

Dipping into the past...

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 21, 1889

??ays the Shelburne Free Press: The Dufferin Advertiser takes the Free Press to task for stating in a former issue that 'the Orangeville papers advance no argument for why Shelburne should not have a high school, they only desire to 'crush Shelburne's ambitious designs' and, as far as the Advertiser is concerned, plead 'not guilty?' to the charge. We may possibly exclude the Advertiser to the extent from the statement in the second clause, but certainly not as to the first, nor can we except either the Sun or Post from either charge. We could fill columns of our space in quotations to support the charge, but we spare our readers. We must also take the Advertiser's gushing admiration with a grain of salt. When we see any evidence of it, or even a disposition to deal fairly with the northern part of the county, we will believe in the Advertiser's sincerity.

The article reproduces part of the Advertiser article: 'The cost of maintaining a second high school would be considerably more than the county is prepare to give. This is a new county. The roads, bridges and other public works in the county are badly in need of repair. The county is suffering for want of improvement in this line. The educational interests of the county are not suffering. We have a sufficiency of well-taught public schools. We have a first-class high school, capable of accommodating many more pupils than have sought admission. A high school in Shelburne would, we grant, benefit a few living in the village and immediate vicinity. So would a high school in Grand Valley or Gooseville. But pupils of other parts of the county, who would need leave home to attend school, might just as well go to Orangeville as Shelburne. The time may come, will come we doubt before very long, when our high school here will not be able in its present capacity to accommodate all those in the county seeking a high school education. When that time comes the establishing of a second high school will receive our liberal consideration. At present another high school in Dufferin would be an expensive luxury which the good and welfare of the County does not require. Wherefore, we argue, Shelburne should not have a high school at the county's expense.'

Comments the Free Press: 'With a contemptible unfairness and disregard for the truth, the Advertiser in two sentences implies that the cost of maintaining the high school, would be borne by the county, when the editor knows well that not more than one-fifth of the whole cost would be borne by the county.'

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 19, 1914

??n Shelburne Methodist Church Wednesday night of last week, the married ladies of the congregation undertook to show their husbands and other comers that when it comes to concert-giving they are there 'with the goods?' and then some. And they scored a success, with a large attendance and a program that was thoroughly enjoyed.

?? H. Sealey, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted trust expert, will be at the Alexandria Hotel and will remain in Orangeville Tuesday, February 24. All charity without charge, or if any interested call, he will be glad to show same without charge or fit them, if desired. Anyone ruptured should remember the date and take advantage of the opportunity.

??he first robin of the season was seen in Shelburne Tuesday morning. It was noticed by William Munn at his office.

75 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 23, 1939

Honeywood: The storm on Thursday filled in the plowed road which has since been very heavy for horses. We understand that the highway is not open for cars yet, either, at the weekend. However, the plow went up through Redickville the first of the week, but did not come east from the corner to Honeywood.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, February 19, 1964

While sitting in the front seat of a car during a recent hunting expedition, Douglas Price, of Orangeville, was shot in the hip, when the gun of a companion sitting in the back seat accidentally discharged and the bullet went through the back of the front seat.

The most successful carnival in the history of North Dufferin Arena was held in Honeywood Saturday night with a large attendance on hand and a large number in costume.

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, February 20, 2004

Synn Beath, director of population health, and Wayne Orr, administrator of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit, have confirmed that despite the planned closing of the Health Unit's Shelburne office, services will not be affected.

A fire that caused more than \$200,000 damage to a home on Caledonia Street in Orangeville last Saturday, it is being called suspicious by Police Chief Rod Freeman. Fire Chief Andy Macintosh said the blaze started in a bedroom of the semi-detached home and by the time firefighters arrived had spread to the other half of the semi.