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COUNCIL DEADLOCKED IN APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CONSTABLE

Members Stood Pat on Last Month's Voting, and Applications Will Be Asked.—Water-Works Question Up Again.

"Four all" was the high score at the end of the third period at the Town Council meeting Monday night on the voting to appoint a Town Constable at a salary of \$300 per annum.

Rev. J. E. Peters, as the head of a citizens' deputation, faced the puck, and the oratory was on. Despite a petition signed by 140 rate-payers and businessmen, Reeve Calder and his team of well-trained athletes bucked the salary allowance from start to finish, and though Mayor Murdock and his quartette made every effort to score, the opposition's defense was adamant, and nothing could be done.

The salary of the M.O.H. was also a point of contention and productive of much English, good and bad, before it was decided to appoint a committee to interview Dr. Bell, the appointee, and arrange a settlement. Reeve Calder thought \$75 a year enough for the position, but said he was willing that the M.O.H. have his regular fees for calls made, but not give him \$100 a year for making three or four calls as had generally been the case in years gone by.

Under the heading of General Business, Councillor Bell inquired about the by-law put through last year fixing the license for pedlars and hawkers at \$10 per day. The by-law had never been enforced, and nobody knowing anything of it, it was found that it had never been passed. This will be attended to at the next meeting.

Mayor Murdock introduced the plan of the L. O. D. E. for the beautification of the Town Hall, and said that while the ladies were willing to spend considerable in fixing up and decorating the local amusement building, they expected that the Council would also take an interest in it and supplement with a liberal grant. For a few minutes, the enthusiasm of the members made them forget the economy platform of early evening, and they soon spent the saving made in the non-appointment of constable and M.O.H. One councillor thought of following the architecture of the Presbyterian Church by changing the front entrance and making a gallery at the rear of the auditorium. Another commenced putting an extension on the stage-end of the historic old building, with dressing-rooms and everything. It was unanimously agreed, however, that papering a building of this description where a constant heat was not maintained, was a waste of money, and it is likely the next decorations will be paint or some kind of substitute. The matter was left in the hands of the property committee.

Councillor Hunter placed the request of the Durham Amusement Company for a lowered assessment, before the meeting, and it met with a favorable reception. The skating rink was being run under considerable difficulty, financial and otherwise; and while the Council recognized it could not dictate to the Assessor, it went on record as favorable to an assessment reduction of 50 per cent.

During the meeting, Reeve Calder gave a review of the County Council meeting at Owen Sound last week, but as this is fully dealt with in another column of this issue, we drop it at this point. The Reeve also acquainted the Council of the purchase of bonds of Prescott and Russell Counties, \$15,744.66 worth of them at par, and others of Port Dalhousie amounting to \$13,386.00. These latter were at a premium. The finance committee paid \$13,581.00 for them. They bore interest at 5 1/2 per cent.

A letter from the Provincial Health Department was also read by Mayor Murdock, but it, too, appears in full in another column.

Besides passing the usual batch of accounts, amounting to \$360.05, the Council passed an account of \$11 for the Reeve's expenses to Toronto in connecting with the bond purchase. O. S. Hunter was given permission to place a self-measuring gas-bus-tank in front of his hardware business on Garafaxa Street, and W. Lake applied for and received permission to cut down certain bushes on the town street in front of his premises.

GET READY FOR FISHING; FISHWORMS ARE HERE

On Tuesday of this week, Mr. Fred White of this place, while out in his garden, dug up several fish worms, one of which he brought in to this office for display. Mr. White says there are plenty of them, and that they are easily obtained owing to the unfrozen condition of the ground.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT DIED AT VARNEY

James Kerr, Lifelong Resident of This Vicinity Passed Away Monday After Long Illness.

One of the best-known and highly-respected residents of this community passed away at his home at Varney early Monday morning in the person of Mr. James Kerr, who died following an illness of two years' duration from kidney trouble and complications.

Mr. Kerr was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr, and was born in Normanby Township, near Hampden, in 1862, where he farmed up to seven years ago, when he moved to Varney, and, with his sons, entered the milling business under the firm name of the Kerr Milling Company.

Thirty-seven years ago, he was married to Miss Mary Derby, who, with a family of four sons and two daughters, survive to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The family are: Norman J. and Walter, engaged in the milling business at Varney; John C., Detroit, Mich.; Kenneth, an apprentice to the drug business at McFadden's Pharmacy, Durham; Jeanette, Nurse in Victoria Hospital, London, and Katie L., teacher at Elora.

