

NORFOLK NEWS

CAPT. H.H. COOMBS OF SIMCOE WOUNDED

Pte. Fred Lawrence Also in Casualty List This Week

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

Simcoe, Aug. 20.—(From Our Own Correspondent).—Col. Mrs. Coombs had a cable from her son, Capt. Coombs, on Sunday. His message was sent on the 17th and stated that he was recovering nicely. Yesterday the War Office cable came to hand with information that he was wounded on August 11th.

Yesterday morning also advice came in that Pte. Fred Lawrence of the former 133rd was wounded in the lower extremities and admitted to No. 5 General Hospital, Rouen. Mrs. Lawrence and their little girl have been living out in Woodhouse for some time now. Mrs. Lawrence was in town yesterday.

Another Real Estate Transfer.
 Sheriff Thiele has purchased the Harold McCall residence at the west end of Union street and opposite the C.E. Innes home. This was the sheriff's choice after giving the whole town a thorough going over. Former Woodhouse Farmer Passes.
 The funeral of the late James Dickson, formerly of Woodhouse, who died at the home of a daughter in Delhi, after some years of different health and at the age of about 68 years, was held to St. John's Cemetery, Woodhouse, on Sunday. Conveyance was made by motor hearse and the procession through here was an unusually large one. There are about town a few of the school mates of the deceased and they still have pleasant memories of youth's associations and more recent friendship with him.

Western Suburban School Well Under Way.
 The brick work on the school building under construction in the new Union school section, northwest of the town, is nearing completion, and a teacher has been engaged in the person of Miss Ols of Simcoe. It is contemplated to open classes in the basement, as the work in the interior cannot be finished in time for occupancy from the opening of the school year. The official name of this school section is a very verbose combination of three municipal sections in three different municipalities. For brevity, we have, up to the present, and have suggested as a suitable name, "West Lyn" as the name in the section, and hereafter we will use this term till a better one is decided upon—same policy as we have followed with the "Skew" bridge. A new three hundred pound bell for this school was delivered from the works to-day.

Press Photographs.
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eschell are spending the week at Port Rowan. Rev. M. Scott Fulton, accompanied by Wm. Innes, jr., left yesterday evening on a 1,400-mile auto trip through Niagara Falls, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Saratoga,

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Glen Falls, Rutland, White River Junction, Meredith and Portsmouth, to Portland, Maine. Mr. Furtin will return to his pulpit, and pastoral duties on the second Sunday in September after a "six-weeks" vacation.

Adjute Wiseman and family have returned from their summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Austin and party re-arranged on Saturday evening from an 800-mile auto run from the home on Saturday roads than we have in Norfolk, but no more progressive farming districts.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

By Courier Leased Wire
 Ottawa, Aug. 20.—Casualty lists issued from the Canadian Records Office this morning and at noon to-day contained 681 names. Of this number two Canadians were killed in action, 16 died of wounds, one was reported prisoner of war, one reported ill and 661 wounded. The lists for Western Ontario follow:

Infantry.
 Wounded—823438 E. L. Hair, Wilton Grove; 124408 L. Garlinal, Ford City; 905174 J. K. Brennan, Thorold; 784249 T. A. Pullock, Mill Grove; 730649 C. W. Herman, Prescott; 654530 M. L. Toms, Bayfield; 853047 C. H. Rowley, Elmvale; 730202 W. P. Innes, Ayr; 874423 W. Keene, London; 575530 A. Moore, Hamilton; 175098 J. Fenell, Hamilton; 195337 H. W. Blewett, Lekefeld; 213497 W. D. Renaud, Amherstburg; 18325 C. E. adt, Hamilton; 54304 L. W. Carter, Thameford.

