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WHAT IS COWARDICE.

question that arose in the British debate on the motion by Mr. Thurtle, member for Shoreditch, to abolish the death penalty in the army for cowardice or desertion on active MUCH WORK ON COUNTY ROADS service. In the course of the argument, Mr. Morrison, member for came face to face with a German N. done, also on the road between The German N.C.O. was able to ed east of Teeswater. The dangerspeak English and they discussed ous sections on the centre road northwhether it would be safer for the of Wiarton are being improved. The British artillery barrage was the bituminous treatment. The approach-Morrison's friend was decorated for lation to hills and reconstruction gallantry in retaining his post and under way on the road west of Luckfor capturing a German N.C.O. and now, and two culvert gangs are also

OAT CROP THREATENED

Farmers in this district are facing grave danger of the destruction of their entire oat crop from a source heretofore unheard of in these parts Like the corn-weevil that has caused anxiety to corn planters, and against which Government agricultural experts both in Canada and the United States are putting up a strong fight to eradicate, it would seem that a new pest, at least one that is now to agricultuirsts here, has come into existence to plague the farmers and threaten an oat famine in these parts. Many fine fields of oats which a short time ago gave promise of a well plowed up as they have apparently been destroyed for any use. The oats have turned a heavy rust color and on close inspection the under part of the leaves are found to be covered with lige which have also got into the very heart of the plant. Our informant, who during the week-

Saugeen and Arran, tells us that some fields hardly a green straw s noticeable, while others are as yet only partly damaged. Farmers are at a loss to know the cause of this pest and would welcome any information that the Agricultural Department or any other authority can give them _Port Elgin Times

THE MEANEST OF THIEVES

The meanest thief is often named he who would steal candy from a baby. Our idea of the sneakiest, low-down, unscrupulous thief is the skunk whi will strip a wrecked automobile lying by the roadside while its owner is in some hospital or seeking aid. It is almost safe to assert that no car could be left in ditch anywhere over night unguarded without being stripped of everything from its tires to its looking glass. Some have everything removable unfastened and taken away by these heartless sneak thieves, who, instead property, literally kick him when he is down. What kind of conscience repose inside their thick skulls it is hard to surmise. They should find time to cogitate on the evil of their ways in cells next to those who rus House of Parliament recently in the from the scene of an accident. They would be fitting company for another.-Ex.

Mr. G. E. Stephenson, County En North Tottenham, told a most cur- gineer, and the foremen and employstory of the experience of a see of the County roads organization riend of his during the Great War, are very busy. The Engineer is Both Mr. Thurtle and Mr. Morrison constantly motoring from place to served in the war. But the story place supervising the various jobs is: While on outpost duty, this The work on the new pavement a friend of Mr. Morrison, was the Lucknow is well under way, the ex sergeant in command of a party of cavation and drainage being practic four men who were cut off without ally completed. The Towland Con food or ammunition. They eventual- struction Co. of Guelph are the conly tried to find their way in to the tractors. Four miles west of Glam German lines. On the way they is, grading and gravelling is being Both parties bleside and Teeswater. Two 40-foo held up their hands simultaneously, concrete bridges are being construct-Germans to surrender to the British main street at Southampton is also or the British to surrender to the receiving attention. Macadam is be-Geran or the British lines. As the ing laid, and the surface is given a more severe, they eventually decided es to the Queen St. Bridge at Kinto try to reach the British lines, and cardine are being widened, and the they were successful. Later Mr. hills reduced. Similar work in reemployed in different sections.-Tel-

CROP REPORT

General-Wheat, which is generally headed out in the Prairie Provinces, is now approaching the critical period. So far the crops are coming along satisfatorily, although rain would be welcome in some parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, where very hot weather has prevailed. In Quebec recent rains have been most beneficial to all crops which previously were suffering from lack of day, July 8th, in the person of Thommoisture. In Ontario good growing weather has prevailed during the at the home of his son, Thomas past week and the outlook is very sixth con., with whom he had made promising. In the Maritime Privinc- his home for many years. The funes géneral conditions continue good eral on Saturday to the Presbyterian splendid yield might new be just as and crops are progressing satisfactorily. In British Columbia, hot dry weather is reducing crop prospects

> Our idea of a sweet temper is a man who can enjoy a picnic where day last in the person of Sarah El- From my heart I give thee joy-

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO MR. O'HAGAN

On Tuesday evening, July 6th, all the ratepayers of U.S.S.S. No. 2 (Ambleside) and a few outsiders, assembled at the school house to bidtheir teacher farewell.

Mr. A. Schnurr was chairman and acted his part in a most suitable manner. He called upon Joseph Cronin to read the folowing address:

Dear Mr. O'Hagan:-It is with sentiments of sincere friendship and respect that we, a few of your most intimate friends, and ratepayers of this section, have assembled here this evening to give expression to our deep regret at your departure from our

short years, and during that time you have made yourself one of us, and shared in our pleasures as well as being most thorough with your work at school.