Two brothers also survive, William, at Grand Rapids, Mich.; and John, the well-known agriculturist at Varney.

Up to two years ago, Mr. Kerr was strong and active, but gradually at first, began to fail in health from an attack of kidney trouble from which he suffered considerably. For a time, he seemed to be holding his own, but during the last few months, failed very rapidly, and death was a happy release from a period of continued suffering. He was a Liberal in politics, and a devoted member of the Durham Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Kerr was a man of sterling honor and integrity, and the community loses much by his death. The large funeral yesterday afternoon from the home to Maplewood cemetery bears witness to the regard in which he was held, and the heartfelt sympathy felt for the grief-stricken family and relatives.

The service at the house and grave was taken by Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. L. E. West of Holstein Methodist Church. The pall-bearers were close friends of the deceased, Dr. Leeson, William Caldwell, William McNaughton, Albert Mearns, Andrew Derby (Durham), and Andrew Derby (Hanover). The casket was covered with many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, amongst them being a wreath from the Durham Presbyterian choir.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were Miss Catherine Derby of Detroit, Miss Jean Derby of Toronto, Miss Margaret Derby of Stratford, Mr. John G. Kerr, Detroit, and Messrs. Joseph and George Black of Proton.

EGREMONT BOY NOW IN CALIFORNIA

J. G. Hastie on Engineering Staff of California Edison Company.

Durham and Egremont friends of Mr. J. Gordon Hastie, formerly on the staff of the Provincial Highways Department here, will be pleased to learn that he is still making good in the land of Uncle Sam and in the enjoyment of good health and a good position.

For the past year or so, Mr. Hastie has been on construction work at Kirk, Oregon; but in a letter to The Chronicle last week, he informs us that he has severed his connection with the Southern Pacific Railway Company and accepted a better position with the Southern California Edison Company. The Edison Company is engaged on a huge power project, costing about \$400,000,000 in the Sierra Mountains about 75 miles northeast of Fresno, California. The camp at which Mr. Hastie is on duty is known as Big Creek, and from his description, we imagine it to be somewhere between El Prado and Cascaida on the San Joaquin and Eastern Railway, possibly eighty-odd miles south of Yosemite National Park and 200 miles northwest of the world-renowned "Death Valley," the hottest place in the United States and 275 feet below the level of the sea.

Mr. Hastie enjoys the weekly visits of The Chronicle very much, and keeps in close touch with his old home through its columns. We wish him continued success in Sunny California, the land of the Golden West.

ALLAN PARK BRIDE GIVEN KITCHEN SHOWER

The A.Y.P.A. of Allan Park Church gather at the home of the bride's father, Mr. William Kerr, last Thursday evening and presented his daughter, Mrs. Irwin Berry, with a kitchen shower. Many useful and beautiful presents were made, the social responses given and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

Like Courting a Junk Dealer. "She wears too much jewelry." "Think so?" "I do. No fun to hold a hand like that. You can get the same sensation by holding a handful of curtain rings and a wrist watch."

BENTINCK LADY DIED SUDDENLY

Miss Janet C. McDonald Passed Away After Few Days' Illness From Heart Trouble.

We regret this week to chronicle the death on Sunday of Miss Janet Craig McDonald of Bentinck, who passed away after but a few days' illness from heart trouble brought on by a fall in the kitchen of her home a week before.

Miss McDonald, who was in her fiftieth year, was the only surviving daughter of Mr. Thomas McDonald and the late Mrs. McDonald and had been a cripple since 1905, the result of an abscess on her spine, for which she underwent an operation. She was born in Bentinck Township on the 5th of August, 1875, and besides her father, also crippled through an injury received upwards of 40 years ago, is survived by one brother, Mr. James T. McDonald, also of Bentinck. Her mother died about ten years ago, and four sisters also predeceased her.

Interment was made Tuesday in Durham cemetery, the services at the house and grave being conducted by Rev. J. E. Peters of the Durham Methodist Church. Many beautiful wreaths and sprays were laid on the casket by sorrowing relatives and friends, and a very large crowd was present at the obsequies. The pall-bearers were: William Henderson, Thomas Milligan, James Turnbull, George Turnbull, Norman McDonald and Robert Johnson.

