

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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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, March 26, 1925.

LICENSES FOR DRIVERS

That hardy annual, the matter of insisting that all drivers of motor cars should pass certain examinations before being turned loose on innocent pedestrians is again with us.

Whether we like it or not, motor traffic during the past few years has grown to such an extent that it must be controlled, and that quickly.

By what right should a man, just because he has the money, purchase a new car, and, with two or three lessons, turn himself out into the traffic, a menace to himself and everybody else?

The annual increase in the number of motor cars in use, the building of better roads and various other causes make it imperative that governments, motorists and pedestrians co-operate in the matter and eliminate as far as possible the increasing number of unnecessary accidents.

THE GOSSIPERS

An English member of parliament suggests a special rate for "gossips" over the telephone. His idea is that if a lower rate were given during certain quiet hours during the day for light chatter and ordinary day exercise, the busy hours of the day would find the telephones at the disposal of those who wish to use them for business only.

There are a good many of us who will agree with this. How often around Durham are business phones held up by unnecessary gossip? True, people who have phones should have the privilege of using them, but it is a bad practice to have Central continually reporting your business line "busy" when possibly everything but business is being talked over it.

Even now, telephone companies are working on the elimination of this nuisance, especially in large business centres where phones are installed for business purposes only, but where the privilege is abused. One prominent Bell Telephone Company official recently told The Chronicle that he thought the time was not far distant when all conversations would be carried on the slot machine principle.

On being asked the reason for his assumption, the official said that the "free" conversation as allowed at present was not satisfactory to business men. In this day of commercialism, business men installed their business phones for business purposes, and even though they often said nothing, they strenuously objected to their phones being used for other than business purposes.

people who care to invest a nickel or more in "friendly" telephone calls with the result that the line is usually open for purely business calls.

There is a whole lot in it, and the next few years may see many changes in telephone systems.

CRISP COMMENT

Nurmi may be able to run faster, but it is doubtful if he has run away any more often than Tommy Church.—Peterboro Examiner.

Cupid must have a task to arrange a match between a girl without a telephone and a boy without an automobile.—Brandon Sun.

There is a movement on foot to increase the size of the legislature. