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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Local Happenings

Send in the names of your holiday guests, phone 11 W or drop in our door box.

Ask your doctor about the Lambton County Health Week to be held in Sarnia the week of January 19th, 1925.

Miss K. C. Harris is spending the Christmas holiday with her sister in Welland.

Dr. Vern Newell, Detroit, spent the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Newell.

Nominations in the township on Monday next, with elections, if necessary, the Monday following.

Mrs. A. Cook, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Margaret McLeay and other friends.

Most Guide-Advocate subscriptions expire with this issue. Your early renewal will be greatly appreciated. Let us send your daily newspaper subscription at the same time.

Every few days one reads of a man found dead in his garage from the fumes of the gasoline in his car. Everyone should know the danger from the inhalation of gasoline fumes in an enclosed place and should avoid it.

Last week's Prince Albert News informs us that in the municipal elections Jos. H. Mitchell stands second in the list of Aldermen for 1925. Watford extends congratulations and compliments P. A. on its good judgment.

Court Lorne, No. 17, C. O. F., will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, December 30th. Election of officers and reorganization. Full attendance is requested at this closing meeting of the year.—A. D. Hone, Chief Ranger.

Next Thursday, New Year's, is the only holiday granted rural mail carriers. Correspondents, advertisers and others are therefore requested to send in their copy on Monday morning or it will be impossible for the papers to reach our readers before Saturday.

Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner gave his popular Story Picture Lecture, "Heroes of the Cross," in Berchcliff Congregational church, Toronto, on Thursday of last week. On Friday he gave an address at the Christmas Entertainment in his former charge in Hamilton, where he was pastor for nearly ten years.

The more we read, and the more we learn by actual experience, of the ravages of venereal diseases, the more we see the necessity of carrying on a relentless war against these great scourges of humanity. Lack of knowledge of the ill-effects of venereal diseases leads to serious consequences. Chronic ill-health, paralysis, insanity and premature death may be the result.

In the Congregational church next Sunday, special messages, appropriate to the holiday season, will be delivered by the pastor both morning and evening. The Christmas music will be repeated by the choir, and a special duet, "The Message of Christmas," the words and music of which were written and composed by Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, will be sung at both services. You are invited to the House of Prayer for the last Sunday of the old year.

Watford Skating Rink opened Saturday evening with an exceptionally large crowd, and will be the amusement place for both young and old every evening for the next few months. "Bob" Thompson, this year's manager, built a splendid glare of ice during the cold snap last week, and the hockey team is working well, in preparation for the approaching O. H. A. Schedule. The High School Junior team entered in the "Wossa" series will get down to nightly practices after the New Year.

F. W. Mahony left on Wednesday for Windsor where he and Mrs. Mahony will spend the Christmas holiday before going to their new home in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. William Doan passed away at the family residence, John St., on Tuesday evening after an illness extending over several years. The funeral will be held on Friday, service in the Methodist church at 1:30 o'clock. Obituary next week.

The services in the Methodist church next Sunday at usual hours. The pastor will preach on the topic, "If Jesus Had Not Come" in the morning. Evening subject: "Looking Backward."

The Methodist Xmas tree and Cantata held in the Lyceum on Tuesday evening was a very enjoyable entertainment. The little folks of the S. S. acquitted themselves as usual to the delight of the audience. The pantomime "Silent Night" by fourteen young ladies was a very impressive scene. The procession of star maidens looking for the infant Christ was a very impressive item. Dr. Hicks the superintendent announced that the offering for the Armenian refugees will be kept open till next Sunday. The proceeds of the evening amounted to over \$20.00.

Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, pastor of the Congregational church, has just been notified that he has been awarded first prize for a sermon in a "Best Sermon Contest" conducted by the Pastor's Ideal Book Company of Clinton, Indiana, U. S. A. The contest was announced through a preacher's magazine which goes to nearly twenty thousand clergymen each month. The entries were very numerous, and three outstanding ministers were the judges. Fifteen cash prizes were offered, and the cheque for the first prize reached Rev. Mr. Rayner together with the announcement of the award, and came as a delightful Christmas surprise. The fifteen prize-winning sermons are being published in a special volume, entitled, "The Premium Sermon Book," and Mr. Rayner will receive a copy of the volume as soon as it is published in January. He has also received a request from the Company for another sermon to be published in another volume of sermons in the near future. The sermon which won the first prize was entitled, "Other Little Ships," and was delivered in the church here on Rally Day, Sept. 28th, at the evening service. The Guide-Advocate is sure that Mr. Rayner's many friends will be glad to learn of his success.

HIGH SCHOOL "LIT"

An interesting entertainment was given in the Lyceum on Friday afternoon, by the Watford High School literary society. A large number of students and visitors were present.

The opening address was given by the honorary president, M. Cameron. After the chairman's address by the president, Allan Heaton, a reading was given by Eleanor McIntosh; a minuet dance by Misses Mary Connolly and Dorothy Delmage, and a selection by the Watford High School "Melody Six" orchestra. The fourth form students presented a play, "The Betting Burglar." William Y. Fitzgerald gave a speech on "The Future of Canada." A chorus was given by the second form girls, and a speech by Bert Oakes, followed by a play, "Too Much Bobby."

A drill, "The March of the Wooden Soldiers," was followed by a solo by Alberta Lovell. The High School paper, "The Mirror," which is reproduced on Page Three, was read by the editor, Dorothy Fowler.

S. M. Smythe, head of the Strathroy Furniture Co., has donated \$1500 to Strathroy Hospital as a contribution towards the purchase of X-ray equipment.

The Dominion Cannery may build a new factory in Alvinston.

A Mason for 82 years and a tow boy on the first Welland Canal, shortly after its construction, D. G. Holcombe died near St. Catharines last Friday, aged 104 years.

The Orth Building, corner Dundas and Clarence sts., London, was swept by fire on Saturday afternoon with a resulting loss of over \$55,000.

Eight persons, including three Canadians, were killed on Saturday near Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, when an observation car jumped the rails and plunged six feet into the river.

That newspaper publishing is not the profitable business some people imagine is shown in the annual statement of the Farmers' Sun, which reports a net loss of \$28,667.

John Ross, the Theford merchant who lost his entire stock in the recent fire, has purchased the stock of Crawford and Co., general merchants and leased the building. He takes possession after Christmas.

Parkhill retiring Council "passed the buck" in the matter of Main St. roadway on to next year's Council. "To pave or not to pave, that is the question; whether it is better to pile on gravel year after year, scrape it off again in mud each spring and spend as much on upkeep in 20 years as the first cost of concrete, or to pave it now and be done with it." Parkhill will be well advised to follow Watford's decision: pave it all at one time and the fame of your town will go far afield as a pleasant place to enter.

Henry Gray, manager of Rodney basket factory, was instantly killed and his father-in-law, George Wills, so terribly injured that he died that evening, when their motor car was struck by the M. C. R. express travelling 70 miles an hour shortly after noon on Saturday.

The C. N. R. purposes installing one of their newly constructed gasoline cars for service between Petrolia, Wyoming and Glencoe. The car is 75 feet long and is claimed to be able to do service on that run at a much smaller expense than the present system.

L. E. Moore, of Mosa township, shipped 26 bags of carrots to a commission firm in Toronto recently. Eight bags sold for 70c a bag, and 18 bags for 40c a bag, making a total of \$12.80. Express charges on the 26 bags were \$10.32, commission for selling \$1.60, cartage 10c, making a total of \$12.70, balance 10c. Mr. Moore received a cheque for 10c. He also had a load of cabbage ready for shipment when he received the check, but decided to keep them at home.

The annual report of the Middlesex House of Refuge was presented to the county council. It shows that for the year ending November 15th last the institution housed 78 inmates, while 15 deaths occurred and 2 discharges were made. Of those admitted 39 were homeless, 23 weak-minded, 10 interperates, 4 crippled, 1 blind and 1 suffering from paralysis. Provisions for the house cost \$2,926.38 and improvements to the buildings \$832.37. Among the other expenses listed was a bill of \$137 for three cases of liquor. The matron's and keepers' salaries for the remainder of the staff reaching \$1,967.30. The total expenditure for the year was \$15,894.71, while receipts were \$5,280.69, the largest amount of money taken in coming from the sale of live stock at \$3,082.31.

NEW YEAR'S TEA

The ladies of the St. James' Guild and W. A., purpose holding a New Year's twenty-five cent tea, also a sale of work, at the home of Mrs. T. A. Woods, Dec. 31st. Tea will be served from three to six p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

NEWS HELD OVER

Brooke and Plympton council minutes, Inwood and other correspondence received too late for insertion, are unavoidably left over for next week.

FIFTY YEARS YOUNG

With this issue The Guide-Advocate completes its Fiftieth Volume—Volume 50, No. 53. May those few subscribers of today who were on the paid invoice, list for the first issue be on our mailing list for many years yet and may they enjoy this joyous holiday season in the earnest wish of the present Guide-Advocate staff.

MRS. S. LAUGHLIN

The death of an old Watford resident in the person of Mrs. Ellen Laughlin, widow of the late Samuel Laughlin, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. P. Elliott, London, on Sunday, December 21st. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, W. D. and George Laughlin of Montreal, and four daughters, Mrs. T. Rawlings and Mrs. W. Lapointe, Petrolia, Mrs. D. Ross, Sarnia and Mrs. T. P. Elliott, London.

The funeral was held on Tuesday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elliott, 100 Stanley St., London to the Watford cemetery where interment was made. Rev. S. Salton, assistant pastor of Dundas St. Methodist church conducted the service. Mrs. Laughlin was a resident of Watford until about three years ago. Since that time she has been living with her daughters in Petrolia and London.

DIED

In Austin Man., on Monday, December 1st, 1924, Jas. D. Duncan, in his 71st year. He was a brother of Mrs. Chas. Craig, Watford.

