

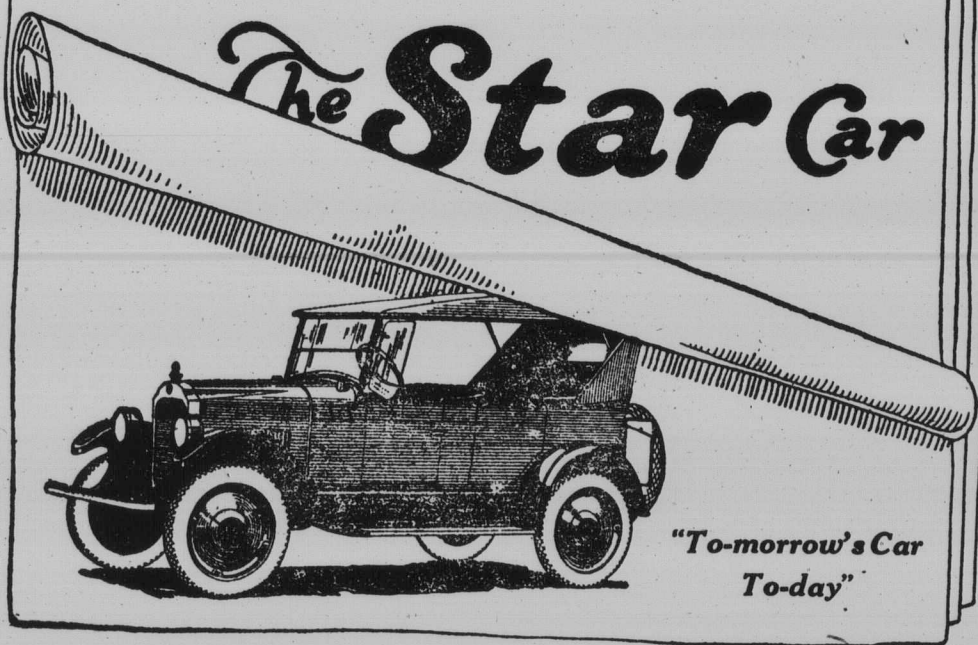
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AMABEL TWP. BARN BURNED

On Tuesday, March 24th, the fine barn belonging to Mr. William Currie, of the 7th concession of the township of Amabel was completely destroyed by fire. There had been an auction sale during the afternoon of farm stock and implements, as it was the intention of Mr. Currie to rent his farm and move into the city, and the fire broke out just as the sale was brought to a conclusion and with nearly a hundred people standing around. It was first noticed coming from the direction of the haymow, and spread with such rapidity that it was impossible to save the building or any of its contents, and in a comparatively short time the entire structure was a mass of smouldering ruins. Fortunately there was no live stock or implements of any kind in the barn, these having been taken out and sold during the course of the afternoon, but there were over 30 tons of hay, 50 bushels of oats and a large quantity of straw, and this was all destroyed. It is thought that the fire might have been caused by someone dropping a cigarette or ash-s from a pipe, as during the day quite a few men were seen walking around in the hay mow. The barn, which was 60x70 feet in size, was generally acknowledged to be the finest structure of its kind in Amabel township. It was built only a few years ago, and had a steel roof, and cost over \$3,500 to build. There was no insurance, this having run out about three weeks ago, and Mr. Currie had neglected to have it renewed, so that the loss is a severe one.

LET'S ALL START PAYING UP

(By Walt Mason)
The first day of the month arrives, as scheduled by the almanac, and then, to save the merchants' lives, I toddle up the street and back escorted by the village band, I climb up Main Street's asphalt hills and with my cheque book in my hand I pay up all my monthly bills. It's good to see the grocer's face when I arrive with cheque on tap; it's good to see the glad smiles chase themselves across his haggard map. And from the butcher's furrowed brow the shades of trouble flee a-

way, when I would pay him for the cow I bought in fragments, day by day. The weary baker seems quite gay and heaves no more his heart-sick sighs, when I invade his mart and say, "I'll pay you for those concrete pies." Oh, many books have told us how to make the world a better place, to speed the optimistic plow, and light up every mourning face. And doubtless all such schemes are fine, and Pollyannas cut much grass; but I contend this scheme of mine will all the other schemes surpass. I might invade the merchant's store and say a lot of sunny things, and he would rate me as a bore, and throw a score of bricks and things. His heart is sick with grievous woes, his trade is slack, he's needing cash; and sunshine words and spiels like those appear to him as tawdry trash. But when I say "By heck! Produce your bill—I'll pay it now," he promptly falls upon my neck, and plants a kiss upon my brow.

