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NOTE AND COMMENT

One of the most effective penalties that could be imposed for speeding on the highways would be the suspension of the driver's license for a period. It would rid the roads of reckless drivers and would be a penalty that would deter a lover of speed more effectively than any that could be devised.

Kansas City Times:—No person needs to grow old mentally. There are fresh currents of thought, new ideas and accomplishments enough at any time to keep the ambitious individual mentally alert and full of hope. The person who cuts himself off from these helpful influences does himself an injustice, and indirectly helps to retard the progress of society.

St. Catharines Standard: Great Britain offers a most interesting field just now for enlightened political study. It is time of flux and change; there is an evolution in progress, the ultimate outcome of which is confounding to the wisest. The disturbance is more than atmospheric it is fundamental and relates to the lives of millions of people. But Britain, as usual, will muddle through. There is no question about that.

Amherstburg Echo:—While municipalities all round are getting out their election horses and giving them their last feed of oats and mash, Amherstburg goes on its way, having attended to all such matters a week ago. Christmas shopping and New Year wishes mixed with planks, speeches and ballots—well, it's not a good way. Amherstburg would never turn back to the old way.

In Great Britain they remember that this year is the centenary of the death of John Smith, who was sentenced to be hanged in British Guiana for teaching the natives to read. He died in prison. Lord Morley has said that his death was as fatal to slavery in the West Indies as the execution of John Brown was to slavery in the United States.

Welland Telegraph: The cow does not stand alone in the coming comeback of agriculture. The new day will be brought about under a triumvirate—the cow, the hog and the hen; and the farmer that pins faith on these three in conjunction with the production of the cereals and forage essential to them is the farmer that will win out and find small cause to voice lament over rewards of his industry.

Efficient service by the Canadian railways and the fine autumn weather have permitted a phenomenal movement of the Western grain crop this year. Though the harvest and shipping season opened later this year than last, the railway deliveries at the head of the lakes between August 31st and December 13th reached 169,955 cars, compared with 158,786 last year.

Kingston Whig: There is, in fact, only one way to cough, and that is with a handkerchief held loosely against the mouth. If this rule were adopted by everyone, winter "colds"—which have nothing at all to do with cold—would be practically eliminated, for we would not be constantly infecting one another, and the demand for cough cures would be scarcely greater than for freckle lotions.

London Telegraph:—A belief in life after death is instinctive in mankind, and it is interesting to speculate upon the probable effects of scientific proof of the soul's persistence. Its influence upon human conduct would, we take leave to believe, be small. Nothing is more certain than the fact of death, yet the man who orders his life and plans his affairs as one who may be dead tomorrow is practically non-existent. But the man who in his heart believes that his soul—the very man himself—will cease to be at the moment of physical death is almost as rare.

Owen Sound Sun-Times: Most teachers, for the sake of their reputation if for no higher motive, are doing their best to make the most and best for their pupils. Shouldn't parents have as much or more ambition along this line than teachers? Might it not help if parents and teachers knew each other better? If they spent even one hour a week in a sort of co-operative home-and-school club discussing their mutual problems? They should have more sympathy for each other if they did and more for the children. And more of the tangles of childhood might be straightened than are if only the parents and teachers would confer, consult, consider and co-operate.

Within the next three years the Canadian National Railways will be self-supporting, according to Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Government-owned road, who addressed the Border Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon at Windsor. "I offer no apology for the organization of the railway, which has been accomplished in less than a year," said the railway head. "Most of the great railways of the continent have grown out of from 30 to 50 years' effort. The Canadian railways, in a very short time, will be an asset and not a liability." Next year business of the lines will be upward of \$15,000,000, next year they will be double and in three years the road will be self-supporting, he declared.

There are very few signs of relief from the depression in farm prices, though in the natural course of events an upward turn might be expected. Dairy produce has shown improvement the past season and eggs have been in good demand. Other cash crops are unchanged or in some cases on a lower level than a year ago.