In London, on Sunday, December 21st, 1924, Mrs. S. Laughlin in her 79th year. Interment in Watford cemetery on Tuesday.

In Watford, on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, 1924, Clara Isabella Aitken, beloved wife of William Doan. Funeral service Friday at 1.30 o'clock, in the Methodist church. Private service at the house.

Rural School Reports

Following is the report of S. S. No. 5, Plympton for the months of November and December. The names are in order of merit:

Sr. IV.—Stuart Lawson, Amy Williams, Mabel Williams, Albert Simpson, Lillian Pye, Annie Lampman, Clayton Graham. Jr. IV.—James Ramsay, Margaret Lawson, Hazen Anderson, Keith Randall, Vera Pye, Lillie Simpson, Lloyd Senecal, Calvert Anderson, John Ramsay, Sr. III.—Jack Pray, Beatrice Lampman, Fred Garham, Velma Brereton, Jr. III.—Mary Ramsay, Wilbert Graham, Kenneth Pye, II.—Luella Alexander, Mildred Alexander, Crossley Anderson, Muriel Ramsay, Neil McPhedran. I.—Myrtle Simpson, Lloyd Campbell, Doris Ramsay, Meryl Graham. Sr. Primer.—Verna Ramsay, J. Primer.—Blanche McPhedran, Mary Pray, Lewis Senecal.

Isla M. Bailey, Teacher...

A druggist in the South died worth \$200,000, after 20 years in business. Paradoxically he dispensed with profit.

WARWICK

Miss Ina McIntosh is visiting relatives in Detroit, also her sister, Linda, who is finishing her course in training in the Hospital there.

Mrs. John Marshall has left to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Elliott and family near Spring Bank.

The Township of Warwick detailed statement of receipts and expenditures has been printed, and copies may be had at this office or will be supplied by the Clerk at nomination meeting next Monday. A synopsis of Receipts and Expenditures, Assets and Liabilities is published on page Six of this issue.

Miss Mary Gault, Walkerville, spent the week end with her parents on the second line.

The Christmas tree and concert at Zion church, 2nd line, on Monday evening last was a great success both in point of attendance and in merit and length of program. The community was well represented and great interest was shown in the various parts of the program. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson, presided and cheerfully filled with humorous comment or story as occasion demanded. After the opening chorus, recitations were given by Beth McKenzie, Allan Robinson, Velma Parker, Melvyn Parker and Winston Parker. Solos were sung by Jessie Spalding, Donald Edwards, Robert Gault, a duet by Donald Edwards and Beatrice Gault. Two fine dialogues were given by the scholars, which by fine memory work and realistic acting pleased the audience. Mr. Frank Edwards in a very clever local "take off" called the Minister's Grievance, brought down the house. The closing number, a very clever bit of pantomime in which the fine posing of three young ladies interpreted the great Christmas hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night," brought the entertainment to a fitting close. Santa Claus was welcomed with great applause and was very good to everybody.

Icy Roads Cause Many Mishaps

The icy condition of the roads, etc., following the sleet storm of last week has reduced traffic to a minimum and almost paralyzed Christmas buying. In the rural sections, most farmers have been unable to get out, as venturing with a motor car has been exceedingly dangerous and very few horses had been sharp shod. Citizens in town moved very cautiously on the glassy sidewalks and roadways and few there are who ventured forth still boasting of no mishaps.

Mrs. Andrew Moffatt, sixth line, had a nasty fall on the steps of her home and sustained a broken arm.

P. J. Dodds struck the back of his head when he slipped in front of the postoffice on Friday morning and suffered considerable pain and stiffness for several days.

The only section of the community to receive any benefit from the ice storm was the youngsters, as skating on the sidewalks and hockey matches on Main St. pavement superseded all traffic. The biting wind accompanying the sudden drop in temperature combined with the dangerous paths underfoot kept most people indoors as much as possible.

It is said that on Sunday 95 cars were damaged or ditched between Port Huron and Mount Clemens. Fourteen cars were in the ditch on Saturday on the Second Line between Sarnia and Wyoming and similar stories come from other parts of the county. There has been an unusual demand for chains. Fortunately most of the mishaps have been free from injury to human beings. It is some years since the ice on roads has been so dangerous.

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 WATFORD, ONTARIO
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1924

The Spirit of Christmas

WHAT is the true spirit of Christmas? Is it not a gift dominated by love. Ever since "The Christ" gave to the world the age-long example, when he spoke to the Jewish Ruler those memorable words, "God so loved the world, that he gave," etc. Have the men and women, boys and girls of Christendom been putting it into practice. But, what are our gifts, just a mere shadow, when compared with the great Gift from the Father's heart, when he emptied himself, and yielded up his "Only Begotten Son," to be a Mediator, and a Saviour to a world of mankind almost void of love.

At this season of the passing year, as we sum up the gifts and mercies of its fleeting days, would it not be well to give thought to that expression of the Psalmist, when he cried—"What shall I render unto the Lord, for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."
 How we might carelessly wound the heart of a friend by giving back no expression of appreciation in return for a gift, given in love, and shall mortal men forget to rejoice because of the Gift of gifts?
 Shall we not rather give place to the spirit of the first Christmas, and let our souls soar up to join those Heavenly Choirs, whose anthems still ring out, even amidst the forgetfulness and hurry of our earthly lives, and let our hearts tune in with the voices of the angels, who, in their songs, still whisper from the skies.
 "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable Gift."
 Geo. D. Lee,
 Christmas 1924, Calif.

OF COURSE THERE'S A SANTA CLAUS

Of course there is a Santa Claus Who finds the chimney to the hearth Of fellowship and kindly mirth, And tumbles down from happier skies To light with love all weary eyes! He finds the smoky chimney flue Black with the selfish deeds we do, And down he comes, and hearts display Their love for all on Christmas Day.
 Of course there is a Santa Claus Who comes on Christmas eve and takes The selfishness which struggle makes, The hurt of failure, and the frown Of ceaseless toiling in the town. The petty malice and the sneer Which mark our labors through the year, And leaves us big enough to say: "To all a Merry Christmas Day!"
 Of course there is a Santa Claus! Or we would wake on Christmas Day In just the same old selfish way, We'd make no gifts out love to show, There'd be no gifts from those we know.
 The day would pass like all the days, The lips that sneer would scorn to praise, And this old world would seldom see How generous we long to be.
 Of course there is a Santa Claus, His spirit moves us once a year To light the world with smiles of cheer;
 To wish for all who pass along, A lifetime free from hurt and wrong, The joy of peace, the boom of health, A purse that holds enough of wealth And makes of us in some strange way Good fellows all on Christmas Day.
 —Edgar A. Guest.

An Oil for All Men

The sailor, the soldier, the fisherman, the lumberman, the out-door laborer and all who are exposed to injury and the elements will find in Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil a true and faithful friend. To ease pain, relieve colds, dress wounds, subdue lumbago and overcome rheumatism, it is excellent. Therefore, it should have a place in all home medicines and be amongst those taken on a journey.

"Squibographs"

The next international race for the American border states may be staged between "quota runners" and rum runners.

"Hands off Santa Claus' team" is the juvenile ultimatum to the campaign to increase the consumption of reindeer meat.

Preparing a list of Christmas gifts is almost as trying as the "horizontals" and "verticals" of a cross-word puzzle.

The small boy scores the highest marks for good department the week before Christmas. The self-denial may be painful but the reward justifies the sacrifice.

A total eclipse of the sun is scheduled for January. After paying Christmas bills father's bank account is also liable to be totally obscured about the same date.

The only marine movement in which juveniles are interested in at present in the ebb and flow of the Yuletide.

Christmas is not observed in China, but the warring factions have considerably suspended hostilities until the season of peace and good will on earth is over.

The photographs transmitted by wire lack the grace and repose that featured the old-time "ambrotypes" where the victim's head was held in position by iron prongs.

One of the witnesses in a Los Angeles murder trial is the eighth wife of the accused. If they convict him the least the jury can do is to recommend the prisoner to the mercy of the court.

The New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has added three women dog catchers to its staff. They will be given charge of the last lap dogs.

Charlie Chaplin's youthful bride may have to attend school or engage a private tutor. The spectacle of the screen comedy king helping her with her "home work" ought to be good for one reel.

One by one our food delusions are being dissipated by hard-boiled cynics. It is now declared that the Washington cherry tree incident is a myth. Get the hatchet.

Chicago dentists provide patients waiting for treatment with cross-word puzzles. Gas can be dispensed with when the patient's mind is concentrated on a sought-for word.

The Arabs who ride camels across the sahara Desert now wear automobile goggles to keep the sand out of their eyes. The hump-backed beasts of burden may regard his as the last straw.

As a Christmas treat, horses employed in the Seattle civic departments will be entertained at a carrot dinner. Horse sense was displayed when it was decided to ban speeches at the vegetable banquet.

The lightweight boxing champion of the Thunder Bay district has been elected a member of the Port Arthur City Council. His expert head and footwork and knowledge of ring strategy should enable him to win decisions on points.

The commissioner of game and fish in a Georgia district publishes a request to hunters to shoot as few of his game wardens as possible. Competent wardens are scarce and he is anxious to keep his staff intact.

Portland men suggest that the big stores set aside one night in the holiday shopping season exclusively for male shoppers. With nothing to distract their attention they can make their purchase in peace and comfort.

A school to teach cross-word puzzle addicts how to solve the puzzles has been opened in an eastern city. The instructor announces that he is "an expert consultant in cross-word puzzleology."

Wolves have become a menace in a Northern Ontario district and a "drive" has been organized for their extermination. In the mining boom days many investors experienced disastrous encounters with "wildcats."

Suzanne Lenglen, the French tennis star, has been voted the "queen of sport" in a newspaper ballot. The agile champion also has the distinction of having had her photograph taken showing both her feet in the air while delivering the ball.