The surviving father and brother have the sympathy of town and countryside in their sad and sudden bereavement.

FORMER RESIDENT SPENT WEEK-END HERE

George L. Hughes of Little Falls, Minn., Enjoyed Short Stay With Relatives and Friends Here.

Last week we referred briefly to the fact that Mr. George L. Hughes of Minnesota was visiting his sisters, the Misses Hughes, and other relatives and friends in town, on his convention at Atlantic City, N.J.

The service is one of the Durham "old-timers" brigade and started his business career, we believe, in the employ of the late S. F. Morlock here many years ago. About twenty years ago, he left Durham and has since spent the greater part of his time in the land of Uncle Sam, where he has had a successful business career and today holds down a good position as manager of the Little Falls store of the J. C. Penney Company, who operate something like 600 stores throughout the United States and are opening 100 more branches next year.

Mr. Hughes was in Atlantic City in attendance at a "get together" meeting of the company, and stopped over in Durham on his way home to visit the scenes of his boyhood days before returning to his duties in Minnesota.

Little Falls is a town of about 5,500 population in Morrison County, Minnesota. It is about a hundred miles north by west of Minneapolis on the Northern Pacific Railway, and in the centre of a prosperous community. While looking well, Mr. Hughes has only recently recovered from a serious operation in his head which he underwent a year ago, and when for a time it was not known whether he would recover. Mr. Robert Hughes of Guelph was in town over Sunday, and it goes without saying that the Hughes family held a joyous reunion over the week-end.

BENTINCK MAN LOST HAND IN CUTTING-BOX

Ed. Schlotzauer in Hanover Hospital Following Unfortunate Accident Yesterday Afternoon.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a most unfortunate accident befell Mr. Ed. Schlotzauer of Bentinck, when he had his hand cut off at the wrist and was taken to Hanover Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Schlotzauer, who is about 40 years of age, lives on the south side of the Durham Road about three miles this side of Hanover. Yesterday he was cutting straw, using a gasoline engine for power. In some manner, the straw clogged the machine, and in giving it an extra shove, his hand was taken in through the rollers and cut off at the wrist before the machine could be brought to a stop. Dr. Campbell of Hanover was summoned and ordered the unfortunate man removed to Hanover Hospital, where we understand, he is doing as well as can be expected.

HOSPITAL NOTES

On Monday, February 2nd, Miss Marjorie Caldwell, daughter of Mrs. J. J. Wilton of Varney, and Miss B. Styles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Styles, were operated on for appendicitis in Durham Memorial Hospital. Both patients are doing nicely.

Palmerston school board accepted with pleasure the offer of the Women's Institute of that place to provide a teacher of music for the school.

Days We'll Never Forget



MRS. GEORGE FURNEUX PASSED AWAY TUESDAY

Respected Resident of This Town for Many Years Died at Home of Brother in Guelph—Interment Today in Zion Cemetery.

After an illness of about four weeks, Mrs. George Furneaux, a respected resident of this town, died Tuesday at the home of her brother, Mr. George E. Peart, with whom she and Mr. Furneaux had been visiting during the past couple of months. About a month ago, Mrs. Furneaux was seized with a hemorrhage, and though everything possible was done, her condition did not at any time show improvement. Growing gradually weaker, pneumonia set in, and she passed away Tuesday.

Mrs. Furneaux was in her 67th year. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Peart of Guelph, and besides her husband, leaves two brothers and two sisters, George E. Peart and J. J. Peart of the 8th Concession of Guelph. Mrs. John Hudson of Bentinck and Mrs. Robert Milburn of Durham.

Her death is an exceedingly sad one, especially to her sorrowing husband, who some years ago lost his eyesight and who has ever since been devotedly looked after by his now deceased partner.

Mrs. Furneaux was a devoted Methodist in religion, and the funeral today to Zion cemetery is being conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. E. Peters. Following a short family service at the home of Mr. George Peart, Guelph, the remains will be taken to Zion Methodist Church, where the funeral sermon will be preached at 2:30, after which interment will take place in Zion cemetery.

The whole community mourns with Mr. Furneaux in his sad bereavement.

DURHAM CHURCH VOTED UNION

Two Weeks' Voting Closed Monday Night—Church Union Carried by 53 Majority.

Durham Presbyterian Church enters the United Church of Canada on June 10th. This is the result of the voting during the past two weeks, the poll for which closed last Monday evening. The vote was as follows:

For Union, 218; Against, 165. Total majority for Union, 53. Two ballots were spoiled.