Infantry.
 Wounded—249075 C. H. Davis, Hamilton; 210889 J. H. Semley, South Welland; 1045709 J. E. Turnbull, St. Thomas; 845105 H. W. Palmer, Sarnia; 785083 T. Hough, Hamilton; 809191 J. G. Hayes, London; 757219 C. R. Webb, Hamilton; 850763 J. J. Minaker, Welland; 789546 T. S. Adams, Brighton; 729248 W. Halpinney, Caledonia; 757249 T. W. Harrison, 189589 77851 F. Hughes, Harrison; 189589 R. C. Bedell, Dresden; 757883 H. B. Bell, Tillsonburg; 78 H. W. J. Clark, London; 450848 R. W. Bea, Ridgerville; 851058 M. Brunton, Tara; 189610 J. Graham, St. Thomas; 859656 A. J. McAllister, Hamilton; 2115136 A. Baker, Alton; 754886 E. Rooks, London; 661169 H. James, Hamilton; 2137644 H. D. Zee, Turnersville; 1045550 H. M. Boyle, London; 797017 T. Dair, Tillsonburg; 757289 S. E. Cook, Waterloo; 803019 E. M. Hunter, Forest.



WILLIAM CAN'T COME JUST NOW—HE'S TOO BUSY.—Kansas City Star.

WHISKY STILL IN WELAND DISTRICT

Automobile Owner Caught "With the Goods" And Fined \$300.

Welland, Aug. 20.—Mike Rackawich, a farmer of Welland county, was yesterday fined \$300 and costs for violating the Temperance Act. The whole equipment of an illicit whisky still has been discovered in the Crowland district during the week, and this was the first prosecution following on the police search for those immediately interested or engaged in the business. Last night two officers patrolling the district where the still was found, came across an auto that excited suspicion. The car was following a horse and rig that went into the bush. The police saw the car come to a stand, and the driver of the rig reappeared from the bush and placed something in the auto. By the time the police came up with the auto the man with the rig had disappeared. The auto was, however, stopped and boarded, and two bottles of evidently locally manufactured whiskey were found in a sack in the rear of the car, as well as a keg of whiskey. The farmer declared on oath that he did not know the other man, who had hired him to carry something, he did not know what, to a distance where he would be met and the articles taken from him. The police made him run them over to the spot he indicated, but no one was there to meet the car. Hence the court, deprecating his avowed innocence and his being fined \$300. He was fined in addition \$5 and costs for flying his auto for the without a license, and had to pay in all \$317.50.

BIG LOSS IN GRANARIES

Bad Weather and Mice Destroy Much Grain.

Concrete Structures Best — How to Make Old Granary Efficient — Flush Ewes to Increase 1919 Lamb Crop — Great Shortage of Fall Wheat Seed.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

NO hard and fast rules can be laid down for the erection of a convenient and efficient granary. Each problem requires a knowledge of local conditions and requirements. Granaries, in the majority of cases, are built in enclosures on the barn floor, and constructed with too little regard for strength, durability and convenience. These structures should be located immediately over the feed room, each bin having a chute with a controlling slide, or a canvas distributor to convey the grain to the hopper of the grader; or if the grain is intended for market, to a sack placed on the scales below the chute ready to receive it. To facilitate emptying the grain, the floor of the bins should be sloping.

The important consideration in the construction of granaries and bins for loose grain is to be sure that the structure is designed with sufficient strength to prevent bulging of the sides and springing of the floor, for grain, owing to its enormous outward pressure, exerts a tremendous weight to that of water, has a tendency to burst the sides unless well braced or supported. Timber construction requires frequent repairs to prevent decay and general depreciation from use. It is always liable to climate conditions. The boards will crack and shrink in the summer when the bins may be empty, and when the new grain is dumped into the bins an enormous quantity promptly disappears into the cracks and crevices through the broken material, entailing considerable loss to the farmer, to the consumer and to the nation. Thousands of bushels of grain are, in this way, annually lost to the producer through sheer indifference to the condition of the granary. Yet this preventable waste may be easily remedied and made secure by lining the bins with sheet metal.