FAMILY EXPOSED IN NIGHT ROBES TO BITTER COLD

Father Walks a Mile Shoeless To Obtain Aid For Children

Humboldt, Sask., Dec. 20. — With the weather at 45 below zero, the farm home of Mike Krewinsky 16 miles south of here, burned to the ground in the night, leaving him, his wife and four children out in the snow dressed only in their night clothes. The only shelter within a mile was a stable in which no animals were kept, and which was entirely without heat. While the mother attempted to keep the four children warm with a single blanket which had been saved from the flames, Krewinsky set out in his bare feet to walk a mile to his nearest neighbor. He obtained help there and is now in hospital with both legs frozen and in doubt as to whether they may have to be amputated. One of his wife's feet was badly frozen. The children were unharmed.

A Real Asthma Relief. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has never been advertised by extravagant statements. Its claims are conservative indeed, when judged by the benefits which it performs. Expect relief and permanent benefits when you buy this remedy and you will not have cause for disappointment. It gives permanent relief in many cases where other so called remedies have utterly failed.

Pure Water Essential

Rural Districts Need it Just as Much as Towns and Cities

By D. J. J. Middleton, Provincial Department of Health.

If there is one feature of life in rural districts that for importance outweighs everything else from a health point of view, it is the maintaining of a pure water supply. Once the water used for drinking purposes becomes infected, there is no telling where the damage will end, or how many people will suffer. The reason for this is obvious. Drinking water is used by everybody in the community, and should it become contaminated, is liable to infect large numbers of people with diseases such as typhoid fever, dysentery and cholera. The victims may even include visitors who drink the water and develop the disease after leaving the district, thereby causing suspicion of the water supply of other localities where the infected persons actually reside. Consequently it is very difficult sometimes to trace the origin of outbreaks such as typhoid, and the disease thus gets a chance to spread.

Impure drinking water supplies containing large numbers of intestinal organisms such as B. Coli should not, and need no longer be tolerated. The water for drinking purposes in most schools and those of the smaller urban centres is derived from wells and requires special protection, in order to maintain a decent standard of purity.

In order to maintain the school drinking water supply in a sanitary condition, all sources of pollution, such as privies and refuse heaps should be removed as far as possible from the well. The top of the well and the upper part of the wall, must also be concreted to exclude spillage water. Experiments clearly show that in wells in which the depth from the ground level to the water surface is not less than ten feet, the main source of pollution is from and around the top. A board top should in no case be used. Children should not be allowed to play about the pump, as a good deal of water is spilled in this way, and if this drains back into the well, it will take with it dangerous germs and material carried on the children's boots.

A good waterproof top is best made of concrete, sloped to carry off the surplus water. The portion directly under the pump should be slightly elevated to ensure that no water from the platform is returned to the well by means of the joint between the top and the base of the pump. The lining of the well for a distance of at least ten feet from the surface should be made of concrete or of brick with water-tight joints.

By boiling the water or adding chlorine in proportions recommended by the local Medical Officer of Health a doubtful water supply may be protected.

In all large municipalities with a common source of drinking, filtration plants are necessary, as well as chlorination.

The Lambton County Health Week, under the auspices of the Lambton County Medical Association will be held in Sarnia during the month of January. It is an important demonstration of health propaganda, and one which you should make it a point to attend. A program giving full details will be issued shortly.

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CONG'L S. S. PRESENTATION TO FRED AND MRS. MAHONY

The Congregational Sunday school held a successful Christmas entertainment in the school-room on Tuesday evening of last week. An interesting program was rendered by the pupils of the Sunday school, the chief features being the Kazoo Band of boys and a dialogue, "The Sewing Society." At the close of the program a presentation was made to the superintendent, F. W. Mahony, and Mrs. Mahony, who are leaving the village this week to make their home in Worcester, Mass. Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner made the presentation speech and the secretaries of the church and Sunday school, Miss Maude Marwick and Gladys Lamb, made the presentations. Following the presentation a farewell social was held and lunch was served by the Ladies' Aid Society.

A Beautiful Calendar

The calendar to be given by the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal to subscribers whose subscriptions are received in time, is a most beautiful work of art. The figures of the calendar are easy to read and the picture, entitled "The Sale of Old Dobbin" is a masterpiece in colors, suitable for framing. The subject of the painting is so full of human interest that you will never tire of looking at it. In addition to the calendar and picture, the Family Herald offers to each subscriber an opportunity to win as much as five thousand dollars in an easy and interesting contest. A catalogue of valuable articles which are given as rewards for new subscriptions can also be obtained free from the publishers of the Family Herald. The Family Herald as an interesting journal carries everything before it.



Children Keep House
 In the nursery of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Montclair. You might be content to lay upon the decks, but the young ones must have something to keep them out of mischief—hence their own special recreation quarter.

MEN'S GRILL
 Pape's DIAPERSIN
 If Food "Disagrees" in Stomach
 Instantly! End Indigestion, Gas, Heartburn, Acidity

Whenever food or drink upsets the stomach or causes indigestion or Gas, Flatulence, Bloating, Sour Risings, Heartburn or Acidity, remember you get relief as soon as "Pape's Diapersin" reaches the stomach. No waiting! Just chew a few of these pleasant, harmless tablets and the distress is gone!
 A 60 cent package will keep the entire family free from digestive disorders for months. Druggists sell millions and guarantee each package.
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EDITED BY WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY.

W. H. S. "MIRROR"

THE Editors take opportunity of wishing Staff and Students W.H.S. a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1924.

EDITORIAL

As a possible help in the future, we have considered it appropriate to write a few words on the lack of support shown by the students in the production of this paper.

The prevalent idea seems to be that the paper is a medium through which the editors express their opinions. This is a very serious mistake.

There are many who say they cannot write. It is true that there are people who can express their thoughts and ideas in beautiful English without any apparent mental exertion.

Our Literary Society

PRIOR to this year for a number of years the school has organized an institution which is necessary to complete secondary education, namely a Literary Society.

The oral composition class must share its limited weekly periods with other composition work, and therefore little time is given to the art it seeks to cultivate.

The editors take this opportunity of wishing the staff and student body of the W. H. S. a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In a recent lesson in Physics in Form V, Mr. Cameron told the class that the friction between ice and a person was less than between wood and a person.

SCHOOL ALPHABET

A stands for Alice, with hair of bright red. When she goes to college she'll be some co-ed.

B stands for Bertha, a girl of great might. I'd pity the boy, if she got in a fight.

C is for Charlie, a fine lady's man. He goes out with the fair ones, whenever he can.

D stands for Dorothy, a girl, whom they say, Goes driving with Campbell, three times a day.

E stands for Evelyn, so gentle and slim. If she jumps on a fellow, what will happen to him?

F stands for Florence, some flapper is she. If she can't catch a fellow, it's some mystery.

G is for George, who on Field nights, Says ministers' daughters stand up for their rights.

H stands for Howden, a man of much note, But Marjory Prentiss, has sure got his goat.

I stands for Ivan, a fine basketballer, However he takes size seventeen collar.

J stands for Jack, he is all Wright. But Marguerite keeps him out every night.

K stands for Kelly, a man brave and strong, A janitor's job he'll have before long.

L stands for Loretta, her last name is Bryce. The boys say that she is, most awfully nice.

M stands for Morgan, whose looks are quite stately. He's been seen down at Kelly's quite a bit lately.

N is for Nettie, our Algebra star. May she this record in Math. never mar.

O stands for Olive, who faints in Strathroy, Just to recline in the arms of a boy.

P is for Prentiss, he sure is a scream, But Frances is his ideal of a dream.

R stands for Rapson, her name's Emma Jean, It's her disposition not to be mean.

S stands for Stevie, and Fat is her man, We think, when they're married, they'll make a fine span.

T stands for Teresa, a long time she's been here, But still she keeps coming, year after year.

V stands for Verlie, who at Alex winks, And he in return goes off into kinks.

W is for William, the orator of today, No wonder the teachers are getting so gray.

So endeth our rhyme, 'tis enough for to-day, Hoping no one is vexed we'll keep on our way.

Teresa applying for admission slip, "Er, Good-morning, Sir." Mr. Cameron, just removing hat. Late again! Teresa, "So am I."

Jean Nixon, rushing into the library, "Give me the life of Caesar!" Librarian, "You're too late, Brutus took it."

Miss Mitchell: "What is our debt to Athens?" Campbell (sleepily): "I don't know I haven't my bill yet."

Mr. Erb: "Did you get the first Algebra question?" Cookie: "No Sir." Mr. Erb: "How near were you to the right answer?" Cookie: "Oh, about five seats away."

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, If French doesn't get you, Latin must.

They say in England, drinking is common, but it is not nearly so common as the winking that goes on between Verlie and Alex.

Mr. Cameron: "I asked you a question Bert Morgan, and you didn't answer." Bert: "I shook my head, sir." Mr. Cameron: "Hm, that's funny, I didn't hear it rattle."

The Boys' Track Team of 1924

Throughout 1924 the W. H. S. track team has been very successful. The track events for the year began on May 17, when the team competed in the W. O. S. S. A. track meet in London where they won, one first place, one second place, two third places, and three fourth places.

Again, in the fall, though the team had been deprived of the Vail brothers, they went into action and defeated Forest High School and Strathroy Collegiate in quick succession, in the track and field meets.

The Field Day held in Watford this Fall was a grand success, the three schools, Watford, Strathroy, and Forest, entering into the competitive events with much enthusiasm.

Watford H. S. track team for 1924 was as follows: Don Vail, Doug Vail, G. Tait, (Jr. Champion) D. Rayner, J. Franklin, A. Gilroy (Sr. Champion) A. Heaton, J. Parker, O. Shugg.

HOUSE-CLEANING

by L. Atchison, Form V.

SPRING is here, and with it comes the inevitable desire for cleanliness and change so dear to the heart of every woman, be she sixteen or sixty!

