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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, January 8, 1925.

PETTY PERSONALITIES

At the inaugural meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening, Reeve Calder gave a good imitation of everything a Reeve should not be. For the first meeting of the year, it was fraught with too much petty personality to create a favorable impression as to the ultimate outcome of future meetings. In his apparent zeal for economy, he fought to reduce the Assessor's salary, the salary of the Town Constable and also that of the Medical Officer of Health.

The net result is that today Durham has neither a Constable nor a Health Officer, for the appointment in the first instance was not made, and Dr. A. M. Bell, who received the M. O. H. appointment, has refused to accept it at the reduced salary. Altogether, the savings suggested by the Reeve, had they gone through, would have been approximately \$250.00—not worth talking about when spread over the town's total assessment.

In the case of the Constabulary, especially, the Reeve showed poor taste.

His assertion that Durham does not need a Constable is also far fetched. Whether Durham needs a constable or not, the Provincial Statutes say that she must have one, and if this kind of thing keeps up, the town may soon find itself in the same position as Listowel. A few years ago under similar circumstances, Listowel Council, for some reason, failed to appoint an officer, and the provincial authorities gave her so long in which to do so or they would make the appointment themselves, and Listowel would pay the salary.

The Chronicle is not concerned in the case as it affects Constable Falconer. We are not advocating him for the position; we don't care whether he gets it or not.

Despite the assertions of some of the town constable's enemies who cover up their personal feelings with the argument that the town does not need a constable, our experience of a couple of years ago does not bear out the correctness of the statement.

We miss our guess if the citizens of the town generally are in sympathy with or will stand for the burlesque statements of Durham's Reeve as it affects the policing of our streets and the maintenance of law and order.

If Reeve Calder is as sincere in his economy cry as he would have his hearers believe, there is no doubt that before the year is out, he will have a chance to prove it. Though we have no sympathy with the digging up of things that are past and gone, we feel that in this instance we are justified in the statement that Reeve Calder has collected as much easy money from this municipality as a lot of the men he criticizes. When in charge of our street-making department in recent years, we have never heard of him laboring very hard for his \$4.00 per day, and the Durham public will naturally expect him to cut this salary in two this summer in order to fully carry out his economy program.

The Chronicle, and every citizen in the town should be as anxious as Mr. Calder to cut down unnecessary expenditure, but this thing of using the council table as a means of humiliating people you don't happen to like is going a little too far. We want economy—and lots of it—but it isn't economy if it has to be practiced by sacrificing efficiency.

KEEP YOUR HEAD UP

A man's job should be the most wonderful thing in the world to him. By it he earns his living, supports his family and becomes a respected resident of the community.

Business men, also, should learn to keep their head up in the air when discussing their business affairs especially with strangers. Most of them are victims of circumstances and many people are in a certain line of business, not because they chose it for themselves but for the reason that certain circumstances over which they had not control forced them into it. But why complain?

Every business man or laborer should become imbued with the thought that his particular busi-

ness or occupation is the best on earth. It may not be true; but the thought will enable him to make a better success of it than if he goes around down in the mouth and continually complains of his bad luck. Youth may change from one calling to another with possibly no bad results, but the man of mature years is well advised to stick with what he has. He hasn't the years ahead of him to experiment.

Business men and others cannot expect the general public to show respect for their calling if they have none for it themselves. Keep your head up.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Many a man has married a cross word puzzle, and the longer he's married, the crosser the words and the more puzzling.

You can't tell by the shape of a frog how far he can jump. Neither can you judge a fellow's mentality by the clothes he wears.

An Ottawa entomologist says that there are 154 different kinds of fleas. Perhaps that's why a dog moves 154 different ways when he's scratching them.

Own Sound had a hold-up thrill last Saturday night, and now that city is on par with Hamilton. The police force can't find the men who did the job.

Man, boiled down to actual constituents, is said to be worth only 98 cents. That may be so with some people. Others contain more than that amount of brass.

