

Dipping into the past...

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 14, 1889

Judge Street heard argument in the Cardwell election case at Osgoode Hall last Saturday. The argument spread itself over four hours and included many fine points in law. Mr. Aylesworth, for the petitioner, Mr. Samuel Stubbs, contended that there was a cause for action in the merits of the case, and that cause of action was sufficient to warrant the substitution of the name of a petitioner. He then went on to describe certain movements of Mr. Smith, the original petitioner, with the intention of showing that there was a withdrawal of the proceedings by bargain between that gentleman and the solicitor for the respondent, Mr. White. He maintained that the bargain was within the meaning of the Act corrupt. Mr. McCarthy, for the respondent, contended that the charges were not sufficiently specific, and Mr. Patterson, for Mr. Smith, spoke at some length, giving reasons by his client's money should not be retained in court. Frequent references were made by the barristers to decisions in cases of corrupt practices at elections before the case was adjourned until Saturday, February 23.

Says the Arthur Enterprise: The liberality of the Wellington County Council in education matters is in striking contrast to that of the adjoining County of Dufferin. Although there are already in Wellington four high schools and a collegiate institute, the Council passed a bylaw setting Arthur Village apart as a High School district, while in Dufferin, with one high school, Shelburne found the Orangeville influence too strong for them and their application was laid over.

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 12, 1914

About two o'clock Tuesday afternoon this area had an out-of-the-ordinary experience in the shape of a real earthquake shock. The earth tremors were noticed by many citizens. Buildings were shaken, windows and dishes rattled, and things were made interesting generally. In one instance a ceiling register in Shelburne was reported to have been shaken out. The quake would appear to have been felt as far away as the Atlantic seaboard and as far south as Washington, D.C., but no serious damage has been reported.

Air Mail Post service began in Canada on Tuesday with the Postmaster-General giving specific suggestions on how various articles should be packed for safe transit through the mails.

If the Pine River Power and Light Company had either light or power Saturday night it failed to reach Shelburne. A kindly moon came out to the rescue in the streets, but stores and residences had to fall back on coal oil lamps. As a result, Wes Gallagher's moving picture show from Alliston, advertised to be in Shelburne Town Hall Friday and Saturday evenings last, took place Friday and Monday nights instead, there being no electric power on Saturday evening.

O. L. No. 1321, Shelburne, plans to hold a grand Orange Celebration in Shelburne on July 13, it being the 224th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

75 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 16, 1939

Five dollar bills were plentiful at last Tuesday's session of Magistrate Jeff's court in Alliston when a score or more radio set owners,

all men, paid a fine of \$5 plus \$2.75 costs, for neglecting to provide themselves with a license to operate their radio sets.

The Dominion Government will distribute to school children about 2,250,000 bronze medallions commemorating the visit of the King and Queen to Canada next summer. Prime Minister MacKenzie King's office said the medallions, about an inch in diameter, will be distributed free to all school children by provincial education authorities. In addition, silver and bronze medallions will be placed on sale at Post Offices at reasonable cost, as souvenirs of the royal visit, which is scheduled to start May 15, when Their Majesties disembark at Quebec City from the battle cruiser HMS Repulse.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, February 12, 1964

Iltron Electric Limited, the largest of Orangeville's new industries, has gone into production and already hundreds of cooker-deep fryers and electric kettles, have rolled off the assembly lines.

The 69th annual meeting of Dufferin Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the Legion Hall, Shelburne, on Saturday. The 1963 financial report showed that fire, as usual, was the heaviest cause of claims, amounting to \$50,204.15. Losses from lightning totalled \$14,401.20, with the bulk in livestock, for \$12,747.08.

After months of hard work by dedicated citizens, the log house presented to the Dufferin County Historical Society has been re-erected in Shelburne's Hyland Park and restored as nearly as possible to its original condition. As a result the Museum is ready for the donation of furnishings and artifacts.

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, February 13, 2004

According to officials at the Town of Orangeville, three marriage licenses for same-sex couples had been issued to date - two in 2003 and one in 2004. St. Mark's Anglican Church in Orangeville held a series of three meetings over the last two weeks on the topic of same sex unions. Last weekend, two priests, representing different sides of the issue, spoke to about 75 area residents.

The latest session of Mono Council was dominated by an Official Plan amendment that deals with the town's ground-water resources. All new developments in Mono would be required to include water conservation protection measures as laid out in the Official Plan.