The men-folk have just begun to enjoy the balmy spring air when to their evident distaste, they come home to find a scene such as one might expect after a cyclone, when the barrels from the cellar have been shifted to the back porch, the kitchen-ware to the dining-room, and the unnecessary of the dining-room huddled in the corners.

One evening, after Trixie had been sick I was going for a walk and thought I would take him with me. He ran on ahead of me but, as he never crossed the street very far ahead of me, he waited. He then ran on but stopped again in the middle of the street to wait for me.

Meals take on a marked sameness as the cleaning nears its conclusion. The men are again beginning to complain that supper is just dinner spelled backwards, that wife is only a spectre with a broom in one hand, a mop in the other, and that life in general is a disappointment.

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Miss McCaw to Form II, "I'm tempted to give you a test in Latin to-day." Form II, "Yield not to temptation."

Heaton: "Gee, boys, Bill Fitz was sent down to the office just now. Kelly: "Did he take it cool?" Heaton: "Oh yes, his teeth were chattering."

MY FIRST DOG

By Marjorie Leach, Form I.

My first dog was, what I believe the best companion a boy ever had. He shared in both my happiness and my sorrows and accompanied me almost every place I went.

He was a small, black terrier, with a fine silky coat and black bead-like eyes. I had much difficulty in naming him but finally decided on "Trixie."

I taught him many things and he soon grew to be great friends. I had to deliver papers each evening and Trixie always walked along beside me. I talked a great deal and he tried to answer me by looking up at me.

He enjoyed his play more than anything else. Every evening he would come to me, carrying his ball in his mouth, and coax me to play with him. I would throw the ball some distance and he would run after it, catch it and carry it back to me.

One evening, after Trixie had been sick I was going for a walk and thought I would take him with me. He ran on ahead of me but, as he never crossed the street very far ahead of me, he waited. He then ran on but stopped again in the middle of the street to wait for me.

I never knew how much I would miss him until after his death, when I felt I had lost one of the best companions I would ever have.

WANT C

- Wanted By: Harold Hodgins—A Wen. Jean Nixon—More Time to Sp. Chas. Miller—A Book on, "How to Become a Shiek." Editors—A Rest. Miss Mitchell—A Dog Chain. Don Prentiss—A Playmate. Chas. Miller—Katy's Hair Shingled. Marj Prentiss—The Voice of a Song-bird.

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Hodgins: "Say Parker, where are you going for the holidays?" Parker: "Oh, to Regina, I suppose."

Mary Connolly is a girl of principles, the chief of which is Dookittle.

Mr. Erb, working an algebra problem, notices Fat asleep. "Donald, what would you do if there was a flood right now?" Fat wakes up but does not hear the question. Shugg, sitting behind, whispers in his ear. Fat replies: "I'd use a blotter."

Miss McCaw: "Give the principal parts of 'do.'" Bertha: "Flour, lard, milk."

Heard on Field Day: "This tea is like the quality of mercy!" Kelly: "Why?" First Speaker: "Because it is not strained."

Mr. Cameron: "What is on the outside of a tree?" Gilroy: "I don't know, sir." Mr. Cameron: "Bark, lad bark." Gilroy: "Bow-wow."

One day Marguerite Fisher came into school with her hair shingled. When someone asked her the reason for this new bob, she curtly replied, "I had to get my hair shingled because my roof leaked."

Another holiday problem is finding a secret parking space for Christmas gifts for junior. Mothers can easily know when their children are troubled with worms, and they lose no time in applying a reliable remedy—Mother Graves' Worm-Exterminator.

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Administrator's Notice
Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the estate of John Scott, late of the Township of Brooke, in the County of Lambton, Farmer, deceased, are to send in full particulars of such claims together with the nature of security (if any) by mailing them to Cowan, Cowan & Gray, at Watford, on or before the 23rd day of January 1925, and after the said date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have received notice.
Cowan, Cowan & Gray,
Solicitors for the Administrator.
William Scott.
Dec. 13th, 1924. d19-3t

NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE that a bylaw for raising \$10,000.00 under the provisions of The Tile Drainage Act, will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the Township of Warwick, at Warwick Village on the 12th day of January, 1924, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.
N. HERBERT, Clerk.
dec19-4t

NOTICE
The Municipal Council of the Township of Warwick, intend having a vote of the Electors taken at the Municipal Election to be held in January 1925, in regard to abolishing statute labor and appointing a road superintendent.
N. Herbert, Clerk.
d12-3

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that creditors and others having claims against the estate of Isabella Eccles, late of the Village of Watford in the County of Lambton, widow, deceased, are to send in full particulars of such claims with the nature of security (if any) by mailing them to Messrs. Cowan, Cowan & Gray, at Watford, on or before the 16th day of January, 1925, and after the said date the parties entitled will proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have received notice.
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An English engineer proposes to sink a shaft twelve miles deep into the earth. He seems to be determined to plant his spring vegetable seeds where the neighbor's fowls cannot get at them.

OBSERVATIONS
ALONG MAIN STREET

Slippery sidewalks oft remind us,
As we're gaily strutting forth,
One false step and we'll be landed
On our south end going north.

Now we've got to hold our noses,
Slide along in many poses,
Grab our ear and stamp our toeses.
Wear the heaviest woolen hoses.

Meanwhile, despite the cold snap
Christmas preparations go on apace.
The tardy shopper now has the elements
to contend with, juggling his
parcela from one arm to the other,
blowing on his fingers and holding
his ears and his nose.

Christmas shopping by list has
always been the goal of every person.
All these people have to do is
consult the columns of The Guide-
Advocate, write out their list, buy
something every time they go down
town, and presto! The whole thing's
done.

But we're all tardy—
We're one of those catch-as-
catch-can shoppers—you know.
You've seen 'em on Christmas
eve— "Oh heavens, I
forgot Susie!" "Here," to
the tired clerk, "Gimmie sumpin'
for Susie." "Oh I don't care
what it is— Oh lemme see—
Yeh, gimmie that. . . No."
Yeh, gimmie that. . . No."
Here . . . this is better.

That's us all over except that we
never had one whose name was
Susie.

Yesterday we lined up at a
counter where gift hunting is the
favorite indoor sport. We were look-
ing for a vase—one of those things
you put flowers into and put up on
the mantle or on the piano. A "voz"
surly you know what a "vause" is—
We're one of those old fashioned
chaps who pronounce it the way it
is spelled, just common V A S E.

Now here is a nice "vause" in
delft blue, said the lady clerk in her
sweetest tone.
We couldn't put that girl off
"vauzes" no matter what we did, and
the alteration delayed our schedule
and threw us into today for the bal-
ance of our purchases.

Vase it is with us and always will
be until we start talking about
"bawsebal" or a "cawse of beer."

Icy sidewalks are creating a big
demand for creepers and local
stores are doing a land-office business
these days in the spiked pedal ap-
pendages, which give security to life
and limb.

The weatherman today saw a no-
ble Main St. bachelor fall prostrate
to the icy pavement, and he bunched
the "terra firma" with a re-
sounding whack, he expressed his
innermost thoughts in language that
melted the sleet for yards around.

Just as he was at the height of his
eloquence a dear old lady looked
cautiously around the corner at him
in horrified surprise.

He stopped in the middle of a
word and goggled back to her—and
then a bright idea struck him.
"Amen," said he, and then he got
up.

One bright young Warwick flapper,
threading her way along the icy
pavement on Saturday afternoon,
dropped her vanity case at the feet
of one of Watford's "hopefuls" as
she bravely attempted to keep her
equilibrium. "Here, cutie," said our
hero as he obligingly recovered it
for her—"keep that schoolgirl com-
plexion." Showing that even the
"Sheiks" read the "ads."

Dressing the Christmas Turkey
JUST a little more of snow on Tues-
day to make the Christmas season
more "Christmasy."

Once the Christmas presents are
bought, attention centres on the
Christmas dinner and for everyone
the turkey is the grand attraction.
A Christmas turkey, while good
at all times, is much more con-
ducive to appetite when properly
dressed and to this end every woman
devotes her best efforts.

Sally, the cook, may have a gen-
eral idea of such things, but the
hard-working and artistic housewife
must supply the last dainty touches
to the lordly bird, which often in-
sists on lying prostrate on the plat-
ter with both legs in the air, in a
sort of "Rigor Mortis."

A very nice little costume for the
Christmas turkey is a gown of pink
crepe de chine, with insets of yellow
organdie and fluted panels of old
rose lace, intermingled with pleated
shoulder straps of cast iron.

With dainty overdrops of cut
paper, suspended from the spare
tire on the rear wheel of the bodice.
Some hostesses prefer to serve
slippers with the costume, while
others insist on unbuckled galoshes.
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around the bows and three or four
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In the best families, when serving
dressed turkey, it isn't customary
for the bird to wear a hat, because
of the conventional absence of any-
thing to wear a hat on.

Any hostess who is striving for
something just a little out of the
ordinary may find these suggestions
just the last "bon mot" in serving
turkey, and will give the guests
something to remember and talk
about until the turkey season rolls
around next year.

ARKONA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
The regular meeting of the W. I.
was held at the home of Mrs. F.
Nelson with the president in the
chair and fourteen members present.
The secretary was instructed to send
a Xmas present to our Armenian boy
and also to forward five dollars to
the "Feed the Children's Fund" for
the needy refugees from Armenia
in Greece. Mrs. Harry Uter gave a
most interesting report of the annu-
al convention in London, and also
contributed a beautiful piano solo
after which the meeting closed. The
next meeting will be held at the
home of the president, Mrs. Rutter.

