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Arkona's Early History

The following historical sketch of Arkona was given by Mrs. W. Bartram at a recent meeting of the Women's Institute of that village: Sixty-five or nearly seventy years ago, the little community then here was called "Eastman's Corners." That, however, was not the P. O. name. Mail was sent to "Bosquet Hillborn, father of Levi and E. L. Hilborn, and the post-office was in a log building about where it is now located. Between 55 and 60 years ago, a meeting was called in the old red school house to give the village a new name. After some discussion, it was decided to adjourn for a week for consideration. When they met again, a Mr. Brower suggested the name Arkona. It met with the approval of the meeting and there and then Arkona became Arkona. The school conducted in this old red school house was a rate school. In those days when money was not very plentiful, it was almost more than many of the people could do to send their children to school and pay for the privilege. So it was a decided change for the better and a long step forward, when, after a great deal of opposition, it was made a free school. Fifty-five years ago a Mr. Johnston started a select school and none lower than third book pupils were taken in. It was attended by young and old from far and near and was a success, but after conducting it for nearly two years, he was obliged to give it up on account of failing health. The first church organized was

the Baptist. They had a log building up on the hill, just west of the cemetery. It was here, too, that the select school was housed. The first part of the cemetery was given by Mr. Nial Eastman to be a burying ground for the public of all denominations, and the first person buried there was a Mrs. Channer. The first store was in a log building about in the centre of the village. It was a general store where everything including whisky was sold. For over sixty years our town bell has been doing duty morning, noon and night. The first mill was done somewhere back of Mr. Dennis' property, and not so very many years ago, flour was ground at the Hungry Hollow mill. The old mill at Rock Glen has stood for over sixty years. The march of time bringing in roller mills, doing so much finer and swifter work has taken the business all away from the old stone mills. Sixty years ago the houses were lit with candles, and when kerosene lamps came in use they were considered a great improvement, although very dangerous. Thirty-nine years ago last November, the Oddfellows organized, and there are now only two of the original members left. Mr. Thoman and Mr. Jaynes. Quietly and gradually the little place grew and thirty years ago it was almost as big as it is now, in fact there was a town hall that we would be glad to have now. And alas! Fire wiped out more than half of the business part of the place. It bravely rose from its ashes and built up again. Another town hall was built which has since been put to other uses. No great disasters or anything to make Arkona famous have happened. It has depended on the unexcelled surrounding country for its life. We are told and know for ourselves, that the great drawback which is retarding the growth and has taken many of our young and older people to other places is lack of more rapid transportation, but we are hoping to have that remedied some day. We all notice with pleasure and interest that motor

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trucks and automobiles are helping to make distances shorter. Many stories of the past that would be of interest to the younger generation, might be told, and I think a very interesting history, at least interesting to anyone who has for any length of time made Arkona their home, might be written.

Dad's Dope

The man out of work escapes at least one worry. The matter of income tax does not concern him.

English society ladies are taking up gardening. They are likely to revise the man behind the hoe poem.

The Ingersoll man who was run over and badly hurt by a sprinkling cart will avoid water wagons in future.

For a young man who is in a position to gratify his every want, Vincent Astor has a democratic taste. Old-fashioned corned beef hash is said to be his favorite dish.

The mayor of a little town in New York state has issued a "men wanted" proclamation calling for bachelors to marry the 65 widows residing in his bailiwick. It is the call of the wild.

An old woman died in Missouri the other day at the age of 100 who kept house for a family of four and did the family washing, because she could find no one to do it to suit her. She had plenty of time to look around in that time.

It is suggested that in order to get in closer touch with their people that the rural clergymen of Ontario take a short course at the provincial agricultural college. Practical knowledge concerning the care of their flocks and how to keep the vineyards trimmed and fruitful could be acquired in this way.