The watchword is "Conservation." Every grain is needed to feed the Empire and its Allies. It is, therefore, highly desirable at this time to bend every effort to eliminate all possible wastage and conserve our grain for the need of the Allied nations. While there is an annual depletion on a timber structure varying from 4 to 8%, concrete construction grows better as it grows older, hence concrete properly reinforced is the ideal material for granaries, because it is both damp-proof and rat-proof, two very essential factors in the construction of granaries.

Concrete properly made to suit existing conditions, is absolutely impervious to moisture, and can be kept as dry as any structure of wood ever built. The experience of many farmers is that grain, mature enough to be placed in storage, will not spoil on contact with concrete, nor will corn mold, provided there is good ventilation and the roof is tight. To get rid of rats and mice destroy their nesting places and to this end concrete is pre-eminently the best material and is recommended for all farm structures.

Under average present day conditions a reinforced concrete granary may represent an additional outlay of about 25% over that required to construct of timber, but the high efficiency distinctive of concrete quickly offsets this increased initial cost. Concrete construction has many in short, important advantages. The contents are safe from the depredations of rodents, is damp-proof, requires neither paint nor repairs, is fireproof, the grain is perfectly preserved under all conditions of climate and temperature, and the resulting structure is practically everlasting. — Prof. John Evans, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Plowing more than 800 lots for war gardens cost Windsor \$1,245. Lot holders were supposed to pay \$1 per lot for plowing and diskings, but many have not yet settled.

NOT YET AFFECTED.

By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, Aug. 19.—The London County Council's tramway service has not been affected by the strike of 100,000 tramway workers, although some of the smaller municipal services have stopped and 2,000 vehicles have been withdrawn from the streets. Efforts to involve in the strike the council's tramway's and underground railways have been fruitless, but at a meeting of the strikers' executives held last Sunday night it was decided to call out all the provincial workers to-day. About the inconvenience caused by the strike Sunday was less than if it had been a work day there was great regret that the available means of conveyance. Many persons that were accustomed to take Sunday trips to the rural suburbs had to spend the day in the city.

SEVEN MURDERED

Birmingham, N. Y., Aug. 19.—The charred bodies of Philip Roth, his wife and five children were found in the ruins of their home, 12 miles east of Willsayville, Tioga county, Saturday. The house, which was located in a remote section of the county, had been burned during the night. An investigation conducted by Coroner Holly of Candor, District Attorney Beck and Sheriff Bixby of Owego, led to the discovery of a shotgun on the floor of the room in which the bodies were found and a bullet hole in the skull of one of the victims gave evidence that all may have been murdered and the house fired to conceal the crime.

MORE WOMEN STRIKE

By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, Aug. 20.—The ranks of the London omnibus and street car strikers were further reinforced this morning by more women workers on the underground railways, where, however, a number of women still are working. Yesterday's congestion on the systems again was witnessed to-day. More than 14,000 employees are out on strike.

QUACKS HELP STRIKERS.

Unscrupulous physicians and chemists in London have been operating recently a regular school to assist men of military age to avoid service by use of drugs. Medical boards before whom men appear for examination for exemption learned some time ago of this practice, taught by a board of the school, and measures have been taken by the police to break up the organization of quacks.

A doctor can produce almost any evidence of disqualification for the army, the heart being the chief organ tampered with, it was learned by the authorities. Use of drugs which affect the heart is more difficult to detect and because of that fact is the most in demand among "clients" of the quacks' school.

FINANCIER SUICIDES.

New York, Aug. 19.—Sylvanus L. Schoonmaker, chairman of the board of directors of the American Locomotive Company, committed suicide at his summer home at Locust Valley this morning.

Mr. Schoonmaker, who is said to have been suffering from ill health and melancholia, was found on the floor of his bathroom, with two bullet wounds in his neck. A revolver with two empty chambers lay near the body. Mr. Schoonmaker was prominent in the financial world, and a director of the American Beet Sugar Company and the General Electric Company.

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