U. S. S. S. No. 2 is one of the largest rural schools in Bruce County and like other schools is very hard to control on account of so many pupils; but through your good tact and better management they have become most obedient and in every way show the greatest respect and obedience to you and also to passers-We cannot only give credit to the teacher alone but when their parents advise, instruct and command them to be obedient and work in harmony with their teacher, it makes it much easier and this can easily be seen by the audience here

and regret to see you leave. During the time you were here you set a noble example, not only to your pupils, but to all whom ame in contact with, and for this we certainly feel proud of you, and so ought your parents be thankful, that they have such a son of exem

most faithful and diligent teacher

plary character. You took such an active and energetic interest in all your work that you have won many true, faithful friends, not alone in this section, but also in Teeswater, Mormosa, Mildmay Walkerton and wherever you went You will be greatly missed by all of us but since you are leaving for field of greater opportunity on account of your exceptional ability and high standing being recognized others; we find it a most regrettable oss to us but it will prove a cceptable gain to others.

Now since you have decided to ever your connection from us. ask you to accept this "Club Bag" as a small token of only, as we are unable to express our feelings of sorrow by any words n appreciation of your faithful services as a teacher and adviser.

In meeting new acquaintances our travels, the kindest wishes for our success and happiness is exended to you by all your Ambleside

Detzler, Albert Doerr, John Cronin.

Mr Detzler then presented Mr. O'Hagan-with a handsome Club Bag. Mr. O'Hagan made an appropriate enly, stating he was completely taken by surprise and that he was unable to express in words the kindtheir section; and that he should be the Giver rather than the Receiver. He thanked all the donors for their them if any opportunity ever pre-

sented itself. The chairman then called upor the Trustees and Sec.-Treas, to say few words, and they willingly consented, making it short and snappy.

The rest of the evening was spent in tripping the light, fantastic until the wee sma' hours of the morning Last, but not least, was the bountiful lunch suppied by Mrs. John Cronin about midnight, to which a garage." all did ample justice.

HOWICK

Another pioneer of Howick Township passed to his reward on Thursas R. Walker, sr. Death took place cemetery was largely attended. Blessings on thee, little man, Three brothers of the deceased, Barefoto boy, with cheeck of tan! Messrs. David and George, of Grand With thy up-turned pantaloons, don, were present at the funeral.

end travelled through many sections he's shoved into a fat man's race. izabeth Mason, relict of the late I was once a barefoot boy.

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Thomas Forster. Deceased had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for about eight months, and was crtically ill for two weeks previous to her demise. She is survived by two daughters and two sons viz: Emerson Hargrave, fourth con.; Mrs Yeo, of near Wroxeter; Stanley and Signed- Andrew Schnur, Joseph Arthur, both of the fourth con. Her husband predeceased her in Novem ber last. The funeral took place on Sunday from the home of her sonn-law, Emerson Hargrave, to the Fordwich cemetery.

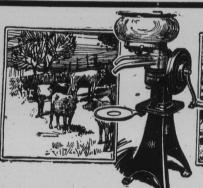
After a long period of suffering, the spirit of John Lambkin took its flight early Tuesday morning. The ness he received from people in U. flight early Tuesday morning. The S. S. S. No. 2 while teaching in deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been in ill health for years, but an indomitable will power and strong heart fought a brave battle to the generosity and promised to help end. We join with the community at large i nextending sympathy the bereaved wife and family.

> "I see," said a Kent farmer to his neighbor, "that your son is spending his holidays with you. I hope he is taking an interest in the farm." "He is interested. He's already shown me where we could have fine golf course in the back pasture and how we could turn the barn into

WHERE IS THE BAREFOOT BOY?

One who drives much in the rural parts of Ontario tells us the barefoot boy is no more. He never sees the happy lad of early day trudging his way merrily on the highway, his boots left behind, his new freedom rousing his happiness to a high pitch. But why try to describe figure so brilliantly pictured by Whittier, in these lines: in the interior, but tree fruits will kapids, Mich., and John, of Harrisbe somewhat above average.

Rapids, Mich., and John, of Harrisberg, And thy merry whistled tunes; With thy red lips, redder still And thy merry whistled tunes; Kissed by strawberries on the hill; Death claimed another well-known With the sunshine on thy face, resident of this community on Fri- From thy turned brim's jaunty grace





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If there are no farefoot days for but they quickly toughened. Thistle had come for action. They had worn was no wnder there were their shoes to school that morning whistled tunes." but with unanimous consent off came We ay have chcrete highways, the shoes at recess. They were tied bicycles, r even a motorcycle for the home over the shoulder.

At first the feet were tender from ured by those who knew them .the protection of the long winter, Toronto Globe.

the boys of this generation, there is barbs wrought havoc for a few days something missed. 'Long about this but soon even they were resisted by time of year there came the first de- the hard skin on the sole of the feet. cidedly warm days, and the boys at The winds of summer blew with rethe country school know the time viving vigor on the hare legs, and it

together by the laces and carried schoolboys of today, but the memory of barefoot days will ever be treas-