There is nothing to be gained by disguising the fact that the purchasing power of the farmer is below what it should be and compares unfavorably with the situation ten years ago. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that wheat has only 75 per cent. of the purchasing power of 1913. Cattle and swine can only be exchanged for clothes, fuel, house furnishings and manufactured goods on a basis of 61 compared with 100 in 1913. Eggs and butter show up more favorably ranging from 91 to 97 as compared with the full hundred cents of the farm dollar of ten years ago. Canadian farmers are more deeply interested in wheat than any other grain and on this account the 75 cent level of purchasing power is regrettable. The crop cannot very well be abandoned even though strict accounting shows cost of production below market value. Indirectly the expense of operating a wheat farm can be reduced by making the cows, hens and kitchen garden supply a greater share of the family living. Changes must come and the chances are that prices for goods the farmer must buy will decline and give a greater value for the bushel of wheat and carload of cattle.—Family Herald, Montreal.

The Public School Inspectors of the Western Peninsula, of Ontario, which includes the counties of Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Huron, Perth and Bruce, with the cities therein, held convention in one of the parlors of the Prince Edward Hotel, Windsor, on Friday and Saturday, the 14th and 15th inst. For several years they have been the guests of the Board of Education, London, but this year on invitation of the Board of Education through Inspector Benson, they assembled in Windsor. They were taken by auto to inspect the buildings and general management of four principal schools. At the six o'clock luncheon furnished by the Board of Education, they expressed themselves as well pleased with what they saw and heard. In the evening after lunch and during the forenoon of Saturday they held informal discussion of many topics relating to their work in particular and to education in general. The informal and free exchange of experiences, of opinions, of methods, and improvement in methods of teaching and inspecting were very valuable in widening views and sympathies and enrichment of thought. The public does not realize the amount of labor and sacrifice these officials undertake in season and out of season for the welfare of the children of the Public Schools.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Wise, Some Otherwise
Some New, All Readable

Six hundred and forty-five rural schools in Ontario have an average attendance of less than 10 pupils.

A heavy wind lifted an eleven-year-old boy from the roof where he was flying a large kite in New York City. The lad kept his hold of the string and floated safely fifty feet to the street, the kite acting as a parachute.

The Conservatives of Western Ontario will tender a banquet to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen in London on Friday, January 11. The banquet will be held in the Winter Gardens, and it is expected that it will be attended by 1,200 people.

Red is to supersede brown in the coloring of the three-cent stamp. Postmasters, are, however, required to dispose of their present stock of brown before the new variety will be issued. No reason is given for the change in color.

Scores of reasons to account for longevity have been given out but an Illinois woman who recently celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday has a new one. She attributes her long and happy life to the fact that she was "never bothered with a man."

We sometimes turn up our noses and jaw away if our beefsteak is not as tender as we think it ought to be, but in Germany they go in for horse meat and dog chop. The statistics of the public abattoirs for the first six months of 1923 shows 165,186 horse and 10,882 dogs slaughtered, these figures being outside of the killing done by farmers.

J. J. Morrison, in an interview on his return from the West recently, said that the U.F.O. was staggering under the heavy load that some bird political nostrilists were inflicting on it, but that it would pull through and be what it was originally intended to be, a social and mutual benefit society for the farmers. It was never meant to be a political machine.

That a Canadian girl should be adjudged the most beautiful on the continent is not surprising. Canada leads the way in the pulchritude of its daughters as in the sterling character of its men, the bracing tonic effect of its climate, the unexcelled grandeur of its scenery, the magnitude of its resources, the quality of its wheat and the sanity of its citizens.

On the last day of December the new act regulating travel on highways comes into force imposing more stringent penalties upon motorists who exceed the speed limit. Forty miles an hour or over is considered as reckless driving under its terms. Penalty is also provided for attempting to pass moving cars unless the travelled portion of the highway to the left is free of traffic.

