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ARKONA

20th Century clothing at J. G. Brown's.
Pat Brown and Mae McKenzie spent Sunday out of town.

R. Ott and R. Riggs visited friends in Sarnia last week.

Wm. Mutrie made a flying visit to Grand Valley last week.

Mrs. Lawson, of Detroit, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jno. White.

Miss Ethel McKenzie, of Detroit, is visiting at her home here.

Mr. R. Thorp, Yale, Mich., is visiting his son, Friend Thorp.

Civic holiday, Tuesday, all stores closed. Nothing doing in the Ark.

International stock food at J. G. Brown's.

Alf. Smith and wife, of Brantford, are visiting under the parental roof.

Arkona's civic holiday, Tuesday, Aug. 20th, Watford Old Boys' Reunion.

Mr. Lorenzo Evans has purchased the barber business from John Stoner.

Mr. Will Bittiger and G. N. Brown, of Monkton, are visiting friends in the Ark.

Butter 18c., eggs 16c. a doz.—J. G. Brown.

James Utter has opened up a barber shop in Thorp's old stand. Good luck, Jim.

Mrs. John McKay and son Basil have gone to Bad Axe, Mich., for a month's vacation.

Everybody is going to the Watford Old Boys' Reunion on civic holiday, Aug. 20th.

Geo. N. Brown left on Wednesday for Stettler, Alta. He goes by water as far as Pt. Arthur.

Mr. Geo. Meredith, of Chicago, formerly of Parkhill, called on friends here on Monday.

Mr. Fred Oaton and Freeman Ginn, of Pt. Huron, are renewing old acquaintances in the Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McDougall, of Kertch, and Miss Jones, of Petrolia, are visiting at J. N. Dickson's.

J. G. Brown has just received no. 2, Clipper clover mill, capacity for cleaning 10 bushels per hour.

We are open to buy clover, timothy and alfalfa. Bring samples.—J. G. Brown.

Miss Johnston, of London, and Miss Burdick, of Hillsboro, are visiting their cousin, Mr. Alex. Towie.

Miss M. Abel, who has been visiting Mr. Jas. Jackson for the past three weeks, leaves on Thursday for Aylmer.

Sarnia hall tossers arrived in an auto on Monday and played a double header with the boys here, Arkona winning both games. Stan Smith pitched the first half holding them down to 7 hits and 6 runs. Short Lankin in second game holding them down 4 hits and 2 runs. Shorty was a wonder, haven't any equal west of London.

Ontario Cabinet Complete Arrangements for Agricultural Classes.

At a special meeting of the Ontario Cabinet on Wednesday, the regulations and courses of study for the new agricultural departments in the high schools were adopted. These were submitted by Hon. Dr. Pyne, after conference with Dr. John Seath, superintendent of education, and Mr. C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture.

The regulations adopted provide for the admission of pupils during 1907 and 1908 on certificates of the principal and public school inspector. After 1908 it will be necessary to take the regular entrance examination. Both girls and boys may take the course.

The teacher must be qualified by the degree of B. S. A., from Toronto University or a certificate of qualification from the Ontario Agricultural College, and will be under the general control of the local board. He will also visit various parts of the country and have a government office in the high school district for meeting the farmers.

A suitable laboratory and experimental grounds are required, and inspection will take place at least annually by an officer of the O. A. C., deputed for the purpose by the minister of education.

The course will be two years and will cover the following subjects: Field, animal and dairy husbandry, poultry, horticulture forestry botany, entomology physics and elementary.

Another Fraud

Toronto, August 12.—J. J. Daly, accused of vagrancy, was today sentenced to six months in jail at hard labor. A second charge against him, that he had deprived Samuel Egan of \$37 by means of a fraudulent document, was dismissed.

"This man was a fool to sign such a document," said his worship, expressing the belief likewise that Daly was a fraud.

Daly is the man, who, it is alleged, de-

frauded the farmers of Wellington and Grey Counties on contracts whereby he agreed to sell their farms provided they undertook to pay certain commissions. On these undertakings he is said to have borrowed money, and a large number of suits to recover were taken against the agriculturists.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN ESSEX

Two Killed and Several Injured.

Essex, Ont., Aug. 11.—An explosion of nitro glycerine and dynamite in the Michigan Central Railway yards Saturday morning killed two men, seriously injured several and slightly injured scores of persons, and wrought great damage to property.

The train of which the dynamite cars formed a part, the depot and the freight sheds were totally wrecked, every house in town was shaken, had its window glass shattered and its chimneys cracked and broken, and the shock of the explosion was felt for 10 to 15 miles around the county.