West Adelaide
The annual meeting of the West
Adelaide Auxiliary met on Thurs-
day, December 4th, at the home Mrs.
Water Hall. There was a large at-
tendance of twenty-two members and
fifteen friends. A collection \$5.20.
The following officers were appoint-
ed: President, Mrs. L. Grogan; 1st
vice, Mrs. Ed. McInroy; 2nd vice,
Mrs. Chester Orr; Treasurer, Mrs.
W. J. McChesney; Secretary, Mrs.
Jas. Wiloy; Ladies Aid Treas., Miss
E. Watson; Literature Sec., Mrs. R.
Ball; Strangers Sec., Mrs. R. A. Mc-
Chesney; Messenger Sec., Miss Edna
McInroy; Home Helpers Sec., Mrs.
Wilbert Murray; Supply Sec., Mrs.
Fred Conkey; Press Sec's, Miss Z.
Conkey, and Mrs. W. S. Wilson;
Organist, Mrs. Bert Herrington;
Auditors, Mrs. W. E. Parker, and
Mrs. Duncan Fletcher. The next
meeting has not been arranged.
The annual Christmas entertainment
of West Adelaide Sunday School
will be held in the church, Tuesday
evening Dec. 30th. A good program
of dialogues, recitations, readings,
solos and music will be provided. Ad-
mission: Adults 25c. Sunday School
children Free.

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A VOICE FOR SANTA CLAUS

READ it last week in the paper, ha'f of a page it had;
Read it out loud to mother; my, but it made her mad!
Somethin' some college feller said in a mile-long speech,
That Santy Claus is a humbug that nobody ought to teach:
That tellin' the children stories of how he comes through the snow
To bring 'em their toys and dollies was wicked and bad and low;
That him and his prancin' reindeer, his pack and his old red sleigh,
Was nothin' but lyin' nonsense that ought to be thrown away.

NOTHIN' but lyin' nonsense, teachin' a child deceit?
Nothin' but fairy stories? Maybe, but ain't they sweet?
What would you give, you fellers—gray-headed grandads all,
Workin' from morn till evnin' over this hard old ball—
What would you give in money, cash that you worked for so,
To b'lieve in the fairy stories you b'lieved in long ago
What would you sell your past for? How much would close the deal?
That bought up your mem'ries treasures, of days when them tales
was real.

CHRISTMAS without a Santy? Member the nights before?
Member how hard you listened hearin' the old folks snore,
Hearin' the wind a-whistlin' up in the chimney flue,
There in the place where Santy somehow would wiggle through?
Member the Christmas mornin's? Member the stockin's, What?
Wasn't they filled with glories? Nothin' that cost a lot,
But, 'cause old Santy brought 'em, wonderful things, you bet!
Member just how you loved him? Some of us love him yet.

CHRISTMAS without a Santy? Puddin' without the plums,
Think of the million youngsters waitin' the day he comes,
Countin' the hours and minutes, thinkin' they hear his sleigh,
Jest as their daddies heard it, back in another day.
Nothin' but lyin' nonsense, wicked to spread around?
Then I'm a wickid liar, long's I'm above the ground.
Long as I've got a roof-tree, while ther's a chimney flue,
Santy shall come to my house. How is it, folks with you?

—Joseph C. Lincoln.

PLYMPTON

S. S. No. 4 at Reece's Corners
held a fine Christmas entertainment
Friday night under the direction of
the teacher, Miss Eulalie Logan.
Opening with a rousing chorus by the
school, "Hail! Hail Santa's Coming!"
a long program was presented. Sev-
eral drills, dialogues and recitations
were acceptably given. A humorous
play, based on a misunderstanding of
words, "Tomorrow" and To Mauro
a railroad travel farce, was well per-
formed by Miss Gertrude Welch and
Messrs J. Kerrigan and Duncan Mac-
Cormack. The smaller children ap-
peared in a Mother Goose dialogue,
introducing the ever-pleasing nursery
rhymes. "Uncle Hiram's Cold" proved
an amusing feature. The main
item on the program was a play,
"Safety First" which was given by
several young people.

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Subscribers to the Family Herald
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for 1925 with a most attractive
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is only \$2.00 per year, one is amaz-
ed by the value received, but with a
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the value is indeed superlative.

School teachers and pupils will no
doubt regret to learn that there will
be two days less for school atten-
dance in 1925 than in this year. Ac-
cording to the provincial educational
dept. bulletin, schools shall be open
for 197 days out of the 365, leaving
only 168 days for a rest period.

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The Passing of Felix Arbour



Things were different forty years ago. When Felix Arbour, a stalwart young French Canadian of five and twenty, began work as a telephone lineman at Ottawa in 1885, John A. was the triumphant leader of the Government, Edward Blake marshalled the forces of the Liberals, and young Wilfrid Laurier, was already manifesting that ability as a parliamentarian that was to make him inevitable as Blake's Successor. As Felix Arbour went about his work in the vicinity of the old buildings on Parliament Hill, he often got a friendly nod and a cheery "Good morning" from the great men of that day. They envied his sturdy young frame and his smiling, kindly face.

But now it is all different. Ottawa has grown to be a big city, young men are in the seats of the mighty and Felix Arbour feels that his day is done.

His comrades of the Bell Telephone construction forces met the other day to bid him farewell ere he retired

to enjoy a well earned rest. Following the presentation of an address accompanied by an arm chair and a smoking set, Felix made a parting speech that promises to become a classic among telephone plant men. He said:—

"I am in good health and I thank God Almighty for that. I always received just treatment from my bosses. If I did wrong, they told me; and if I did well, they did not forget to praise me. I thank everybody for the help they gave me in my work. We did not always agree, and had arguments, but we tried to help one another, and it was all for the Company. Work in the Company's interest and you will be working in your own interest. Every time I went up a pole, I said to myself, "Felix, be careful; if you fall off you may break an arm or a leg or maybe your neck." Although I am not now working for the Company, I want you all to know me on the street; and as I go along I will keep my eyes on the wires and cables and if I see anything that will cause trouble or make an accident I will report it."

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GETTING IN FARM ICE

Harvesting This Good Winter Crop In The Best Way

Success Depends on Ten Conditions — Ice-Houses May Be Cheaply Constructed — Harvesting the Crop — Maintenance of Farm Work Horses.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

It is now none too soon to make preparation for the winter harvest of the ice crop. Some may be for the first time planning to harvest some ice this winter, and they will in all probability need to construct some sort of a building or bin in which to store it. Those who have regularly stored ice may have to make some alterations or repairs to the old ice storage. In any case it is a good policy to make the necessary preparations early, and so have everything in readiness when the time comes to cut and store the crop.

Success Depends Upon Ten Conditions

The style of ice storage really does not count provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (1) That the ice be cut from a body of clean water and be free from weeds and sediment.
- (2) The cakes should be cut regularly, and all of a size. The ice should be at least 12 inches thick.
- (3) The ice should be stored on a cold, dry day.
- (4) The cakes should be packed together as closely as possible without any sawdust or other material between them. Any spaces between the cakes may be filled with finely broken ice or snow.
- (5) Plenty of dry sawdust, at least 12 inches, should be packed between the mass of ice and the walls of the enclosure, and even a greater depth below and above the ice.
- (6) The top of the ice storage should be provided with good circulation of air in order to prevent accumulation of warm, stagnant air over the ice. This point cannot be emphasized too strongly.
- (7) The ground below the ice pit should be well drained in order to

readily carry off ice.

(8) The wall around should be air-tight.

(9) The ice should be covered with dry straw after each time.

(10) As far as possible storage should be in rays of the sun, where there is good light.

Ice-Houses May Be Constructed

It is possible to secure these conditions in a very cheap, simple construction, and therefore the storage of ice need not give one much concern. The better style of ice-house is usually constructed of a wall consisting of one layer of boards on each side of 2 x 4 studs, the space between being left empty.

Ice can be kept successfully in various sorts of storages: A large bin made of single boards nailed on ordinary studding of cedar posts and located inside some other building, as a shed or barn; or outside as a simple lean-to on the shady side of a large building; part of a hay-mow; an old silo; or a more costly and attractive building usually called the ice-house or cold storage building.

Most of the ice stored on farms is used for cooling milk and cream and keeping it sweet for short periods. When both milk and cream are cooled it is necessary to store 1½ tons per cow kept, this amount covering a reasonable waste by leakage in the storage. If a refrigerator is used in the house or adjoining the storage where foods for the table are kept, 2 or 3 tons extra should be stored.

Harvesting the Crop.

This crop is not the pleasantest one the farmer has to handle, as it is usually pretty cold and wet work. Lots of good company while working at the job is a great help, and therefore co-operative effort should be carried out in this line of work. The job can be done more efficiently, quickly, more economically and under more pleasant conditions than by the single-handed method. The job is worth while, and, if gone about in a sensible manner, is not too objectionable—certainly not nearly so bad as standing at the tail-end of a threshing machine.

The Department of Physics, O.A.C., Guelph, will gladly supply bulletins and blue-prints describing ice-houses, small cold storages and refrigerators, and describing in detail how the harvesting is done. Write us early. —R. R. Graham, O. A. College, Guelph.

Maintenance of Farm Work Horses.

Considerable work was done during the winter of 1923 by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College, to ascertain the cost of maintenance of the farm horse. For heavy horses at teaming work necessary around the farm, such as drawing manure, etc., it cost from 31½ to 35.6 cents per horse per day for feed, stabling and care. The cost of feed was 54 per cent. of the total cost of maintenance, and the cost of labor was 22 per cent. of the total cost. Horse labor during the winter cost 21.6 cents per hour.

Good For the Soil.

Not only does farm manure supply plant food but the vegetable or organic matter it contains also helps to increase the productivity of the soil. As this vegetable matter gradually breaks down, the acid products formed help dissolve and make available to plants some of the otherwise insoluble plant food in the soil. Furthermore, the humus helps retain moisture and improves the soil texture.

This Refrigerator Requires No Ice.

A refrigerator that will keep food products at a temperature of 55 degrees Fahrenheit can be made easily at home. It consists of an open framework of shelving around which is tacked cotton flannel, burlap, or some similar material, which is kept moist. The evaporation of the moisture holds the temperature down. A series of wicks, or strips of cloth, extending from a pan of water on top of the refrigerator to the covering of the refrigerator, provide the moisture. Such a refrigerator should be kept in the shade where there is a good current of air.

The potato grower who gives thought to labor, seed, and fertilizer is tackling the potato problem in the right way.

Seeds, like folks, like a good bed. Prepare it well and make more money.

Any one who likes game birds to eat, such as quail, grouse and pheasant, can have a supply of meat just as good as any of these by raising a few guinea fowls. Guineas hunt their own feed nine months in the year, and are as good as a watch dog to raise an alarm when something goes amiss. It is a hardy hawk that will take a chicken when there are guineas around.

Do not include the common greens or the purple barberry in your list of shrubs for this season's planting. Both are a host plant for the wheat rust and must not be planted near wheat fields. The Thunberg's or Japanese barberry is much more satisfactory for ornamental purposes.

Where They Play Golf All the Year Round



In the Empress Hotel Gardens. At the top, inset, a view of the Malahat drive. Below, one of the many Public Golf courses for which Victoria is famous and at the right a photograph taken from the veranda of the Empress Hotel with a glimpse of the Parliament Buildings through the columns.

Famed for a mild, equable climate, a scenic setting equalled to the choicest English beauty spots, a resemblance which has led to the appellation of "A Little Bit of Old England," and the up-to-dateness of a modern western city has combined to make Victoria, the Evergreen City, one of the principal tourist cities of the North Pacific coast throughout the entire year.

Victoria, which with its suburbs has a population of 60,000, is also the capital of British Columbia, the legislative buildings forming an attractive picture for the new arrival disembarking in the inner harbor.

The city, located on the southeast extremity of Vancouver Island, is practically in the same latitude as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and other eastern cities, yet because of the warm Japan current that fringes British Columbia's coast, Victoria enjoys the year round a climate unsurpassed in the Dominion. The mean temperature in winter is 42 degrees and in summer 61. Coupled with this is an average yearly rainfall of only 27.45 inches, less than half the average precipitation on the adjacent mainland.

With this salubrious climate outdoor sports are possible the entire year, five or six golf courses being available in and around the city.

For the motorist, not only Victoria but the entire Vancouver Island provides drives of varying lengths into a territory that has been named a "Thousand Miles of Wonderland." Greatest of all these is the famous Malahat Mountain drive running north from Victoria and rising to more than 1,250 feet above the sea level, affording a view of sea and mountain unexcelled.

In and around Victoria are sufficient tourist attractions to keep the newcomer busy for many days. These include the Butchart sunken gardens, transformed within the last decade into a veritable fairyland of flowers, shrubs, lawns, roses, waterfalls and lake; the astrophysical observatory with the second largest telescope in the world, and 1,600

acres of beautiful parks featuring Beacon Hill Park virtually in the heart of the city.

In the summer more than a hundred shady beaches and romantic little bays dotted along seventy miles of water frontage lure the holiday maker. Some face the Straits of Juan de Fuca and open to the sweep of the Pacific Ocean tides, while others are almost landlocked, with clear, unruffled waters.

Travelling to Victoria from the mainland is one of the joys of a holiday spent in the capital city. An 82-mile trip through landlocked, sheltered waters past evergreen islands, brings the traveller from Vancouver. Frequent service on palatial steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway is afforded to Victoria from Vancouver and Seattle direct, while a further steamer to Nanaimo affords an optional route. Rail connection is made between Nanaimo and Victoria.

As a further development of Victoria as a winter resort, The Crystal Garden, an elaborate amusement center, is being erected near the Empress Hotel. It will be opened for Victoria Day Celebration next May. The central feature of the Crystal Garden will be a huge salt water swimming pool, the largest on the Pacific Coast.

Nearby the Empress Hotel, overlooks the inner harbour. Located in spacious grounds, beautiful alike in winter and summer with roses, holly trees and other shrubs and flowers. This deservedly popular estery has been the temporary home for thousands of visitors.

To the tourist from the inland, interesting scenes of an ocean port. Practically all in-bound and out-bound Pacific liners make Victoria a port of call on their way to Vancouver and Seattle. In this way, the Victoria visitor is brought closely in touch with the movements of shipping to and from Australia and the Orient.

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OBITUARY

THE LATE ALEXANDER MEIKLE

At noon on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1924, death called away one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Brooke Township in the person of Alexander Meikle. Deceased was born near Parkhill in the Township of McGillivray, in Middlesex County, on Jan. 28, 1872. There he grew to manhood, when he moved to Lambton County taking up his residence on Lot 6, Con. 8, of Brooke Township.

In 1897 he married Mary A. Wilson and to this union were born, Robert, James, Catherine, Jennette and Barbara Weir, the latter dying in infancy. After an illness of about two years from sugar diabetes, the summons came, removing a loving husband and father from a happy home. The shock was indeed a terrible one to the bereaved family, as well as to a very large circle of relatives and friends, who testified their sincere sympathy by the many floral tributes. His bereaved wife, and the two former named children, together with an aged mother, Mrs. Wm. Meikle, and a sister, Mrs. T. B. McDonald, both of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. W. Sanderson, sister of Hamilton, survive.

Mr. Meikle was interested in any movement of his community and will be remembered by his many deeds of kindness and the active part he took in church work, serving as an elder in the Presbyterian church in Wood for the past number of years. We note with deep impression that he attended Presbytery at Sarnia the day before his final sickness.

The funeral service was conducted at the family residence last Thursday morning at 9:30, conducted by the Rev. Monteith, of Alvinston, interment being made in the Parkhill cemetery, where the procession was met by many old neighbors and sympathizing friends. The pall-bearers were: C. E. Atkin, Foster Smith, John Douglas, Theo. Johnston.

Those coming from a distance were: Mrs. M. Sanderson, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McCalpine, Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wilson, of Parkhill; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCracken, Mt. Brydges; Mr. and Mrs. Mack McCalpine of Alvinston; Wilson brothers, of Arkona; J. J. Ferguson, Holt, Mich., and G. A. Moncrieff, Oatago, Mich.

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At the top are seen the chefs at work on the new train which operates between Montreal and Winnipeg over Canadian Pacific lines in 39 hours 45 minutes, daily. Below, a comfortable meal with a landscape changing many times with each course.

How would you like to be called upon to prepare a meal for 125 or more people in a kitchen 21 feet long and a little over 6 feet wide, in which four other than yourself were working, and in which all your stores and supplies were kept? You might consider it a fairly tall order, and yet day after day many men are doing this very same thing at least three times a day in the kitchens of the railway dining cars which render travelling hotel service across the continent. In addition to the space mentioned, the kitchen and dining room staff have only a pantry seven feet by six in which to work, yet who has not wondered at the seeming magic with which the waiters produce at very short notice the choicest of foods and drinks, cooked and garnished to tempt the most dainty appetite and appease the most hungry?

The key note of this remarkable service is, of course, system, and then training. Investigating, one finds that each class of food has its own refrigerator, and that each refrigerator and ice-well, each drawer and each of the innumerable lockers are so arranged as to permit of ready access with the minimum amount of lost motion. Everything has and is in its place, the separate refrigerators being provided in order to avoid absorption of odors from the pungent variety of foodstuffs by those of a more delicate quality. The cooking is done on a broiler in the case of steaks, fish and ham, etc., or on the large coal range. Dairy products and fruits are stored in the pantry where silver, glass-ware and crockery is kept.

The preparation of the menu card is done under the personal supervision of the superintendent and a full

set of bills of fare covering all meals to be served on the run, are handed to the steward-and chef. They make out a requisition for the necessary quantity of supplies, basing their estimate on the average travel, and all foodstuffs are checked and examined as to quality by the Chef personally as they are placed in the car, and put into the receptacles provided. Everything is then ready for the preparation of the meal. There is, however, a great deal of work to be done before the "first call" is made.

Stock has to be prepared for soup, poultry and fish cleaned, garnitures cut, vegetables cut and many other things. The Chef sees that everything possible is prepared ahead, but will not permit the preparation ahead of such items as require to be prepared as ordered. All broiled foodstuffs and such things as toast and eggs for instance must be prepared only as ordered.

As to the division of duties, the Chef prepares soups, sauces, cooks all roasts, fries and grills all meats and generally supervises the work of the kitchen staff. Second cook makes all pastry, puddings, cakes, muffins and coffee; third cook peels all vegetables and assists the second cook with the other work; fourth cook is a general utility man and does the washing of dishes, pots and pans. The fifth cook, sometimes called the pantryman cuts bread, butter and prepares salads, grape fruit, oranges, etc. This division of labor permits of the service of meals just as quickly as passengers can partake of them, and very often one kitchen staff in the Canadian Pacific dining car service will turn out nearly 400 meals in the course of one day.

