strong position and the Directors recommended that a dividend of 7% on the paid up capital stock of the Company be paid.

The auditors report, presented by Geo. A. Dewar, showed the total turnover for the year to be \$68,941.85 of which amount \$58,393.42 represented the value of the live stock shipped during the year. The balance \$10,548.43 being made up of coal, fertilizer, binder twine, fence and fence posts, flour and feed, etc. The Company carries its own insurance on stock shipped and owing to careful management the losses had been very small, leaving a substantial balance to insurance account.

The Manager's report presented by Arch. Williamson, showed that 151 cattle, 2,778 hogs, 242 lambs and

109 calves had been shipped during the year, all of which had been consigned to the live stock branch United Farmer's Co-operative Co., Toronto, and sold on the open market. The hogs were all sold on the graded basis and 863 graded select, also 44 sows graded No. 1, making a total premium of \$1,659.85. Then against this there were 71 heavy hogs and 177 shop and feeder hogs, making a total discount of \$331.58; leaving \$1328.27 premium over discount, which was returned to the farmers.

Several necessary by-laws were passed after which the following were elected to the Board of Directors, the voting being by ballot. Messrs. A. G. Bridger, Calvin Hodgins, Jas. Jackson, Alex. Dawson, P. W. McPhedran, R. E. McPhedran and Orville Ramsay. At a meeting of the Directors held following the annual meeting, the following were elected officers for the year: President, Orville Ramsay, Vice-President, P. W. McPhedran, Sec-Treas., and General Manager, Arch. Williamson.

The Wanstead U. F. O. Club will hold an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Campbell, on Thursday evening, Feb. 12th. All last year's members and all others who have joined this year with their wives are invited to attend.

The Wanstead Farmer's Co-operative Co. shipped a car of stock to Toronto on Saturday.

## Rural School Reports

Following is the report of S. S. No. 5, Warwick for the month of Jan.

III.—Dorothy Muxlow, 75; Ralph Marshall, 71. II.—Mable Thompson, 74; Evelyn Marshall, 67. I.—Phyllis Muxlow, 78. Pr. A.—Marie Ming, 79. Pr. B.—Josef Ming, 70.

Donna L. Tanner, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 16 and 20, Bosanquet and Warwick for the month of January.

IV. Sr.—Kathleen Cundick. IV. Jr.—Lucille Evans, Leo Eastman, Minnie Wilcocks. III.—Grace MacPherson, hon., Arlene MacPherson, hon., George Cundick. II.—Glen Taylor, Grant Taylor. I.—Sara Curtis, Hilda Curtis. Pr. Sr.—Irene Radford. Pr. Jr.—Keith MacPherson, Lloyd Taylor, Ross MacPherson, Nelson, Curtis, Alma Curtis, Christina Waterfield.

Gertrude Manders, Teacher.

Report of S. S. 16, Brooke for the month of January.

IV.—Walter Kelly, 83; Esther McGill, 50. Class III. Sr.—Margaret Leach, 80; Herbert Hayward, 68; Ross McGill, 48. Jr. III.—Leyden Bryce, 67; Hughen Thrower, 47. Class II. Sr.—Mary Higgins, 91; Robert Kelly, 83; Vera McGill, 77; Myra Kelly, 56; Willie Leach, 48. II. Jr.—Glen Moffatt, 88. Primer—In order of merit, Reba Capes, Anna Leach, Clara McGill, Cecil Thrower. \* missed one examination.

A. W. Kelly, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 17, Brooke. Class IV. Jr.—Victor Kidd, 87%; Norma Kidd, 85; Mary Shirley, 66. Class III. Sr.—Margaret Lucas, 82; Alex. Coristine, 58; Garnet Rundie, 52. Class III. Jr.—Albert Shirley, Absent. Class II.—Irene Rundie, 88; Myra Jeuckstock, 70; Margaret Kidd, 67; Susie Jeuckstock, 65; Doris Brain, 61. Primer—Harold Shirley.

A. M. Weed, Teacher.

Report of S. S. 13, Brooke, for the month of January:

Class IV.—Humina Lucas, Gerald Swan, Daniel Coates. Class III.—George Melton, Merle Lucas, Marjory Rowland, Frederick Coates, Maxwell Rowland. Class II.—Marian McEachern, Elmer Swan, Ronald Rowland. Class I.—Leon Johnston, Richard Edgar, Clara Rhymes. Pr.—Merle Melton, William Edgar.

E. V. Lucas, Teacher.

## Higher Tea Prices Expected Any Day

The estimated increase in the consumption of tea in 1924 over 1923 has amounted to over 39 million pounds. An increase in production of only seventeen million pounds during the same period has resulted in tea prices advancing in primary from ten to fourteen cents per pound since last summer. The price to the consumer today is on the basis of much loved primary costs, as a general increase to tea drinkers is inevitable in the near future.

### No Bad Habits.

Mrs. Johns—My husband has no bad habits.

Mr. Wilme—Doesn't he smoke?