The Cause—Due directly to the leaking of nitro-glycerine in a Michigan Central freight car at the Essex, Ont., depot.

The Damage—Two men killed; many persons injured; 50 buildings wrecked or damaged; most of the glass windows broken; total loss to property estimated at \$250,000.

The telegraphic communication with the outside world was cut off. The steeples of churches were razed. The municipal building was greatly damaged.

Not a store on Talbot street—the main street—sustained less than half its value in damage. Jewelry, furniture, hardware, baked goods, laundry, liquor, drugs, books, dry goods—all were hurled into the streets and piled on the floors of the stores, while all around plate glass cracked to the step and stuck up in piles in the streets.

From the way roofs were lifted one could imagine a cyclone. And, as for the people, Essex went in a panic—simply in a panic.

Those who rushed to the excited village at the first alarm found a great company of deafened people. Ordinary tones could not be understood, and when Essexite spoke to Essexite the excited gesturing was enough to get on the nerves of those whose auricular organs had not been called on to withstand the shock of the explosion.

THE DEAD

Joseph McNary, brakeman, 30 years old, Amherstburg, leaves widow and child.

Leo Conlan, brakeman, 25 years old, Amherstburg, leaves widow and child.

Dr. James Brien, of Essex, who had been unconscious for 36 hours, died from shock.

THE INJURED

John A. Abbott, operator, Essex, seriously cut by glass and bruised by flying timbers.

Thomas Barry, M. C. R., conductor, badly hurt by falling timbers in depot.

A. O. Stimers, station agent, Essex, caught in falling depot and injured by falling timbers; may die.

James Madigan, fireman, Amherstburg, blown from seat in engine cab; may die.

David Cottrell, engineer, burns, broken rib, internal injuries; may die.

Mrs. Wm. Morton, Colored, Ysillante, Michigan, struck by flying timbers at depot; seriously hurt.

May Coburn, telephone operator, badly cut by falling glass.

Bert Esselstine, teamster, Essex, face cut.

Mrs. A. A. O. Stimers, badly hurt by timbers falling in her home, 600 feet from depot.

John Kerr, Sam Green Jr., Mrs. Geo. Beattie, Mike Farrell, Mrs. Harry Welch, W. G. Wyman, Fred Gilman, A. L. Naylor, more or less seriously cut and bruised.

Brakemen Scarce.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 13.—One of the results of the increasing volume of traffic over the C. P. R. is the dearth of brakemen. Extra trains have been put on to accommodate the demands of traffic, and the result is there is a scarcity of brakemen, competent and able to do the work.

These extraordinary conditions are due not only to the great increase in traffic, but to the fact that a large number of men have sought employment on other roads, due to railway extension. Then again many young men are attracted to the west.

It is stated that dancing makes girls' feet large. It is also said that ice cream makes freckles. Doctors are of the opinion that hanging on the front gate produces rheumatism. A few more like these and the girls won't have any fun left.

Bitten by Dog.

Forest, Aug. 11.—A little boy named Blake, while playing with a dog on the lawn of Mrs. G. Frame, Main street, was badly bitten, the animal inflicting a wound on each side and across the bridge of the nose. Mrs. Thomas Small, who was near by, grabbed the boy just in time to prevent a second attack.

The boy was attended by Dr. Blain, who found that the flesh on the child's face was badly torn and that one eye was injured. There were also marks of the dog's teeth on the boy's throat. The dog has been killed.

BROOKE.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, White Lodge, Brucefield, are the guests of Mr. James Beattie, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Grant, of Winnipeg, who have been making a short visit with friends in Exeter and Brooke, left Wednesday for Sarnia where they took the boat for home. Mr. Grant, who left here two years ago has secured a good situation in that city with the T. Eaton Co. Geo. was sorry they could not remain for the Reunion.

WARWICK.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thomas, Inwood, visited friends here last week.

Misses Meryl and Mae Luckham spent last week with friends in Forest.

H. K. Laird, Toronto, is spending the holidays at his home in Warwick.

Mrs. Wm. Dormer left Friday for a trip up the lakes and to Eveleth, Minn.

Miss Mary McCormick, 2nd line, visited her sister, Mrs. A. Gammon, Forest, last week.

Miss Mary Stirrett, Forest, is the guest of her friend, Miss Mary McCormick, this week.

The Birnam young people picnicked at Hillsboro last Saturday when a very enjoyable day was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDougall and daughter Kitty, Kertch, are visiting friends in this locality.

Miss Alena Parker, Brooke, and Miss Rebekah Fenner, Warwick, are the guests of Mrs. Hume, Kingscourt, this week.

