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# Dipping into the past...

1125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 10, 1890

??n a letter to the editor published in the Shelburne Free Press, a Ruskview resident came to the defence of the recently hired teacher at Ruskview School, who is described as a ?stranger in this place who has no one to take her part.? The writer said that ?a party living on the Third Line? had been circulating reports ?that the present teacher has no certificate, that she is a Roman Catholic, and that she did not pay her board bill in Brantford while attending the Model School, all of which are false. What the party expected to accomplish by circulating such reports is more than I can comprehend, unless he is trying to have her turned out of the school, his object in this being to spite the other two trustees, who were the means of having the former teacher discharged.?

The writer said the young lady, ?who is respected by everyone that is acquainted with her, and who has given unbounded satisfaction in her teaching since she began her duties,? has since vindicated herself and proved the rumors to be lies. ?I would suggest that this gentleman go to the young lady and make the amende honorable to her for what he has done.?

? On Friday morning last, about 10 o'clock, Willie R. Scott, a 19-year-old so of Mr. W. R. Scott, of Grand Valley, was accidentally shot, from the effect of which he died the following morning. It appears the little fellow was in company with several other boys who were practising with a 32-calibre revolver in a field adjoining the village and, and as the revolver was not working very well, one of the boys attempted to withdraw the cartridges when the weapon, in some manner, discharged, the bullet entering little Willie's bowels and is supposed to have lodged in or near the backbone. He was immediately taken home and the doctors called in, but all efforts to save his life were in vain.

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 8, 1915

??he members of the Shelburne Checker Club held their first tournament in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Good Friday afternoon and evening. Sixteen players took part and great interest was taken in the games from start to finish. The chamber was crowded with spectators on both occasions.

? Says the Dundalk Herald: It is a violation of the bylaws of Dundalk for private individuals to settle their disputes by force on the streets. Two farmers developed the war like spirit and had a fisticuff encounter on the main business corner a week or so ago. The wife of one of the parties joined in the melee to help her better half. The allies, it is said, had the upper hand in the contest when a neutral power intervened. Magistrate Traynor fined the parties $2.50 each Tuesday night. The parties would be well advised if they would forget their little differences and live in peace.

? On Tuesday of last week, John Brown learned that the power mill on his farm on the East Luther-Garafraxa Town Line had been upset and ruined, the pump destroyed, and quite possibly the well plugged. The perpetrators of the act cut the bolts holding the mill to the foundation, allowing it to fall over, smashing the head into 50 pieces or more. The pump head was broken, the cylinder and rods allowed to drop to the bottom, and Mr. Brown fears that the casing has been plugged with debris. The monetary loss is considerable but this is the least objectionable feature of the affair. Says the Grand Valley Star- Vidette: ?To know that this section harbours individuals so debased as to willfully destroy property to avenge themselves on a citizen is humiliating. Mr. Brown is a man of extreme views on many questions ? and may be intolerant in the eyes of many, but that is no excuse for such acts as this.?

75 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, April 4, 1940

??lthough it is not expected that work on a large scale will begin at the Fergus Dam for a couple of more weeks, preparations are already underway. The $2 million conservation project, first of its kind in Canada, is being carried out on the Grand River, three miles east of the town. A large part of the work was completed last summer, and it is expected the initial step in the Grand River conservation scheme will be finished in time to curb next spring's floods. Machines are clearing roads at the dam site, but owing to the lateness of the spring and the initial break up of the ice in the river, little can be done at present. Gangs of men cutting wood in the valley to be flooded when the dam is completed, have made a change in the appearance of the scenery upstream of the structure.

? William Kryanowski, 22, of Toronto, was remanded for sentence in Orangeville Monday on three charges and for trial on three more. Kryanowski pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering the Patterson Bros. general store in Shelburne, and stealing clothing and other merchandise on February 25, and to charges of breaking and entering the Shelburne Garage and stealing merchandise there from and of stealing a car, the property of Russell Rutledge on February 11. He pleaded not guilty to charges of

breaking and entering Russell Rutledge's butcher shop and W. Bunston's garage and of assaulting Night Constable Alex Petch, occasioning him bodily harm. Constable Petch was so badly beaten that 40 stitches were required to close scalp wounds.

50 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, April 7, 1965
??he auditorium of Centre Dufferin District High School was thronged last Thursday night for a meeting called to discuss efforts by Grey County to persuade Melancthon Township to give its high and public school authority, including taxing privileges to Grey so it would be in a financial position to create a new giant school area with a single public school. The meeting passed a resolution calling for a petition to be circulated asking Melancthon Council to oppose the Grey proposal.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 7, 2005
??he Provincial Government's new payment formula will mean more money for several Dufferin County municipalities. After seven years of bitter complaining by municipalities over downloading, the Province has announced changes to its transfer payment plan, the new Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.
? Shelburne Council and Highlands Youth For Christ are close to purchasing a mobile centre that would provide activities for area young people.