Mrs. Johns—Yes, he likes a cigar after he eats a good meal, but I suppose on an average he doesn't smoke more than once a month.

## HOCKEY

### WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL TRIMS PETROLIA 5-3

The "Wossa" game on Friday evening in the local arena at which the local High School squad entertained the Petrolia H. S. in a return match, proved a keenly contested fixture and was replete with thrills and amusement for the fair sized crowd in attendance. Although the Hard Oils had one edge on the locals for size the speedy little forwards on the Watford lineup far



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outclassed them for agility and spectacular plays; in fact, the three forwards, Roy Cooke, Don Prentis, and Mac McIntosh, all turned in the style of play that fans so greatly desire to witness and a couple of years' growth will bring them out as speedy skaters, agile stick handlers and excellent material for Watford's O.H.A. entries. For the visitors, Billie Bryant and Laurel Wilson featured.

The lineup:—Watford—Goal, Les. McIntosh; W. Howden and O. J. Snugg, defence; Roy Cooke, center; M. McIntosh and D. Prentis, wings; R. Rogers and D. Rayner, subs.

Petrolia—C. McHattie, goal; J. Drope and N. Tanton, defence; A. Thompson, center; W. Bryant and L. Wilson, wings; N. Lindsay and H. Howlett, subs.

Referee, Ralph Boges, Petrolia.

### WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CAN PLAY HOCKEY

#### Outclass Petrolia Girls 4-0.

A fitting finale to the H.S. boys' victory over Petrolia was the one-sided match between the girls team of each school. Although neither team professes to have had much training, the Watford girls far outclassed the visitors both in speedy skating and in stickhandling. Petrolia lassies are accustomed to skating to and fro on ponds and open air rinks and possibly this accounts for their inability to dodge and turn.

Bertha Durstan was the lone star on the ice and shone in the nth magnitude throughout the game, playing rings around all her opponents and scoring thrice; "Dot" Fowler scoring the additional goal.

Doris Kelly, in goal, had little to do and had it not been for all her pads, etc., would undoubtedly have been frozen from inactivity, while her opponent, "Twig" Lawson, in the visitors' nets, succumbed from overwork and too violent exercise.

The girls with a little more teamwork would find no difficulty in conquering any other girls' team in the district, and fans are hopeful of again seeing them in action before the ice fades. It is probable that a game will be arranged with Forest as soon as the roads are passable.

This is the way they lined up:—Watford—Doris Kelly, goal; Mary Connolly and Dot Fowler, defence; Dot Delmage, centre; Rita Dodds and Bertha Durstan, wings; D. Kersey and Margaret Bailey, subs.

Petrolia—Lucille Lawson, goal; Marion Ellis and Isla Kirkpatrick, defence; Helen Wilson, centre; Ivy Truan and Marguerite Cooper, wings; Aileen Morrison, Lila Webb and Isabel Church, subs.

Referee—Bramwell Churchill Petrolia.

### Knew His District.

A good story has arrived from Waterloo. One of the D. R. O.'s counting up the ballots in the O. T. A. election. He had counted about 15 "wets" when one reached his hand marked "dry." Much impressed, he placed it in a pile by itself; after counting about a dozen more "wets" he was dumfounded to come across a second one marked "dry." Tearing it across he threw the pieces to the floor with the remark: "The scoundrel has voted twice," and proceeded with the count.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

## CHOP STUFF

Alliston ratepayers voted down a by-law to open a pool room in that place.

Forest girls hockey team defeated Parkhill girls 2-0 on their own ice last week.

St. Marys merchants are staging their annual Dollar Days this week on Friday and Saturday.

Nairn Presbyterians are strongly opposed to church union. The result of the vote taken was: For, 8; against 96.

Mr. T. Fuller, of Warwick, purchased the standard bred driving mare, "Lady Togo," from Angus McLean recently.

Four hundred patients received treatment in Strathroy Hospital last year, and fifty young Canadians first saw the light of day within its walls.

Produce exporters say that the best creamery butter must be sold at 30c per pound here, to compete in the British market or export will have to stop.

Thos. Crinnian of Crinnian's grove Lake Huron, is negotiating for the purchase of the Roche House property in Forest, with the view of converting it into an up-to-date hotel.

Farmers say that the ice under the snow in the wheat fields is still there and they are afraid that it will kill the wheat, for wheat has not been known to live long under a sheeting of ice.

Mr. Dredge, the manager of the Molsons Bank, Alvinston, was transferred to Delhi last week when the Molsons was absorbed by the Bank of Montreal. Alvinston will now have the one bank.

D. H. Newcomb and Son, general merchants, of Alvinston, have sold their business to Geo. Ross and sister, Miss Ella Ross, also of Alvinston, who will take possession immediately. Mr. Newcomb will retire after thirty-eight years of business life in Alvinston.

A great elm tree in Thamesville was cut down last week, its great size and apparent rot in the trunk, making it a menace to safety. Its age is estimated at 300 years and its measurements were recorded by Reeve Vance as follows: height 100 ft.; diameter 6 ft. 2 inches.