PAPER FROM STRAW

For the first time in history a British morning newspaper came out on straw fully paper.
The Morning Post which is issued on Devaine's process paper says that it promises to revolutionize the paper making trade and that it will be a vast new world industry in which the Empire may be expected to profit materially.
The process in which the only chemicals used are common salt and lime has been tried out in French factories with astonishingly successful results and the experiments are to be continued in Canada where there is an abundance of straw after the threshing. There is every prospect therefore, if the process is successful, of developing a great winter industry in the Dominion by the erection of mills capable of producing 50 tons of paper or more daily.
There was no difference in appearance in the Morning Post. Pictures come out clearly and the paper is not brittle and it is impossible for the average reader to detect any difference between the paper of today and that of yesterday.
H. A. Gwynne, the editor, has been the prime mover in the new experiment.

There is no reason in the nature of things why paper, and good newspaper should not be made of straw.
What is more there is no reason why newspaper should not be made of some quickly grown grass or shrub. The growing scarcity of pulpwood producing trees will probably produce a good substitute.

ORDERS FOR BEER TABLES

Chesley Furniture factories are busy these days making tables for hotels and restaurants where the four point four beer will be drunk by men and women of leisure a few weeks hence. No longer will the thirsty ones stick out their manly chests before the polished bar and with one foot on the rail finish a draught of the so-called non-intoxicating suds without removing the glass from their mouths. Like Burns and Johnnie Souter in the ale house at Ayr they can spend many an afternoon and an evening too in witticisms at the expense of the uncogitid who would restrict the drink of the droughty to two and a half per cent.—Chesley Enterprise.

A bachelor is one who looks before he leaps and then stays where he is.

Two small boys were puzzling their brains to invent a new game. At last one of them said eagerly: "I know, Bill, let's see who can make the ugliest face." "Aw, go on," was the reply. "Look at the start you've got."

Fred Banham, driver of an auto in which 35 bottles of liquor were discovered by a constable in a garage at Fergus, was fined \$200 and costs. Another 115 bottles of liquor were taken from a horse-drawn vehicle which Banham was driving to Mount Forest.

Following the tornado, an officer at West Frankfort, Ill. found a human ghoul stripping the rings off the fingers of a dead woman. The policeman struck him on the head with a plank and he was numbered with those who had perished in the storm. There has been no demand for an investigation, nor should there be.

TENDERS FOR CONCRETE BRIDGES

Sealed tenders, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by the undersigned until Monday noon, April 13th, 1925, for the construction of four concrete bridges near Teeswater, one 40 ft., two 80 ft. and one 50 ft.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. E. STEPHENSON,
Bruce County Engineer
Walkerton, Ontario

MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS

Births in the Province of Ontario are on the decline, according to the latest annual report of the Registrar General of the Province.

In 1923 there were 1264 fewer births than in 1922, the total for 1923 being 70,056. In 1922 there were 2,832 less than the year before while 1924 shows the lowest number of births since 1920.

Males predominated in the births, there being 36,141 or 51.6 per cent., as against 33,915 or 48.4 per cent. females. Most of the birthdays occurred in March, there being 6,395 children born in that month.

The youngest of married mothers were 14 years of age, and there were three of them, while the oldest mother was 58 years.

There were 4,047 married mothers of the age of 26, this being the age for most births, but the mothers of 25 years were close seconds, with 4,017 births.

Of the unmarried mothers, the youngest were 13 years of age and the oldest 41 years. There were 1,579 illegitimate births registered, of which 40 per cent. were born to mothers under 20 years.

Twins to the number of 744 pairs came to Ontario's families and of these 791 were boys and 697 girls.

Eleven families had triplets presented to them, of which 18 were boys and 15 girls.

WANTS SEVERE RESTRICTIONS

Karl Homuth, M. P. P., for South Waterloo, is not prepared to trust the 44 beer as being altogether un-intoxicating. Whether intoxicating or not, Mr. Homuth wants to see the sale of this beer restricted as closely as the sale of whiskey and lager beer was before the days of prohibition. Mr. Homuth is a "Labor member," and he says that the Labor representatives will endeavor to have the following restrictions put upon the sale of beer: That it shall be consumed on the premises where bought; that the sale of it shall be confined to Standard hotels; that the hours of sale shall be limited to from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sundays to guests at the hotels only and then at meal times only. He wants to see a substantial license fee charged, and that permit be granted only to persons of British birth. He would forbid the sale to minors, and for the purpose of this restriction he would have all persons under 20 years of age regarded as minors. For infringements of the Act he would have licenses cancelled for a short or long period as may fit the offence.