Miss LaVera Muxworthy, Watford, visited her friend, Mrs. Jno. Parker, Rosedale Farm, 2nd line, this week.

Mrs. J. L. Luckham and children, Lorna, and Harley Luckham, Glencoe, are visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Mr. William Gardiner, Moose Jaw, is here for the Old Boys' Reunion, and is renewing old acquaintances in this vicinity.

Miss Ellen and Grace Ward, Chicago, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Geo. Brent, 12 s r, left last Friday for a trip up the lakes and will spend a couple of weeks with friends in Duluth.

Lord Strathcona, owned by Joseph Hall, Birnam, was seized last Saturday with a very sudden attack of acute indigestion, but under the medical care and skill of Dr. Fulcher and student, Harry McChesney, they managed to bring him to recovery. Mr. Hall has had the misfortune to loose a number of good horses.

At the recent mid summer examinations of the pupils of S. S. No. 11, Warwick, every pupil who tried an examination was successful. Entrance—Number of marks required 390.—Paul Sullivan 497, honors: Florence Edwards 413, Basil Gault 390. Class III to IV—Number of marks required 360.—Carrie Sullivan 416. Class II to III—Number of marks required 366.—Gerald Robertson 409, Frankie Westgate 363, Clare Fuller 351, Alex Edwards 328, Earl Reycraft 327, Leapha Gault 309, Clifford Edwards 308. Pt. II to II.—Number of marks required 227.—Herman Skillen 273, Rosina Chambers 243.—ISABEL MOFFATT, Teacher.

WARWICK COUNCIL.

Council met August 5th as per adjournment. Members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following orders were passed:

A. Wiley, opening gravel pit on Mrs. Wiley's farm..... \$ 5 00

R. Watham, work on steel bridges..... 300 00

N. Herbert, serving engineer's report on Higgins drain on Tp. of Brooke and G.T.R. 2 50

T. Dolan, 4 weeks keep Mrs. McDonald's..... 4 00

H. Brain, bal. of contract on McGill drain..... 205 75

G. McMackin, work on Leach local drain..... 45 75

Jos. Munro, 750 loads of gravel..... 37 50

Mrs. Wiley, 100 loads of gravel..... 19 00

J. McManus, 51 loads of gravel..... 5 10

O. Gilmore, 337 loads of gravel..... 33 70

Jas. Cooper, gravel furnished..... 80 00

Graham—Raycraft, that we give a special grant of \$50.00 to be expended on 24 s r between 2nd line north and Arkona.—Carried.

Edwards—Graham, that we give a special grant of \$1,000.00 to be expended on 2 con. south to 6 con. said amount to be divided between Mr. Edwards and Mr. Raycraft, they to meet by spending an equal amount from their appropriation.—Carried.

Hall—Edwards, that the engineer's report on the Higgins' local drain be accepted and that the clerk be instructed to prepare a bylaw for the next meeting of the council.—Carried.

Edwards—Hall, that the appropriation for the four divisions be as follows:—Div. No. 1, \$324.50; No. 2, \$630.85; No. 3, \$545.85; No. 4, \$425.70, and said amounts be forwarded to the treasurer with the amounts of special grants added as follows:—Div. No. 1, \$62.50; No. 2, \$75.00; No. 4, \$52.50.—Carried.

A bylaw was passed in the usual way authorizing the trustees of union school section No. 2 in the tp. of Brooke and No. 7 in the tp. of Warwick to borrow the sum of \$1,500 to pay for moving and remodeling their school and other expenses.

The council then adjourned to meet on Monday, the 2nd day of Sept. at one o'clock p.m.

N. HERBERT, Clerk.

Showing the Queer.

Several small store-keepers in the east and south parts of Sarnia were on Wednesday victimized by a stranger, who tendered bills of large denominations, calling for considerable change. The bills were old Southern States notes, of banks long since non est. A \$20 bill was offered in one case, but the \$5 seemed the favorite. It was nearly noon Thursday before the police were notified. A victim had visited the station, showing a \$5 bill his son had taken for goods and given good money in change. The bunco steerer was one of five or six of a yachting party, who had anchored in the bay, and during the night, after getting in supplies and money in the order above mentioned, spread their sails and silently floated down the river.

Provincial Officer Sarvis is working on the case.

Considerable excitement and trouble was occasioned at the portal of the tunnel last evening. As a freight train was proceeding through the tunnel several of the cars were thrown from the track a short distance away from the tunnel portal. The accident though not of a serious nature, occasioned about three hours' delay to trains.

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