It is said that the O.T.A. will occupy a place in the speech from the throne at the opening of the Ontario Legislature on January 10. Judging from the remarks of McCausland, Currie and Company, the Old Toper's Association is also preparing to be heard.

A young man down Orangeville way, acting queerly of late, has been lodged in jail on a lunacy charge. It's a love affair, and he thinks he must marry two girls. Our advice would be to let him go to it. If TWO wives can't knock the craziness out of him, his case is hopeless.

A well-known firm of furriers of Liverpool, England, have barred cupids from their offices and work shops, claiming that they are "a breeding place for germs."

That's a new one! We'd like to see the germ that can survive, let alone breed, when mixed up with a luscious spittoonful of tobacco spit-tal.

ANGLICAN Y. P. A.
ELECTED OFFICERS

Society in Good Shape Financially. Much Optimism Expressed For Future Activities.

The A.Y.P.A. of the Anglican Church met at the home of Mr. Horace Elvidge for the election of officers on Monday evening, January 12.

The meeting was well attended, and the following officers were elected: President, Horace Elvidge; Vice-President, Florence Kress; Secretary, Erben Schutz; Treasurer, Elvin Schutz. The committees will be appointed later.

The society has rented the old Masonic lodge rooms above McLachlan's store for the coming year, which will be used for recreation and where they will hold their meetings. The Boy Scouts, who have sub-let the rooms one evening a week, will also hold their future gatherings there. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$114.

On Monday evening, January 26, the first social evening will be held in the new rooms.

GREY CO. COUNCILLORS
FOR YEAR 1925

Artemesia—Reeve, T. R. McKenzie; Deputy-Reeve, John A. Hogarth.

Bentinck—Reeve, D. J. McDonald;

Deputy-Reeve, Robert Grierson.

Collingwood—Reeve, J. J. Buchanan;

Deputy-Reeve, W. I. Field.

Derby—Reeve, Jas. A. Forgrave.

Egremont—Reeve, Neil Calder;

Vice-Reeve, J. A. Ferguson.

Euprasis—Reeve, John T. Miller;

Deputy-Reeve, W. H. Erskine.

Glenelg—Reeve, William Weir.

Holland—Reeve, Dr. J. Gardiner;

Deputy-Reeve, S. Acheson.

Kepell—Reeve, J. A. Pringle.

Normandy—Reeve, Chas. Holm;

Deputy-Reeve, Andrew Filsinger.

Portion—Reeve, James A. Fraser.

Sarawak—Reeve, Francis McNeil.

St. Vincent—Reeve, Robert J. White.

Sullivan—Reeve, Jacob Lembke.

Sydenham—Reeve, Geo. E. Bothwell;

Deputy-Reeve, M. X. Traynor.

Durham—Reeve, William Calder.

Hanover—Reeve, Herman W. Monk.

Meaford—Reeve, Wm. F. Riley.

Thornbury—Reeve, J. W. Hutchinson.

Chatsworth—Reeve, Neil McElheron.

Dundalk—Reeve, Geo. Stocks.

Flesherton—Reeve, W. J. Meads.

Markdale—Reeve, Alex. McKechnie.

Neustadt—Reeve, Charles Widmer.

Shallow Lake—Reeve, Walter W. Smith.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
ELECTED OFFICERS

Extensive Program Planned For Next Summer's Work—Increased Membership Looked For.

The annual meeting of the Durham Horticultural Society took place in the Library basement on Monday evening, January 12 with a fair attendance present.

Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie, the President, occupied the chair and spoke highly of the progress made during the year. There was an increase of twenty-five in the membership, and at twelve meetings held during the year, the interest had not flagged.

The chief work undertaken during the past year was the improving of the Federal Square, and the President reported satisfactory progress.

Mr. Leith, Secretary-Treasurer, presented his report which was pronounced correct by the auditors, Mrs. Ramage and Doctor Smith.

Mrs. John Smith, first Vice-President, occupied the chair during the election of the new officers. Mrs. McKechnie was unanimously chosen as President for the coming year. Following are the other officers elected: First Vice-President, Mrs. John Smith; second Vice-President, Miss Annie Weir; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Frank McIlraith; Directors for one year—Mrs. C. Ramage, Mrs. T. Henderson, Mrs. McIlraith, Mrs. R. McFarlane, Dr. J. L. Smith; Directors for two years—Mrs. Samuel Ritchie, Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. William Lawson, Miss E. Scott.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts
Balance on Hand 1923 \$ 11.42
Legislative grant 19.00
Members subscriptions 86.00
Government Grant, Post Office site 20.00
Sale seeds, flowers, etc. 109.29
Proceeds of lecture 26.90
\$972.61

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure
Civil Improvements \$ 42.00
Lectures 11.41
Purchase seeds and plants 174.71
Sec.-Treas. 15.00
Postage, etc. 4.88
Express, printing 20.17
Affiliation fee 2.00
Balance on hand 2.44
\$272.61

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of January 19, 1905.

A happy marriage is being solemnized today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McCadden of Egremont, the contracting parties being their daughter, Ella, and Mr. William Wilson of Bootville.

Mr. George Petty returned Saturday from Souris, Manitoba, where he spent the last eight or nine months. He likes the country well and will return in the spring.

The second anniversary of the Durham Baptist Church will be marked with special services on Sunday, January 29, when Rev. Jonathan O'Neill, pastor of the Paisley Baptist Church, will preach morning and evening. Special music will be given by Mrs. Newton and the choir at each service. On the Monday following the annual tea will be given followed by a first-class program.

In the Baptist Church, Sunday evening, while the popular pastor, W. L. Newton was just merging into the heart of his discourse, the acetylene light started to twinkle, and in a few minutes the congregation found themselves in the same fix as Moses did when the lights went out. As there was no surplus carbide on hand, the service ended abruptly.

Born in Vancouver on December 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Collier, a son.

Edge Hill Correspondence—John Firth had his windmill erected last week. Mr. William Ritchie lost a valuable thoroughbred cow.

Bunessan Correspondence—Mr. Charles Kennedy is recovering from his long illness.

It is with feelings of regret we chronicle the serious illness of Mr. Thomas Scarf of Rocky Saugeen. He is very low from heart trouble and not expected to recover.

Today Wednesday, January 18, Arthur McDonald and Mary Marshall were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. Joseph Burnett is home from the West where he spent the last four or five months.

Mr. Jenkins of Kamloops, B.C., is joining heart and hand today with Miss Kate Lawrence, daughter of Mrs. S. Lawrence.

Mr. George Bradley, Sr., Lot 23, Concession 3, Egremont, offers for sale, farm stock and implements, on Friday, January 27. D. McPhail, Auctioneer.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. James Morice of Bentinck which took place on Sunday last at his home near Aberdeen from pneumonia. He leaves a widow and nine children.

GRIERSON—EARNSHAW

Davisville Methodist Church, Toronto, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday evening of last week when Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Earnshaw became the bride of Dr. N. B. Grierson of Durham, Ontario. Rev. W. N. Chantler performed the ceremony. The bride who entered the church on the arm of her father, was charming in a gown of poudre bleu georgette with gold lace hat and wore a corsage bouquet of sweetheart roses and lily of the valley. The bride's sister, Nell Earnshaw, acted as bridesmaid.

A Slip That Comes Early Every Year!



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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. John H. Gray of Portage La Prairie, Man., visited with his sister, Mrs. John McGowan, for a few days last week.

Mrs. H. Tunkin of Oshawa is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert McGowan, and brothers in town for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. G. Green of Fergus returned home Friday after visiting the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan.

Mrs. H. N. Burnett has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cowan at St. Mary's.

Mr. R. Torry is visiting his son, Fred in Toronto.