JUST SO

A furniture salesman in a Michigan store was waiting on a woman customer for linoleum. He had shown her every piece in stock. "I'm afraid, madam," he said "that we haven't just the piece you are looking for, but we could get more from the factory."
"Well, perhaps you had better," she replied. "You see, I want something of a neater pattern and quite small—just a little square for my bird cage."

Fashion dictators say woman's growing emancipation from clothes will reach the apex this summer. Well, about where is that?—Ex.

Kitchener Record says its city directory gives the names of ninety-two Schmidts, eighty-seven Smiths, sixteen Schmitts and six Smythes. But think of the confusion that would result if the 201 were called Smith.

It is very gratifying for us to learn from one of our advertisers, the Wm. Rennie Co. Ltd., of Toronto, that they attribute in no small manner the increased demand for their seeds in this district, to the advertising which they placed in our paper. This is further evidence that it "pays to advertise" and particularly when the advertisement is backed up by a concern that delivers the right quality of goods at the right prices.

The "Town Beautiful" idea in Canada is growing, but it isn't growing fast enough. The economic value of beauty is not fully grasped. It is hard to make our practical minds realize that attractive surroundings are a very definite community asset yet much business has been diverted to many villages because "it's such a pretty town." Any village can be made attractive if the spirit of beauty pervades its residents, and, fortunately the cost is very small. The will to do is the most important thing.

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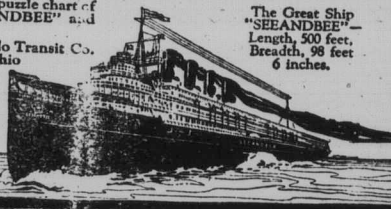
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CLIFFORD

Mrs. P. Brown received word on Wednesday morning that her uncle, William C. Smith, Huron township, near Ripley, had passed away after a week's illness. Deceased was a prominent drover and butcher several years ago. The funeral was held to Ripley cemetery on Friday afternoon.

Last week Adam Seip delivered 45 tons of soft coal to the school building at \$7.85 per ton, his being the lowest of the tenders, ranging from \$9.00 down. It does seem a lot of coal to heat this building, there is some wood needed too. It means a deal of shovelling of coal and taking out ashes for the caretaker. He certainly earns his not too generous salary.

One day last week while getting out of a rig, Mr. Oscar Wheeler of Howick tp., had his foot badly injured, at first it was feared a small bone was broken. It will be some time before he has full use of the limb.

Mr. Henry Wood a highly respected resident of the 12th con. of Howick died very suddenly on Tuesday evening of last week. While not having good health for some time Mr. Wood was able to be about until a few days before his death. The funeral took place to Gorrie cemetery on Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wood lived in Clifford for a few years before moving to the farm in Howick.

THE BOY FROM THE HICK TOWN

The so-called Hick Town has lately become a source of great inspiration to our professional humorists. If you read comic weeklies and newspaper quips you have doubtless noticed many in the last year which begin like this: "A hick town is a place where—"
A hick town, say the various users of this convenient formula, is a place where a backfire is never mis-taken for a pistol shot; where bed-time is orthodox; where woodpeckers eat up the depot; when Central can

tell you whether it was a girl or a boy; where the folks build a yellow brick gym but no sidewalks; where the neighbors will supply you with a conscience if you lack one; where there is no parking problem; where a curfew disturbs the residents' rest; where a bachelor of 35 needs a bodyguard; where fine cut tobacco is no handicap socially; where \$50,000 is as good as a million, and so on, and on.
With no intention of becoming terribly heavy over the matter we want to add that a hick town is a place where 26 of our 29 presidents were born and where seven out of 10 of the immortals in New York's national hall of fame originated. A hick town that didn't have a name produced Lincoln. Hick towns gave us most of our great literary figures of the past and practically all of those now living. Hick towns produce our Edisons; one produced a great university president just lost to Michigan. If we may, then we would like to suggest that a hick town is a place where a boy has an excellent opportunity to lay the foundation of future greatness.

Buffalo were shipped recently from Wainwright to Scotland, Belgium and South Africa, the specimens for the zoological gardens being of a high quality.

It is reported that the clothiers are determined to change the fashion of black for men's dress suits. That would mean a mint of money for them, and once they had put that over there would be no end to the changes they would decree. If the men have any sense they'll just stand pat.

Gordon McIntosh, aged 19, Saugene township, had his right arm broken in three places and was otherwise badly injured when his coat was caught in the shaft of a gasoline engine which he was operating in connection with a sawing machine on his farm Monday afternoon. Prompt action on the part of one of the other workmen, who stopped the engine, probably saved the young man's life.