The Philadelphia Inquirer calls upon the vast army of American pie eaters to resent the unprovoked assault of Pure Food Wiley on the mince pie. A divided front now would encourage the culinary muckrakers to attack the pumpkin and apple pie that has nourished and sustained the nation's greatest statesmen, warriors and poets.

Dogs And Moving Pictures

A moving picture show was recently given in London to see what effect a cinematograph picture had on the intelligence of animals. A series of motion pictures were reeled off in a darkened room before an audience of prize dogs. First some pictures of a dog show were run through. The dogs walked up and had a look at it, and turned away, obviously bored and uninterested. Evidently the subject was too familiar. They woke up, however, when an elephant came splashing into a pool of water and appeared to be walking into the room. A massive bulldog made a dash for the screen. With his head up and his ears pricked he got ready to attack, and the whole audience barked and brayed in blood-curdling discord. Pictures of birds also irritated them, but when other animals were shown they quietly recognized that they were not looking at the real thing, and in a few seconds quieted down completely. The general result of the experiment seemed to be that dogs do not understand still pictures, but that they appreciate motion, though it very largely depends upon the nature of the thing moving.

To Restore Our National Honor

The Canadian Courier thinks the time has come, in order to maintain our national honor at home and abroad, to have new laws to:

1. Prevent any board of directors from issuing common stock as a bonus or without adding to the resources of the company.
2. Prevent any land speculator from selling town lots in a subdivision which has not been approved by a provincial government and countersigned by a municipality.
3. Prevent any city or town issuing debentures which have not been approved as advisable and necessary by a provincial municipal board.
4. Ensure that every man who acts dishonestly in the public sale of lands, stocks, bonds or securities of any description shall be speedily brought to justice by a public prosecutor.

"These laws," it says, "we need to protect the savings of our weaker citizens and to preserve our credit in the money market of the world. Finally, such laws are necessary to maintain our own good opinion of ourselves and our own sense of national honor."

No secret is so insignificant that a woman doesn't consider it worth telling.

Our Girls

There are just two things that will keep girls straight at the age when they begin to think of longer dresses, and beaux. One is plain clothes and the other is home duties. The girls we see making fools of themselves are almost invariably over-dressed. They wear duds that women of thirty should hesitate about wearing.

A little girl with too many and too costly clothes on her back gets self-conscious and vain and loves admiration—and you grown-ups know the next step. A simple, pure-hearted girl who has a place in a home, home work and home duties, has her heart there, and no boy can steal it. Even when maturity comes, and a real man comes, and a real affair of her heart comes, will such a girl leave home, and then only after a heart rending. But a girl who is at home only at the table and late bed time won't love that home. Work makes things sacred. The child whose home memories are not hallowed by work, who is not needed, and does not feel the need, will not love home. And if she does not love the home of her girlhood, she will love no other. She will go anywhere for anything. Home will mean nothing to such a woman, and if she is respectable, she will only lack the opportunity to be a bad woman, and is good only through circumstances or by the necessity of an ugly face. She will curse any man she marries.

The mothers of this town who are responsible for the girls who gad on the streets should stop and think what they are doing. These girls are no longer children. They are at an impressionable age. Where will you have their impressions come from—the ruff-raff of the streets, or from home? It is for the mothers of this town to settle the question.

Reversing the Code

"What do you mane by writing me that my Jimmie can't pass into the next grade?" stormed an irate female, bursting into the principal's room. "An' after him doin' such grand work all the year."

"Why, Mrs. Flaherty," replied the teacher, "you must know better than that, I've sent you his report cards every month and you know that his marks have been nearly all 'D's'."

"Inded they hav, and yit you say he can't pass. I don't understand it, mum."

"I am afraid you bon't understand our system of marking. 'D' means deficient you know."

"Sure, I don't know phat that may be, mum, but Jimmie told me all about the letters. Sure 'D' is dandy, 'C' is corking, 'B' is bum an' 'A' is awtul—an' he's got 'C's' an' 'D's' every month."—Harper's Monthly.

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