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News of the Countryside
From The Record's Correspondents

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Fred Shaw of Rockford was a visitor in town last week.

James Nunn attended the Trustees and ratepayers Convention in Toronto last week.

Harold Messner who has been laid up with a sprained ankle is able to be back at work again.

Harvey Marlin and Cherie Moller of Buffalo were visitors here during the week.

Mr and Mrs Mattice of Niagara Falls visited at Wm. T. McFeeters' on Sunday.

The Dramatic Club presented their play in Rainham Centre Town Hall last week.

Bobby Howard and Gwendolyn Falls of Thorncliffe who have been spending their Easter holidays here returned home on Monday.

Grant Lindsay entertained a number of his little friends at a Bunny Party last week.

Neal Hoover entertained his friends at a birthday Party on Friday of last week.

Grace Mitchell returned to her home in Toronto on Sunday after spending a week with friends here.

Mr and Mrs Wm Hare of Hamilton were guests at Frank Hanna's on Sunday. Mrs Hare is remaining a few days.

TOM

The farmers are busy with their spring seeding.

Mr Dennis Ross and Lady friend of Hamilton spent the week end with his grandparents Mr and Mrs W.D. Pease.

Mr D. Secord spent Sunday night in Hamilton with his brother Mr F.S. Secord who is on the sick list.

Mr and Mrs J.C. Fisher and two daughters of Toronto and Miss E.M. Secord of Hamilton spent over the week end with Mr and Mrs D. Secord

Mr and Mrs Jas. Cowan moved on Monday last near Grimsby.

Ralph W.B. Smith has returned to Bleinham after spending part of his vacation at his home here. Mr and Mrs Jas. Misner returning with him after spending a few days with the latters father.

Mrs John Bountree and children near Hagersville spent one day last week with her parents Mr and Mrs D. Secord at Fair Lynn Farm.

Mr Lorne Jackson of Niagara Falls and Mr Fred Kniffen of Welland were guests on Sunday last with Mr W.E. Secord.

Mr J.T. Eagnall and Mr and Mrs George Tozer of Hamilton and Mrs Potterson and son of Niagara Falls called on Mr and Mrs D.K. Secord a few daysago.

Mr and Mrs Curtis of St Williams spent one day recently with Mr and Mrs George Potts, also Mr and Mrs Regonald Welsh of Brantford.

HAGERSVILLE

On Friday Evening members of Hiram Lodge and Alpha Chapter of Eastern Star held their "At Home" in the Auditoriums of the High School. Over two hnndred members and friends spent a very pleasant evening in cards and dancing. The prizes for highest scores in cards were won by Mrs Hall of Selkirk, Viola Evans, Mrs Harvey Flemming, R. Draper and James Fryatt. The music for dancing was supplied by Reg Freeland and his Collegians of Hamilton. Buffet lunch was served by the lunch committee. Guests were present from Buffalo, Dunnville, Caledonia, Cayuga, Jarvis, Selkirk, Simcoe, Hamilton, as well as Hagersville and vicinity.

Arthur and Mrs Crane spent Sunday with relatives in Dunnville.

Walter and Mrs Radcliffe and baby Elmer and Mrs Carver and four sons of Hamilton spent unday at the home of George and Mrs Linden.

Lawrence Evans of the local Bank of Commerce has ben transferred to the Caledonia Branch.

Herbert and Mrs Wilton and granddaughter of Hamilton spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Jean Lewis has returned from St. Thomas where she spent the holidays

Elbridge and Mrs Green and family spent Sunday with relatives at Waterford and Simcoe.

The Laidies Aid Society of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs Wm. Edwards on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Iva Whitehead the president precided. The Scripture Lesson was read by Mrs Butcher and Mrs Daniels offered prayer. A donation of $10 was received from Mrs and Mrs Bushel of Toronto. $22 was also realized by a bake sale conducted by members. After the business was disposed of the hostess assisted by Mrs John Winger and Mrs Eldrige Green served dainty refreshments to the 18 laidies present.

Gordon and Mrs Armstrong of Selkirk were guests at the home of John and Mrs Hoover on Tuesday evening.

Mrs Madill Hoover and daughter Dorothy of Springville spent Tuesday in town with her parents Mr and Mrs John Winger.

Arthur Crane made a business trip to Toronto on Tuesday.

ROCKFORD

Our quarterly Communion Service will be held next Sunday moning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 A.M.

Rev W.D. Clarke and son of Copetown took dinner on Wednesday with Mr and Mrs John Thomson.

Miss Norma Golding visited with Miss Grace Smith on Sunday.

Mr Jim Williams and Miss Knight of Hamilton visited with Mr Angus on Sunday.

Mesars Albert and Earnest Richards of Hamilton spent Saturday night with their mother Mrs Margaret Richards.

Mr and Mrs Sanford Fearman and children of Hagersville visited at the home of Mr Wilbert Howard on Sunday

Mr and Mrs Albert Somers of Waterford called on Mr and Mrs Frank Smith on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Jas Williams of Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Jack Paul and Mr W. Paul of Toronto spent Sunday at Mr George Smith's.

Mr William Howard has returned home after visiting with relatives near Hagersville and Hartford.

Master Alex Thomson spent the Easter holidays with his aunt and uncle Mr and Mrs C. Smith of Mt. Vernon.

Mr and Mrs David Phillips and family McGarnet spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs George Edwards.

A number of famers are having their barns wired for Hydro.

Mr and Mrs Frank Hambly are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy. Frank isn't worrying over the hired help problem now.

CHEAPSIDE

Mrs George Pond and Miss Blanch Pond spent Sunday at their home here.

Mr S. Britton attended the funeral of his neice in Kinkardine on Thursday.

Mildred McBurney spent several days last week with her aunt Mrs F. Pond.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Hobbs spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs Sherk.

Mrs Metcalfe and Florence spent last week in Hamilton.

Mr and Mrs W.A. Johnson and daughters spent the week end with Mr and Mrs G.W. McBurney.

Aileen Pond spent the Easter holidays with her grandmother in Simcoe.

Several attended the funeral of the late Blake Kohler on Thursday last.

Mrs Silverthorne spent the past week with her daughter at Kohler.

Mr and Mrs Murray Biggar and children spent Sunday evening with Mr and Mrs George McBurney.

Miss Ruby Marshall was taken to the hospital on Friday for appendicitis. Glad to report that she is doing nicely.

The concert put on by the Erie Literary Society on Thursday Night in aid of the Community Hall Kitchen was a decided success.

Traffic Rules

Quaint Rules for Korean Traffic.

Following are the automobile traffic rules of Seol, Korea, in the English version issued officially for foreigners.—

(1) At the rise of the hand of the policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him or otherwise disrespect him.

(2) When a passenger of the foot hove in sight, tootle the horn trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootle with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning, "Hai, Hai."

(3) Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explosion the exhaust pipe. Go soothingly by him or stop be the side till he pass away.

(4) Give space to the festive dog that make sport by the roadway. Avoid entanglement with your wheel spoke.

(5) Go soothingly on the grease mud as there lurk the skid demon.

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Larmon, apparently immersed in his own thoughts made no immediate reply. The taxi traversed a dozen blocks, during which time Crang quite contented to let well enough alone, made no effort at conversation. Larmon chewed at his quill toothpick until, following a savage little click, he removed it in two pieces from his mouth. He had bitten it in half. He tossed the pieces on the floor and produced a fresh one from his pocket.

"My word!" observed Crang dryly. "You've got good teeth."

Larmon turned and looked at him. "Yes, Mr. Anderson, I have!" His voice was level. "And I am going to show them—when I get hold of John Bruce."

Crang's expression was instantly one of innocent bewilderment.

"Why?" he said, "I thought you—

"Have you ever met the lady?" Larmon asked abruptly.

"The—lady?" Crang glanced out of the window. Birdie was making good time, very good time indeed. Another five minutes at the outside and the trick was done.

"The woman in the case" said Larmon.

"Oh!" Crang whistled low. "I see! No, I've never met her. I didn't know there was one. I told you he had said nothing to me."

Larmon was frowning heavily. His face was strained and worried. He laughed out suddenly, jerkily.

"I suppose I should give him credit for keeping you at least in the dark" he said shortly; "though it strikes me as more or less as a case of locking the stable door after the horse has gone."

"I don't quite get you, Mr. Peters," he said politely.

"It's of no consequence." Larmons eyes were suddenly fastened on the window. From an already shabby street where cheap tenements hived a polyglot nationality, the taxi had swerved into an intersection that seemed more a lane than anything else and that was still more shabby and uninviting. "This is a rather sirdid neighborhood isn't it?" he observed curiously.

"It's safe" said Crang significantly.

The taxi stopped.

"We get out here, Mr. Peters," Crang announced pleasantly, as Birdie opened the door. "It's a bit rough, I'll admit; but"—he shrugged his shoulders and smiled—"you'll have to blame Bruce, not me. Just follow me, Mr. Peters—it's down these steps."

He began to descend the steps of a cellar entrance, which was unpropossessingly black, and which opened from the rear of a seedy looking building that abutted on the lane. He did not look behind him. Larmon had made sure that the letter was to be relied upon, hadn't he?—and it was John Bruce, not anybody else that Larmon was trusting now. Certainly, it was much easier to lead Larmon as long as Larmon could be led; if Larmon hesitated about following, Birdie stood ready to pitch the other headlong down the steps—the same end would be attained in either case!

But Larmon still showed no suspicion of the good faith of one Wm Anderson. He was following without question. The daylight streaking down through the entrance afforded enough light to enable Crang, over his shoulder, to note that Larmon was always close behind him. At a door across the cellar Crang gave two raps, three times repeated, and as the door was opened, entered with Larmon beside him.

John Bruce's lips scarcely moved.

"Yes; it is quite clear" he said.

"I thought it would be!" snarled Crang—and backed out through the door.

CHAPTER XVIII.

"The Hostage."

As Crang disappeared through the doorway, John Bruce stepped noiselessly forward across the earthen floor. With the door half open and swung inward, it left a generous aperture at the hinges through which he could see down the length of the cave-like den outside.

He was strangely calm. Yes, there was Larmon down there—and Crang was walking toward him. And Crang had left the door open here. Well, why not?—with those three apaches at that table yonder! Yes, why not—except that Crang had also left open the way to one last move, left him, John Bruce, one last card to play!

Strange, the cold, unnatural calmness that possessed him! His mind seemed instantaneously to have conceived and created a project that almost subconsciously he was now in the act of putting into effect. He reached out, and extracting the key from the outside of the door, inserted it on the inside of the lock. He smiled grimly. So far, it was quite safe! The door was swung so far inward that the inner edge of it, and therefore his act, certainly could not be seen by any one out there.

A last card! His lips tightened. Well, perhaps! But it was more than that. His unnatural composure had something deeper than that behind it—a passionate fury smoldering on the verge of flame. Larmon was out there—trapped! He could not put Larmon in greater jeopardy now, no matter what he, John Bruce, did personally because Larmon dead would not be worth anything to them. But for himself—to stand and take it all like a sheep at the hands of a damnel, cringing——

He shook his head in quick, curious self-rebuke. Not yet! He needed that cold composure a little longer since it was to be a showdown now. That was what Crang had said—a showdown. And Crang was right! It meant the end—one way or the other. But with luck, if Crang was a fellow as he believed the man to be, the idea of the bluff that had leaped into his mind would work successfully; and if it didn't work—well, then there was the end—and at least it would not be a scatheless one for Crang!

The mind works swiftly. Had Crang had time only to walk down half the length of that room out there toward Larmon? Yes, he saw Crang halt now and heard Crang call out sharply to the three men at the table:

"See if he's got a gun!"

John Bruce, through the crack, saw Larmon whirl around suddenly, as though aware for the first time that he was in danger; saw two of them grasp Larmon roughly, while the third searched through his clothes.

And then Crang laughed out raucously:

"This way, 'Mr. Peters'—please! You three can stay where you are—I'll call you if I need you!"

For still another instant John Bruce watched through the crack. Larmon, though his face was set and stern, advanced calmly to where Crang stood. Crang, with a prod of his revolver, pushed him onward. They were coming now—Larmon first, and Crang immediately behind the other. Without a sound, John Bruce slipped around to the other side of the doorjamb, back just far enough so that he would not be seen the instant the threshold was reached, crouched down close against the wall.

A second passed.

"Go on in there!" he heard Crang order.

Larmon's form crossed the threshold; and then Crang's—and John Bruce hurled himself forward, striking, even while his hands flew upward to lock like a vise around Doctor Crang's throat, a lightning blow at Crang's wrist that sent the revolver to the soft earthen floor without a sound—and a low, strangling, gurgling noise was alone the result of Crang's effort at a shout of alarm.

"Shut the door—quietly! And lock it, Larmon!" John Bruce flung out.

It was an impotent thing. It struck at the air blindly, its fists going like disjointed flails. Strong! He had not jut risen from a sick bed this time! John Bruce and the soul within him seemed to chuckle in unison together

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