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# Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO
Thursday, October 13, 1864
??rom The Sun, Orangeville, compliments of Dufferin County Museum and Archives:
Unfortunately, the Oct. 13, 1864 issue of the Sun is missing from the bound volume.

125 YEARS AGO
Thursday, October 17, 1889
??he annual exhibition of the Melancthon Agricultural Society's Dufferin Central Fair, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, was by all odds the most successful ever held in Shelburne. The weather was fine, the attendance of visitors was never greater, the number of entries was larger, and the receipts at the gate were almost double those of any previous year. Yet it must not be forgotten that the expenses were much greater than formerly. The directors had to secure new grounds and erect suitable buildings. They had also to provide, at considerable cost, extra attractions which no doubt contributed greatly to the success of the fair. These additional expenses, therefore, leave the society to some extent in debt, and the directors trust that the members and all those interested in the welfare and prosperity of the society will contribute, as far as they are able, to make up the deficiency. We feel confident that this appeal will be responded to in a hearty manner. Any contributions sent to the Free Press office for that purpose will be acknowledged in the following week's paper.
??n Tuesday evening the Literary Society of Shelburne Methodist Church met for re-organization for the coming winter. The attendance was fair and considerable interest manifested. It was unanimously conceded that such an institution should exist, and after the removal from town of Mr. H. T. Smith, who has been so prominent in the society, had been regretted, officers were duly elected with Rev. Geo. Abbs, as president, and Miss Topping as vice-president. The society's paper, the Literary Friend, is expected to reappear under the guidance of editors H. F. Claridge, W. H. Rands and Miss Wilson.
??he concert given by the Ladies Aid Society of Shelburne Presbyterian Church, held in the Town Hall on Wednesday of last week, was a good success, receipts amounting to about $60. The programme was a choice one, and those who took part in the several musical selections did their parts well. Mrs. Foy, of Port Hope, formerly of Shelburne, rendered several solos in her usually splendid style. Miss Arthur, of Meaford, gave some choice selections and Mr. Samuel Irving, now of Orangeville, but recently of Shelburne, and well-known as one of the best singers in Dufferin County, was listened to with pleasure by the large audience as he rendered some splendid solos. W. A. Dorrington, of Markdale, another old Shelburne boy, sang some of the latest comic songs and was most heartily encored. Besides these, several local participants did their parts to the satisfaction of the audience.

100 YEARS AGO
Thursday, October 15, 1914
??lthough it was announced a week ago that a second Canadian contingent of 20,000 men was to be formed at once, the orders for the actual work of enlisting have not been issued, supposedly pending receipt of some expected advice from the British Government. There was a report several days ago that the First Canadian Contingent was then landing in England, but this was officially denied, the story having started because of the landing of the advance guard of the contingent.
??he 34th annual meeting of the Dufferin Teachers' Institute, held in Orangeville Friday night, and was the most successful in the history of the institute, there being 110 teachers in attendance out of a possible 122 in the county.
??he entertainment given in Shelburne Town Hall Thanksgiving night, under the auspices of the Women's Guild of St. Paul's Church, was well attended and decidedly ?worthwhile.?
??nocked under the wheels of a southbound train at Caledon Station last Friday evening, a West Toronto woman, Mrs. Gordon, was instantly killed when the wheels of the baggage coach ran over her. It was Fair day at Caledon and a large crowd was gathered on the narrow platform waiting for the train. The engine passed by but the front of the baggage car struck the woman, throwing her across the rails immediately in front of the first truck. She had attended the fair and was about to return to Toronto with other members of her family. Her husband, who was a railroad man, was killed some years ago in an accident and a few years before that, her father, another railroad man, was killed.

75 YEARS AGO
Thursday, October 19, 1939

??eorge A. McFadden, of Orangeville, was sentenced to three months in jail on charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. He was the driver of a truck that struck and seriously injured Mr. and Mrs. Arden Wilson and their two children, on July 12, on the 7th Line of Tecumseth Township.
??he Dufferin Teachers' Institute held its 65th annual convention in St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, on October 5. Among the speakers were Mr. F. K.?B. Stewart, Agricultural Representative, and Miss DeLaport of the Department of Education. The pupils of Orangeville Public School gave musical demonstrations under the leadership of Mr. Capps. A banquet was served in the Odd Fellows Hall by ladies of the Eastern Star, and on Friday the teachers visited schools in Toronto.

50 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, October 14, 1964
??helburne native Eric Silk, recently named Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner, outlined the work of the provincial force at the annual convention of the Amateur Radio Relay League at London. He said that since the beginning of 1963 ?the Force has been rather extensively reorganized and good attention also has been paid to the liaison with other police forces.?
??rangeville Council has approved the installation of parking meters on designated portions of Broadway, Mill Street, First Street and Second Street.

10 YEARS AGO
Friday, October 15, 2004
??ufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson has accused the Federal Government of having all but ignored the main concern of many of his constituents in last week's Speech from the Throne. He complained of its lack of a commitment to ending the threat to area farmers posed by BSE (Bovine Spungiform Encephalopathy) better known as Mad Cow disease. He says farmers are wondering when the U.S. border, closed to Canadian beef for more than a year, will reopen.
??f Mono Council has its way, Dufferin County Council will soon discuss whether to purchase noise monitoring equipment to help local municipalities to enforce noise bylaws.