Detailed Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK		1924	
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES			
RECEIPTS			
Jan. 16	Debiture on Atwood Drain	\$	957.00
	Township Plympton balance acct on T.L.W.		21.92
Mar. 8	Township Brooke balance acct on T.L.S.		50.54
24	Township Brooke ass. on Higgins Drain		107.00
	Collector balance of taxes for 1923		896.71
	Collector penalty on taxes 1923		48.39
April 7	Township of Adelaide ass. on Jariett Tyler Drain		97.20
8	Bridge charged to Leach Drain		653.00
	N. Herbert Township share refund Hagle Drain		4.08
	Cash on hand as per Auditors' report		7518.16
	Provincial Government 20% on Twp. roads		2580.87
July 10	Co. Treasurer, gravel on Co. road		27.00
	Co. Treas. taxes on e pt lot 4 con. 8 N.E.R. 1921-22		144.88
	J. Muxlow, expense of engineer on Hall drain		8.00
	W. Hall, expense of engineer on Hall drain		16.00
	G. Hall, expense of engineer on Hall drain		16.00
	W. G. Hall, expense of engineer on Hall drain		16.00
Sept. 1	S. Morris, gravel from 4 con pit		1.50
	B. Muma, rebate on culverts		40.00
Notes			
Jan. 21	Sterling Bank, note		7000.00
April 17	Sterling Bank, note		4000.00
June 25	Sterling Bank, note		3000.00
July 26	Sterling Bank, note		1000.00
Aug. 26	Sterling Bank, note		1000.00
Sept. 5	Sterling Bank, note		1500.00
Oct. 28	Sterling Bank, note		2000.00
Sept. 1	J. McKay, tile bought by Township in 1921		28.50
5	Co. Treas. due Twp on Plympton and Warwick road		22.00
Oct. 17	Legislative School grant		4249.64
Nov. 3	Debiture on Mimiely Drain		788.00
7	Debiture on 6-7 Sideroad Drain		319.00
11	C. Stewart, asst. 6-7 Sideroad Drain		83.00
	W. McRoris, asst. on 6-7 Sideroad Drain		31.00
	J. Bryce, old tile		2.00
11	County Treasurer, gravel		8.00
9	Treas. Ont. for rent of hall for election		8.00
	Treas. Watford balance acct on 4 con. S.E.R.		105.80
15	S. S. No. 4, interest on O. D.		1.50
	W. Mimiely, asst on Janes Drain		108.00
	H. Mansfield, gravel sold		10.50
	Treas. Plympton, asst Mimiely Drain		129.00
	Treas. Plympton, gravel		12.50
	Collector, taxes		55578.18
	Received for commuted statute labor		2828.00
	N. Herbert, Twps share refund McPherson Drain		3.64
		\$	96971.51
EXPENDITURES			
	General Fund	\$	30544.58
	Division No. 1		477.50
	Division No. 2		646.75
	Division No. 3		886.50
	Division No. 4		686.65
	Local Drains		6528.77
	Award Drains		71.00
	Tile Drains		53.88
	Board of Health		320.80
	Sheep killed by dogs		96.00
	County grant to schools for 1922		19.18
	County Rate for 1923		7029.29
	County Rate for 1924		1500.00
	Salaries		805.00
	Charities		153.50
	Trustees Levy		17800.70
	Legislative grant to schools		4249.64
		\$	85974.74
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
ASSETS			
	Cash on hand	\$	11596.77
	Amount due from Collector (about)		1882.04
	Due from Collector percentage 1922		35.72
	Arrears on Taxes		70.35
	Due from Kingston Drain		20.00
	Due from Birchall Drain		453.88
	Due from Higgins Drain		397.60
	Due from Lester Drain		28.50
	Due from Cameron Drain		4.25
	Due from Janes Drain		191.00
	Due from McRorie Drain		213.08
	Due from Cook Drain		33.85
		\$	14927.04
	Balance at Credit		1614.36
LIABILITIES			
	Collectors Salary	\$	75.00
	Brooke Telephone		2125.55
	Due on County Rate		4955.73
	Due on Atwood Drain		241.80
	Due on Parker Drain		545.00
	Due on Leach Drain		169.75
	Due on Mimiely Drain		27.00
	Due on 6-7 sideroad Drain		4.95
	Debiture and 5 coupons, 6-7 Sideroad Drain		81.35
	Debiture and 5 coupons, Atwood Drain		244.95
	Debiture and 4 coupons, Higgins Drain		661.08
	Debiture and 4 coupons, Leach Drain		689.28
	Debiture and 4 coupons, Parker Drain		280.60
	Debiture and 4 coupons, McPherson Drain		157.12
	Debiture and 3 coupons, Hagle Drain		609.35
	Debiture and 3 coupons, Brandon Drain		571.54
	Debiture and 3 coupons, Kingston Drain		195.49
	Debiture and 3 coupons, Lester Drain		126.15
	Debiture and 2 coupons, Newton Drain		69.65
	Debiture and 3 coupons, Hall Drain		227.58
	Debiture and 2 coupons, Campbell Drain		183.40
	Debiture and 2 coupons, McChesney Drain		80.60
	Debiture and 2 coupons, Burchall Drain		227.76
	Debiture and 1 coupon, Frayn Drain		310.59
	Debiture and 1 coupon, McCallum Drain		69.31
	Debiture and 1 coupon, Kersey Drain		485.20
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"Sickness Stalked Into This Happy Little Home"

When Jim Harrow moved into his pretty white-washed cottage he thought he had reached the height of happiness. His wife and his baby boy loudly voiced their pleasure, too. Everything seemed to be "breaking right" for Jim. But the happy days didn't last long. Sickness fell upon Mrs. Harrow. "It's just a pain in my back, maybe rheumatism," she said. But Jim knew how a previous attack of pleurisy had weakened her, so he called in a doctor. The doctor hinted at "lung trouble" and advised a complete examination. Jim took his wife to a specialist, who quickly confirmed the first verdict. "Consumption," he said. Husband and wife stared at each other in hopeless misery, but cheer was forthcoming. "Don't worry," said the doctor, "a year's treatment at the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives will put Mrs. Harrow on her feet again; but she must go now—no delay."

A kindly neighbor is taking care of the baby boy while Jim is "keeping house" by himself. Every day the postman leaves a letter, which tells how Edith nurses, and careful doctors all the time at home, so he'll be back the month that he longed to see. Mrs. Harrow's letters are full of news of the baby, and she is ready to cheer up to "break the news" to her husband. "I should have been in such a hurry to get to the Muskoka Hospital," she writes to Jim. W. A. Charlton, President, 223 College Street, Toronto, Ontario.

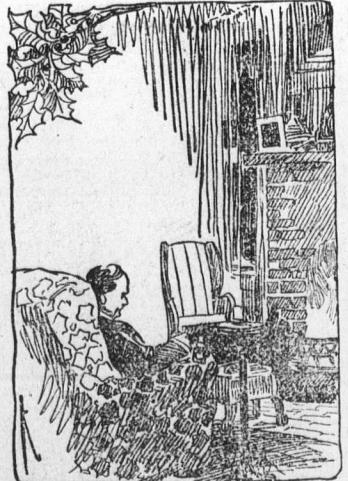
Mr. Gimlet's Best Christmas Present BY CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD



LD Mr. Gimlet was sitting all alone by himself. The cold December wind was driving the snow against the frosty windows, and now and then it seemed to fairly screech at him. Some of the snow appeared to have got into his hair, and some of the frost into his beard, for he looked old, and cold, and grim. The freight shadows that played on the wall were like the thoughts that went to and fro in his mind in the light of the memories of the brighter days of the past. The empty chairs reminded him of his friendliness, the slow ticking of the old clock, as it tried to be a companion, only made him feel how lonely he was. He felt as much out of the world, as far away from its gladness as the picture of his grandfather that hung over the shelf.

Mr. Gimlet was wondering what he would get for Christmas. He had spent many years in wondering what he would get, and had gotten a good many things. No one had a better house than he, few had as much money as he had. There was a park, there was a garden; within and without and all about him were the things that money can buy. Yes, Mr. Gimlet was as rich as money and things can make a man. And yet, although all these things had not made him happy, he was wishing for more. He did not know any better than to wish for more, and though he could not think of anything that he needed, he hoped that someone would think of something of other that he might want and that might give him a gleam of real Christmas joy.

Away out on a prairie the Bump family were holding a consultation, after the children had gone to bed. At that moment the father and mother of the family were perplexed and even a good deal worried. The Bumps had been practicing farming for some time, but without anticipated results. The children didn't see anything the matter with farming. The move out of the smoky city had been an entrance into paradise for them. Donald had ten hens and a rooster. Dorothy owned two Muscovy ducks, with green feathers. Kenneth had a little pony that they called "Bigger," because they thought he would grow. Small Edith kept a flower bed that she called her "gardy." There was a pony cart. They had raised a 43-pound watermelon. Father had said that the rest of the garden wouldn't amount to a hill of beans, but it had. There was apt to be enough for yum yum cake, with raisins in it, to go around. Why, it was like a perpetual picnic! And even now, with all things under the snow blanket, and the pony and the two cows safe in the



Yes, Mr. Gimlet Was as Rich as Money and Things Can Make a Man.

barn were safe, yet there was a blanket on them. The consultation was about that blanket. Farmer Bump called it a mortgage and didn't know how he was going to pay it. No wonder it was an anxious consultation. Short crops and a mortgage enough to flatten out even the Bumps. But while the Bumps were talking this over the children were huddled around. They had had a "swag" a while ago, talking about the best way to keep Christmas stockings a part of the conversation about the mortgage part, had come their way. A little of the money had come with it, so that when the blanket was a little more than a blanket that does not keep things warm, but makes them cold, and wondering what a mortgage could be, and why no one could take it off without money. In his dream Donald heard a boy singing this song:

"Sing, little Jesus, sing for me. There's nothing on my Christmas tree." You see, this little boy had a tree, but there wasn't a thing on it, not even a leaf. So he planned how to get something to grow upon it. Finally, he sang the song that Donald heard in his dream, and the next time he looked out there was his tree, full of red and gold apples, with leaves on all the twigs and many pretty things among them, and Donald saw it all in his dream. So, when he awoke, Donald thought he would sing the song too, and see if Jesus couldn't take the shadow of that awful mortgage away, and he sang:

"Sing, little Jesus, sing for me! There's a mortgage on our Christmas tree."

When Dorothy awoke she remembered that she had dreamed about writing a letter to Santa Claus, and so she went and wrote it. This was the letter: Dear Santa Claus: There's something the matter with our cows. They've got a mortgage on 'em. Only money can cure 'em. Please come and cure 'em, so's we can have a Christmas tree. I will be good. Your hopeful DOROTHY.