A Nebraska professor has discovered that oranges are the best preventive and cure for baldness. California and Florida men should have dome thatches like Absalom, while the women's "crowning glory" should hang down their backs like the tresses of the Sutherland Sisters.

Gordon Gallie of Plympton, while harvesting ice at Crinnian's grove, Lake Huron, had a narrow escape from death, and almost lost his team of horses and equipment. The south wind broke the ice from the shore, and the floe started out into the lake, taking Mr. Gallie and the team with it. He was able to make shore through the icy water just before it got too deep for the horses and himself.

James Banting, one of the pioneer residents of the 2nd line of Plympton, died at his home in Wycoming on Saturday night after an illness of some duration. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and five sons. The funeral service was held on Tuesday in the Wyoming Methodist church, under the auspices of Burn's Lodge 153, A. F. and A. M. The pastor, the Rev. Joseph Jones, preached the funeral sermon, after which interment took place in the Wyoming cemetery.

At the last meeting of the Leamington town council a by-law was passed authorizing application to the Ontario Legislature for an act to enable the Town of Leamington to separate from the remainder of Essex County for municipal purposes, on the ground that the municipality is contributing large sums to the County of Essex for various purposes but getting little in return from such payments. Mr. Otton reported pool room owners in the town behind \$545 in payment of license fees. The clerk was to notify the pool room owners behind in their payments, that one-quarter of their arrears must be paid at once, another one-fourth in 30 days, a third payment 30 days, and the fourth in 90 days, with the alternative of prosecution. Kenneth Reid and C. A. Edsall were appointed auditors for 1925 at \$75 each, and Geo. H. Awrey accepted the appointment of Assessor at \$300.

Some girls marry in haste and repent in a cheap boarding house.

W. J. Drope, Masonic grand master for Ontario, has not been well enough to attend Masonic functions throughout the province, but his indisposition is not considered at all serious.

Whether the Lusitania was carrying arms when sunk by a German submarine may be definitely established by Captain B. E. Leavitt, a famous salvager, who has announced his intention as salvaging the treasure aboard the big Cunard liner. The salvaging operations would require more than a year.

"Every woman is on the auction block, so why not be frank and admit it," said red-haired Viola Mallock, 18 years old, of Miami Florida, who offered to marry any man who would give her \$5,000, as a wedding present. "I want to get married and I need the money," she said. "I'm tired of the old-fashioned way of sitting back and waiting until a husband comes along. I'm going to advertise." Miss Mallock said she wanted the money to bring her sick mother from Newark N. J., to Florida.

Strathroy has secured another new industry. The Hy-Lo Jack Company have leased the sash and door factory from R. W. Nicholson, of Strathroy, as temporary quarters and work was being rushed to start immediate manufacturing operations. The firm will employ 20 hands at the start and there were sufficient orders on hand, it was reported, to keep the plant busy until the end of the year. Arrangements were being made to start work on the new factory as soon as weather conditions permit.

The suit for \$3,000 for damages sustained by Miss Marjorie Whittaker who was injured in an automobile accident while driving with Mrs. Marion Baxter, was dismissed by Justice Rose in London on Monday. London lady members of the golf club were motorizing to Brantford to compete in a tournament and Mrs. Baxter invited Miss Whittaker to ride in her car in company with two other ladies. Evidence proved the car was not travelling at excessive speed when the accident occurred, nor was the driver negligent, but the whole affair was an unavoidable mishap.

### New Words as Used

Jack was home for his holidays from college. One day he said to his mother: "May I tell you a narrative, mother?" The mother, not being used to hearing such big words, said: "What is narrative, my boy?"

"A narrative is a tale," said Jack. That night when going to bed, Jack said: "May I extinguish the light, mother?"

His mother asked: "What do you mean by saying 'extinguish'?" "Extinguish means put out," said Jack.

A few days later Jack's mother was giving a party at their home, and the dog walked in. Jack's mother raised her voice and said: "Jack, take that dog by the narrative and extinguish him."

## The Poets Corner

### INTOLERANCE

I wish that I could tolerate  
Bighearted, wide and free,  
To see myself as I should see  
Agree to disagree.

Oh save me from intolerance,  
As from an ugly friend  
It has an ugly heritage  
More cruel than we dreamed.

When e'er I feel it creeping,  
And growing in my breast,  
I'll grapple it, and strangle it  
My knee upon its chest.

I wish I could be tolerant  
And bear with every one  
And help them to investigate  
And do as I have done.

Then surely we could give, and take,  
If we don't see alike  
I can as friendly call it grey,  
And he can call it white.

To see a thing with all your think,  
Don't trespass on another,  
You'll be surprised how quick to find  
That you have found a brother.

But remember, we are human,  
The honesty is meant  
The cross eyed is our neighbor,  
Perhaps we both can squint.

But save us from intolerance  
None like it, not a bit,  
It rhymes with overbearance  
And smelling of the pit.

Oh then be kind, when this is done  
Learn always to forbear,  
You'll find much good in every one  
You never knew was there.  
Jan. 31, 1925 W. E. Laws, Watford.