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Dipping into the past...

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 16, 1890

? Mr. R. S. White, the Member for Cardwell, lies ill at the Queen's Hotel in Orangeville. His tour of the constituency covering parts of Dufferin and Peel has been nipped in the bud. After addressing about two meetings, his voice played out and now he is under medical attention for a complication of throat troubles. Mr. White intended to go to Montreal on Monday, but his physician did not consider his patient equal for the journey, so he is still at the Queen's. A slight cold is surmised to have been the cause of Mr. White's indisposition.

? Abner Wallace received his trial for the larceny of Henry Davies' gold watch before Police Magistrate Denison at Toronto on Monday last. He was found guilty and was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison.

? Robert Trimble, a Mulmur vagrant, was committed to jail for two months by the Police Magistrate in Orangeville last Thursday.

? Mrs. Hambly, the insane woman who has been confined in the County Jail for some time past, has been removed to the asylum in Hamilton.

? The Mission Band of Shelburne Methodist Church has been favoured with an engagement with Miss Isabella Crossthwaite, a returned missionary from China, who will deliver an address in connection with the church service next Sunday evening, and on the following Tuesday evening she will speak on her experience amongst the people of that distant land. On this evening she will also exhibit a number of Chinese curiosities and will sing in their language. She will appear on Sunday evening in summer costume and on Tuesday evening in the winter dress of the Chinese. Miss Crossthwaite will also lecture at Gravel Road Church, Melancthon, on Monday evening, when it is hoped she will be greeted by a large audience.

? The ears of Shelburne citizens were greeted last Saturday evening between six and seven o'clock by the familiar strains of ?Home, Sweet Home.? The music came from a brass band entering the southern limits of the town, and soon it began to dawn upon the minds of the people that Prof. Park's ?Whistle? was taking no mean part in the rendition of the piece. ?Home, Sweet Home? ? a Mastodon Brass Band, the Messrs. Jelly and the ?bones? were returning home after making an extended and most successful tour of the province taking in all the big fairs. Every man in the party from Mr. John Jelly Sr. down, looked as though they had enjoyed the outing. After resting in Shelburne until Tuesday noon, they proceeded to Grand Valley Fair which was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. From Grand Valley they go on to Erin Fair; then, discarding team travel, they will proceed by train to Highgate, where the famous remains were exhumed. After exhibiting at Highgate and neighbouring towns, St. Thomas and other large towns will be visited.

? The Shelburne Free Press says it has learned that local merchants have decided to buy butter in future strictly according to quality. ?The move is an attempt to give good butter-makers a chance to get the value of their product. The custom of paying so much per pound, regardless of quality, has almost ruined the butter trade in the country, and we are glad to see the merchants take a move in the right direction.?

? A bell tower is now in the course of erection at the fire hall in Shelburne Town Hall. It will be about 70 feet in height and the lower portion will be used for drying the hose. Heretofore, there has been no means of doing this, and when allowed to remain wet the hose soon becomes worthless and very apt to give way at the most critical time during a fire. An excellent bell has been purchased by Shelburne Council and will be placed in position as soon as the tower is completed.

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 14, 1915

??he 35th annual meeting of Dufferin Teachers Association was held in Shelburne on October 7 and 8 and was every way a decided success. One of the speakers was R. A. Gray, Principal of Oakwood Collegiate Institute in Toronto, who explained to the teachers very fully and clearly the proposed superannuation scheme. He showed that nearly all civilized countries had some form of superannuation. He thought the present plan was the best that could be devised.

? The Womens' Guild of St. Paul's Church, Shelburne, held their annual entertainment in the Town Hall on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The entertainment consisted of the four-act drama ?Bird's Island.? The hall was well filled and greatly appreciated by the audience.

? October 18 is the date set for the inauguration of a Patriotic Campaign in Melancthon Township and the Patriotic Committee is asking for a contribution of at least $4,000 from the residents of the township. No difficulty should be experienced in raising this amount, Melancthon being the largest township in the County. Amaranth and Mulmur are also planning a similar canvass at an early

date.

75 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, October 17, 1940
??t its October meeting in Mono Centre, Mono Township Council decided by a unanimous vote to submit the question of a two-year term for the 1941 council. The vote will be taken at the same time and places as the vote for the election of next year's council. The question submitted will be in this form: ?Are you in favour, as a war-time measure, under the Local Government Extension Act, 1940, of the Municipal Council elected for 1941, holding office for two years?? The council decision obviates any necessity for a petition from ratepayers.
? At its meeting on Monday, Shelburne Council passed a motion instructing the Clerk ?to petition the Provincial Government to have a Provincial policeman stationed in Shelburne.? Another motion asked that a bylaw be prepared to provide for a vote on a two-year term for council.

50 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, October 13, 1965
?? search for two men has been in progress at Luther Lake, the Grand River Conservation Authority's water storage area just south of Monticello, since about 10 o'clock last Wednesday night. It is reported that a pair of Department of Land and Forests game wardens ? Carl Liddle, of Paris, and Robert Gunther of Walkerton ? set out in what is called an airboat at 3 p.m. that day and when they had failed to return by 10 p.m. a search was begun. Originally designed for use in Florida and Louisiana swamps, the airboat was built by the department's research station at Maple.
? It was announced last week by Assistant Commissioner J. L. Whitty that the Ontario Provincial Police have recently purchase three German Shepherd dogs to be trained for search and rescue operations throughout the province. OPP Commissioner Eric Silk had long felt the need for the dogs and assigned Deputy Commissioner D. V. Whiteley and Asst. Com. Whitty to investigate the training programs of other police departments.
? Grand Valley Council has been advised that the Canadian Pacific Railway has again made application to the Board of Transport Commissioners to remove the agent/operator from the local station and close it.
? This year, for the first time in peacetime history, Shelburne ratepayers will be selecting a council for a two-year term.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, October 13, 2005
??lthough sod-turning for the new Orangeville campus of Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning is set for next spring, no decision has been reached at to what courses will be taught or how the site on Veterans' Way will be serviced. Purchased by the Town of Orangeville from Transmetro Properties for $2.85 million, the 28-acre site will provide post-secondary education for the area's growing population, and over the next decade the facility may be expanded to accommodate 2,000 full-time students. At an unveiling ceremony Tuesday, Humber President Dr. Robert Gordon said the facility will need ?a critical mass of students? but that won't be accomplished in one year as the institute now offers some four-year courses.
? Some Mono residents in a nearby estate subdivision oppose changes being proposed by Aragon Investments to a subdivision the company plans to build on the former Brett Farm property just north of Orangeville. The changes would subdivide part of the property, increase the number of housing units to 177 from 174 and include a community centre at the northern edge of the property.