Then, when father went to town, with the little pony, Bigger, he put the letter into the post office, only he directed it to Mrs. Bump's brother, Mr. Ephraim Gimlet. Mr. Gimlet was very much surprised to hear from the Bumps. He had



The Next Day the Carrier Brought a Promising Looking Box.

forgot that he had a sister, and that there were a lot of little hopeful Bumps. An old trouble had made him bitter and forgetful, and he had felt more alone in the world than he really was. As he sat again by the firelight, but on a clear and moonlight night, he mused on things past with a new tenderness in his heart and welcomed a new thought that came warmly to him and brought a lovely purpose with it. He would play Santa Claus, and give himself the surprise of making others happy!

So, the day before Christmas things happened at the Bump house. As Mr. Bump went to the wayside post box he found two letters. One of them made him sad, for it was from the man who held the mortgage, and it said that the time for payment had come. It meant to Mr. Bump, "your money, or your cows." But the other letter was from Mr. Gimlet, and it made Mr. Bump laugh until he cried, for it was a check for \$300, with some kindly, friendly words and good wishes, enough to cure the cows and all the family troubles. The next day the carrier brought a most promising looking big box from Uncle Gimlet, so that the Christmas tree was full of happy surprises for the little folks and a gift or two for the big ones. Mother made a big pie in the dishpan and the children found out what was in it. Dorothy poked a hole through the pasteboard crust and pulled out a maple sugar heart. Kenneth got a white sugar heart. Edith got a yellow sugar heart. Mother said it was Uncle Gimlet's kind heart that had made them all so happy.

Then Mr. Gimlet got another letter. It was a round robin from all the Bumps, with the little Bump names and

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marks upon it, too. It made me and man very happy. He was sitting among a lot of pleasant things that had been sent in for his Christmas tree, but he was not thinking very much of them. He sat with the letter in his hand and a far-off look in his eyes as he thought of the sweetness of love, and felt that the best gift that he had received was the happy surprise that he had given to the people on the prairie farm.

"Divinity" Fudge. Boil together two cupsful of granulated sugar, one cupful of maple syrup, one cupful of water and a teaspoonful of vinegar until a little of it hardens when dropped in cold water, and then add a teaspoonful of vanilla and take from the fire. While this mixture has been cooking, a cupful of granulated sugar should have been put over the fire in another saucepan, with a half-cupful of cold water, and boiled until the mixture spins a thread from the tip of a spoon. This should at this stage be beaten up with the stiffly whipped whites of two eggs, and this stirred into the first preparation, which should by now have cooled slightly. Beat the two hard until they begin to stiffen, when turn in two cupfuls of chopped nut kernels. Drop on paper or pour into pans and cut in shapes desired.—Delineator.

Hospital for Sick Children 67 COLLEGE ST., TORONTO

Dear Mr. Editor:— Your readers have probably had their appetite for statistics satiated during the past few months. Still they will, no doubt, want to know something of the work accomplished by the hospital to which they have so generously contributed in the past. They are shareholders in a Mission of Mercy. Their dividends are not paid in coin of the realm. May I trespass upon your space to outline what those dividends are?

Firstly, the daily average of children occupying cots in the Hospital for Sick Children was 255. The total cared for as in-patients was 6,397. That is equivalent to the population of a good-sized Ontario town.

And secondly, the out-patient department. This is a wing of offices given over to consultation and minor operations. On an average there were 190 young callers a day.

That is where the dividends are earned—in the difference made in the lives of thousands of children through the voluntary contributions which render it possible to maintain an institution where pallid cheeks become rosy and twisted limbs are made straight.

If that were not dividend enough, one might try to estimate the enormous salvage of child-life in Ontario which has taken place since "Sick Kids" doctors and "Sick Kids" nurses have been going out through this province equipped with a knowledge of children's diseases, which they could not get except in some such highly specialized and pre-eminently efficient institution as the Hospital for Sick Children.

On this year's service the Hospital expended \$245,126 and finds itself in the hole to the extent of \$134,284. What comes in around Christmas-time keeps the Hospital going. So long as the word "Christmas" retains its original significance could any charity possibly enlist more of the sympathy of your readers or entitle itself to more of their support?

Faithfully yours, I. E. ROBERTSON, Chairman Appeal Committee

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Merry Christmas

WITH a deep appreciation of past favors, we wish you all happiness and prosperity in the days to come.

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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, Dec. 29, 1924** 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, 1925.

will be opened in each of the following places on **MONDAY JANUARY 5th, 1925** 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 con. 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 con. 4, 5, 6 and 7, N. E. R. Polling Place, House, unlot 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

A Thousand Stories in Lake District of Manitoba Says Canadian Authoress

Martha Ostenso Gave Best First Novel of Year that Setting

Miss Martha Ostenso, who was awarded the \$13,500 prize and royalties on the book for the best first novel submitted during the past year in a contest organized jointly by the Dodd, Mead & Company, Pictorial Review and Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, is a twenty-four-year-old school teacher from Manitoba. Miss Ostenso's novel will be serialized, filmed and published in book form in 1925. The story, which is called "The Fugitive Flight," deals with the farmers of the Western Prairies and portrays the romance of one whose ambition to soar beyond the black loam led to dramatic consequences.

More than 1,500 manuscripts were submitted. The judges state that Miss Ostenso's was so far superior that no other story seriously rivaled it.

A brief sketch of her life and the circumstances which inspired her novel, as related by Miss Ostenso, follows:

"Where the long arm of the Hardangfjord penetrates farthest into the rugged mountains of the coast of Norway, the Ostenso family has lived in the township that bears its name since the days of the Vikings. The name means 'Eastern Sea,' and was assumed centuries ago by an adventurous forerunner who dreamed of extending his holdings over the mountains and through the lowlands of Sweden eastward to the very shores of the Baltic. Although his dreams never came true, the family name recalls it and the family tradition of land-holding has persisted unbroken; the part of the land that borders the lovely fjord is still in its possession, handed down from eldest son to eldest son.

"My father, a young son, was free to indulge his roving disposition. A few years after his marriage to my mother he decided to emigrate to America.

"My mother's parents lived high up in the mountains, remote from the softening influence of the coast towns. At their home it was, near the little village of Ratteland, that I was born. This, the first of many small towns in which I have lived, is known to me only through hearsay, for when I was two years old we came to America.

"The story of my childhood is a tale of seven little towns in Minnesota and South Dakota. Towns of

the field and prairie all, redolent of the soil from which they had sprung and eloquent of that struggle common to the farmer the world over, a struggle but transferred from the Ostensos and Haukelands of the Old World to the richer loam of the new. They should have a story written about them—those seven meads, yet glorious little towns of my childhood! In one of them, on the dun prairies of South Dakota, I learned to speak English. What a lovely



Martha Ostenso

language I found it to be, with words in it like pain and funeral and alone, and ugly words, too, like laughter and cake and scratch! What strange sounds the new words made to me.

"Later, in another of the little towns, I learned that it was fun to make things with words. It was while living in a little town in Minnesota that I became a regular contributor to the Junior Page of the Minneapolis Journal, and was rewarded for my literary trial-balloons at the rate of eighty cents a column. In the public school of that little town there still hangs, perhaps, a large print of a rural scene in a resplendent frame, with a neat name-plate at the bottom of it. That also came from the Journal, in recognition of an essay which, in my eleven-year-old opinion, placed me abreast of Emerson.

"When I was fifteen years old I bade good-bye to the Seven Little

Towns. My father's restless spirit drove him north to the newer country. The family settled in Manitoba.

"It was during a summer vacation from my university work that I went into the lake district of Manitoba, well towards the frontiers of that northern civilization. The story that I have written lay there, waiting to be put into words. Here was the raw material out of which Little Towns were made. Here was human nature stark, unattuned to the convention of a smoother, softer life. A thousand stories are there still, to be written.

"My novel lay back of my mind for several years before I began to write it. In the intervals of those years, spent as a social worker in a great city, I often compared the creaking machinery of skyscraper civilization with the cruder, direct society of the frontier. Slowly, as my work among the needy brought me nearer and nearer to the heart of the city, the border life began to be limned clearly against the murkier background of my work-a-day scene.

"A year ago last summer I returned to Manitoba. The approach to remembered scenes renewed my interest in my story, the character stood out clear-cut at last, and I made the first draft of the novel.

"I was not satisfied with the result and laid the manuscript aside, with no definite purpose regarding it. It was not until spring that I returned to the city and learned of the Curtis Brown contest. It was with diffidence and reluctance that I was persuaded by friends, who thought well of the early draft and its possibilities, to rewrite it in time to submit it for consideration. At best, I felt, it might not be wholly ignored.

"I leave it to the scientists and pseudo-scientists who argue interminably about the relative influence on men of heredity and environment to decide the responsibility for what next merit my story may have. The hippod of the Norsemen! The Seven Little Towns? Perhaps—I do not know. No—but I have my own very tentative opinion. It won't bear stating, but this much may be said of it: It has something to do with magic and fairies and all the other impossible, beautiful things that I believe in."

CHOP STUFF

"Eighty-five pearls in a single oyster," says a headline. The married ones probably can't afford them.

All municipal councils who do not hold their elections early in December, met on Monday last, Dec. 15th, to consider their annual financial statements. Nominations will be held on Monday, December 29th, with elections, if any, on Monday, January 5th.

It is the intention of the Ontario Hockey Association this winter to run a Consolation series in the intermediate and junior sections. This series will be open to all beaten teams in the various groups and will give all teams entering the O. H. A. this season a full winter's hockey. The group winners will go on as usual in the elimination for the championships, while the losers will battle for a new trophy.

Just One Bad Point.
The Agent: Of course, you have no children?
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If business is not any too brisk in Canada, it is still worse in the United States, where thousands of people are out of employment in the large cities. The portions of the Canadian National Railway lines in the United States are going behind, while the Canadian lines are showing an improvement in net revenues. There is always a certain amount of migration from Canada to the United States, but this movement has diminished greatly in the last year. It is no mere rhetorical flourish to say that Canada is today the most prosperous country in the world.

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