Saturday, the 15th inst., there was due from Great Britain to the United States on account of funded war debt, \$80,500,000. Britain made no noise about it, and as there was no noise in the United States it may be taken for granted that this installment of interest and sinking fund was paid. Britain's wealth is as much a puzzle to the world today as it was in 1914.

J. A. Taylor, school inspector for West Elgin, evidently has faith in the radiophone. Speaking at the Elgin warden's banquet he said he believed the problems of expenses in connection with education would be solved in the future by this wonderful instrument. The education given by the universities, high and even public schools would, he believed, be given to the children through this medium and the best of education would be given in every home without the enormous cost of modern education.

A concise synopsis of the new Motor Vehicle Act, which becomes law in the Province on January 1, 1924, is to be prepared under the direction of the department of public highways and distributed among motorists of the province with the 1924 license plates. The new law, which supersedes all previous statutes relating to vehicles and public highways, embodies a number of changes. The decision to compile a synopsis of the act has been made in order that every user of motor vehicles may be made cognizant of these changes.

Is Your ad. in this paper this week?

Owen Sound Sun-Times: The Christmas tree question is not confined to Watford where twenty-one cars containing upwards of 40,000 trees were shipped to the States during the past week or so. Every locality suffers to a small extent, according to local requirements. Before next year a regulation should be made by the Government to prevent the raiding of our young trees by our friends from the South.

Henry Ford, the motor car magnate, has set at rest all rumors of his intended candidacy for the Presidency of the United States, by declaring himself unreservedly in favor of re-electing Calvin Coolidge, under whose administration he feels the country is safe. Mr. Ford says he himself will never consider running against Mr. Coolidge on any ticket. This practically re-elects Mr. Coolidge.

The standard hotels must comply with law for fire prevention and provide fire escapes in order to secure license next year. Instructions have been sent out to license inspectors who will issue the license, and there must be ropes placed in every room above the ground floor and secured to the inside of the window frame so that the occupants may escape in case of a fire. It is stated that in many hotels, such a rope is not provided, but no hotel will receive a license, that is not equipped with ropes.

A Danish inventor has perfected a device that will prevent serious damage to the car or injury to the passengers when the front axle or front wheel is broken while driving. The device consists of a pair of "trailing shoes" made of steel spring of various widths for the different sizes of cars. They are attached to the front axle in such a way that, if the axle or wheel breaks, the car can only drop until the shoe instead of the axle rests on the ground. Tests have been made, during which a wheel was run off the axle without throwing the car out of its course.

During the past few years the Sovereign, Traders, Merchants, Hamilton and Home Banks have disappeared, either through failure or by absorption. In former years we Canadians pointed with pride to the safety of our banking system as compared with that of the United States. That was before the formation of the Federal Reserve Bank, which has done wonders towards stabilizing American finance. If the scheme was good for the United States it should be good for Canada too. At any rate it cannot be worse than we have been getting. Confidence in the banking system of this country must be maintained at any cost.

NOMINATIONS

TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

The Municipal Electors of the Township of Warwick are hereby notified that their presence is required at the **TOWN HALL, WARWICK VILLAGE** on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1923** at the hour of one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to fill the offices of Reeve and Four Councillors for the said Township of Warwick for the ensuing year, 1924.

AND TAKE NOTICE in case a Poll should be demanded, such Poll will be opened in each of the following places on

MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1924 at the hour of 9 o'clock a.m., and remain open until 5 o'clock p.m., on the same day.

Polling Sub-division No. 1—Comprising lots 19 to 30, inclusive, in cons. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, S.E.R. Polling place, No. 12 Schoolhouse.

Polling Sub-division No. 2—Comprising lots 2 to 18, inclusive, in cons. 4, 5, and 6, S.E.R. Polling Place, Vacant House on east half lot 12, con. 5, S.E.R.