The total available vote in the church was 469, and in polling a total of 385 votes, it will be seen that approximately 82 per cent of the congregation polled their ballots, a remarkable percentage, and indicative of the interest taken in the issue.

GREY CHAPTER I. O. D. E. GAVE OLD-TIME DANCE

Big Crowd in Attendance and Excellent Time Reported.

Following the Mount Forest—Durham hockey match last Tuesday evening, the local I. O. D. E. ladies gave an informal, old-time dance in the town hall which was enjoyed by a big crowd.

The terpsichorean editor of The Chronicle was not present at the affair, but by reports filtering through, we are informed it was one of those regular "swing when you meet" affairs. We have been told, too, that a lot of otherwise sedate old codgers around town were present and enjoyed swinging the corner lassie with the best of them.

The ladies served lunch about the midnight hour, after which dancing was resumed until an early hour in the morning.

"Why do they call a dental office a parlor?" "Well, that's just another name for a drawing room, isn't it?"

GREY COUNTY COUNCIL IN SESSION LAST WEEK

First Session Tuesday Afternoon Was Short, and No Real Business Done Till Wednesday Afternoon.

The January meeting of the Grey County Council commenced Tuesday afternoon of last week but with several members absent and others late in arriving, it was quite late when the Council got down to business. The first session, however, is never very strenuous, and this year was no exception.

Beyond the election of a warden, very little other business was taken up, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday afternoon, when, although only the committees were appointed and no actual business could be transacted, the session was a profitable one, and everything was run off without a hitch. Mr. T. R. McKenzie, the newly elected Warden of the County opened the session with quite a lengthy address in which he conveyed his sincere thanks to the Council for honoring him with the wardenship and trusted that there would be no occurrences during the year that would make them regret their choice. He wished to solicit the aid of every councillor and was sure that there would be nothing but harmony prevailing at every session. Warden McKenzie went into details of the work of every committee in his address and advised in a general way. He impressed particularly that the finance committee keep within the amounts appropriated for the several departments and suggested that the County Treasurer be asked to attend and present to the Council a report of the County's financial standing. Mr. McKenzie also gave his opinions on the situations regarding County Roads, Provincial Highways, Education, the House of Refuge, Children's Shelter and Agriculture in the County.

County Clerk, F. H. Rutherford, read various communications which he had received since the last session. There were some of them which were quite lengthy and of little importance, but they were all read, and they took considerable time. Communications were read from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto both asking for grants which are annually bestowed upon them. Also requests were received for maintenance from a number of High Schools in the County and some outside the County. None of these were dealt with. The County Treasurer's report of the Stationery Account for 1924 was read in detail by the Clerk, and it was a very favorable one, showing a slight balance. Letters were read from the Welland County Council asking for the co-operation of the local Council in granting aid from the Provincial Government to promote sheep raisers and from the Provincial Commission for the revision of Statutes.

The report of the Striking Committee was adopted with only a few minor changes and, the committees met during the session to elect their chairmen. Following is a list of the committees:

Printing—Mr. Field, chairman; Messrs. Stocks, Buchanan, Ferguson, Grierson, Hogarth, Miller, Fisher, Holm, White, McNeil, Acheson, Taylor, Monk.

Communications and Memorials—Mr. Lemcke, chairman; Messrs. Buchanan, Field, Acheson, McElherson, Hogarth, Fraynor, Esking, Fisher, Fraser, Ferguson, McDonald.

House of Refuge—Mr. McEachnie, chairman; the Warden and a member from the City of Owen Sound.

County Roads—Mr. Holm, chairman; Messrs. McKenzie, Pringle, Taylor, Fraser.

Wardens—Mr. Buchanan, chairman; Messrs. Bothwell, Smith, Forgrave, White, McEachnie, Neil Calder.

Finance and Assessment—Mr. William Calder, chairman; Messrs. Buchanan, McDonald, Forgrave, Neil Calder, Miller, Weir, Gardiner, Pringle, Holm, Fraser, McNeil, White, Lemcke, Bothwell, Monk, Ryley, Hutchinson, McElherson, Stocks, Taylor.

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Smilin' Charlie Says—



"Following in another man's foot-steps is alright providin' you're able t' make foot-steps o' your own where his leave off" --