Polling Sub-division No. 3—Comprising lots 2 to 18, inclusive, in cons. 1, N.E.R., 1, 2, and 3, S.E.R. Polling Place, Town Hall, Warwick Village.

Polling Sub-division No. 4—Comprising lots 2 to 10, inclusive, in cons. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, N.E.R. Polling Place, No. 19 School House.

Polling Sub-division No. 5—Comprising lots 11 to 18, inclusive, in cons. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, N.E.R. Polling Place, House in West quarter lot 16, con. 5, N.E.R.

Polling Sub-division No. 6—Comprising lots 19 to 30, inclusive, in cons. 4, 5, 6 and 7, N.E.R. Polling Place, House on lot 25, con. 4, N.E.R.

Polling Sub-division No. 7—Comprising lots 19 to 30, inclusive, in cons. 1, S.E.R., and 19 to 30, inclusive, in cons. 1, 2, and 3, N.E.R. Polling Place, House on lot 25, con. 2, N.E.R.

N. Herbert, Clerk.

Slate's Diary

By Ross Farquhar

Friday—Well me and Jake has got a good joke on the teacher and we have found out that she is not as wise and smart as she lets on before us kids. When me and he cums in at noon before the rest of the balance of the kids showed up we catches her a looking in the Dickshunary for sum kind of a word or other.

Saturday—are cuzzen witch was at At-lantick city for his vacation last summer in June or July or August is here on a visit. Pa ast him if his vacation costed him very dear and did he have a good time. He answered and replied that he had a whale of a time but it costed a hole lot of money. He got engaged to 2 Girls. And 1 of them married him and the other I sewed him for a breach of Promises.

Sunday—Ant Emmy is very religious. She is visiting here at are house for the winter time. She is all ways thanking the Lord for her good health and then she all ways goes and pays the Dr. for his medicine.

Monday—I have resolved to start the New yr. with a clean Slate as they say in bismess circles. I am a going to try and pay evry buddy I owe ennything to. As it stands now if I can borry eight 5 cents I will be clean out of debts. We shall see.

Tuesday—We that is pa and ma got a invitation to a fancy party for a wk. from tonite and pa says well honey shall we go all the rest of the swell people will be there and ma says I dont think so because I havent got nothing decent to ware. Pa sed O thats all rite go on ahead and ware sum of them dresses with the low neck witch hasent got enny back in it there will be lots of others like it there I spose. So ma is going to by a new dress.

Wednesday—I carryed out sum Ashes for ole Mr. Hix today and spit sum on his floor and tracks sum mud in the house and when I was done he sed I was the dirtiest meanest most disrespeckfullest kid he had ever new. I got sore then and sed Well that all rite but I cant liv on compements. I gess I was lucky I didnt get threw out all together.

Thursday—Ma is doing her Cris-mas shopping evry to. I seen her list of stuff to order and it had in it Tirky and cranberrys and nuts and candy and frute cake and a Qt. of Castor Oil.

Friday—well pa and ma thinks they have got a good joke on me, but I fale to see whereabouts the fun comes in on it. It mite of skarted me in to spazems or fits or sum thing of the sort or other if I wood not of had a very strong mind and etc. This evening when I arrived back home from skool ma she meets me at the door and yells Run and get a Pastor quick pure pa wants him rite im-mediate. Well I run at the rate of about 20 miles a hr. and wandered what cud be the matter with pa weather the Cris-mas shopping was to much for him or weather he had had sum applexy or etc. Well I found the pastor and we runs back and when we cums in pa was a hold-ing up the sealing in the kitchen and very scornisly informed me he wanted a Plasterer. I cant repeat the grammar he used for I cant spell it and wood get lammed if I did.

Saturday—Have got a stiff neck today and ma is disable to figger it out and I didnt tell her that I've been looking up here of lately on acct. there time be sum misseotte around I mite miss.

Sunday—1 of pa's fellow associates witch went on a trip a couple weeks ago has returned back married. Pa sed to him. Hows cum you went & got married so suddent I that you was only flirting. He laffs silly and replied. Yes & I thot so to.

Monday—A man cum to skool and give us kids a tawk today and sed how wonderful it was to go to skool and a lot of similar junk. Personly the best part of going to skool is the coming home.

Tuesday—Are basketball team is skeduled to play with the Alumna team this week, and Jake has ben inquiring around and trying to find out where Alumna is and is it in this country.

Wednesday—ma was at a fair well party tonite for a lady witch is a going on a trip out to Reno to get her husband exchanged. Pa and me had a very pleasant evening with Pop corn and teaching me a new Chinese game entitled Ma Junk.

Everyone reads the "Guide-Advocate Want Column" on page 4.

A Full Page of News

PETROLEA

Mrs. Ward, who has been the C.E.E. hospital for the pa months left Friday for a few where she will stay for a few prior to leaving for Saskatch with her sister.

Mrs. C. Mackenzie has ret home after an absence of 8 months at Waterloo. Petrolea Council for 1924 is posed of a dentist, two oil ope one oil dealer, one oil refiner, one gentleman, a tobaccosist confectioner. With four memb the Board engaged in the oil the municipal machinery shou smoothly.

The annual meeting of the of Christ church was held at tl tory on Thursday afternoon wh following officers were electe 1924: Hon. Pres. Mrs. (Rev.) Pitts, Mrs. Harrison Corey; Mrs. J. B. Dale; Vice-Pres., M. M. Fowler; secretary, Mrs. R. Mackenzie; asst. sec.-treas., Bert Prior; treasurer, Mrs. P.

FOREST

Oscar Hastyn, a Belgian scutcher, employed at Mr. F Fletcher's flax mill, met with a accident on Friday morning that ed a compound fracture of his How the accident happened known, as the unfortunate m found lying on the floor by Mr Freele, foreman of the mill.

Tom Maylor and William arrived home on Saturday fr Kansas, where they have spee cal months looking after th interests. They will return to sas after the New Year.

Mrs. John Fraser met with painful accident when she fo broke her hip. Arthur Donald is home fr O.A.C. Guelph to spend the E. P. Goring, his room-mate, a man from Africa, who is tak college course, is spending th days with them at the Donald in Blythe, England, and may his home again in England.

The mission band of the church sent two barrels of things to eat, and to wear, as toys, to Toronto, last week distributed among children of ers as a Christmas treat.

CLARENCE TOPPING COMMITTED

Clarence Topping former Roy youth, who fatally shot Gc Durston, his sweetheart, in Y boarding house because eh their engagement, was commi trial at the February Assize charge of murder when he v signed before Police Ma Graydon at London on Frida; J. Swanson, of Oshawa, a for Topping. Dr. H. H. Bla was called to the scene of th ing, and who subsequently p ed the autopsy, stated that de due to two bullet wounds abdomen. Policeman Walter who was in the house when th ing occurred, and who arrest ping testified that when arres ping appeared cool and no fact that he fell asleep in within a few minutes after h Mr. Swanson indicated that fence will be insanity, by for the officer's opinion as to er the sleep seemed to be th a man of sound mind after a shooting.

A mental examination of 1 oner will be made by crown ties to determine his sanity. Alienists will likely be secure purpose and the examination made in the county jail, wh ping is now imprisoned.

In the interview with his Topping stated that he he troubled with frequent h since this attempt at su; Strathroy three years ago. Tively asserted that a small little larger than a pea on temple was caused by the t ing left in his skull. He clai the presence of the misse cause of his numerous at headaches.

The suicidal attempt to when his affections were by a girl with whom he had l pany for a number of years. When his proposal of marr turned down emphatically is said to have whipped out t turning the weapon upo with the apparent intentio ing his life. The bullet is sai grazed his temple, but patient in the Strathroy Gen pital for a number of weel ing the incident.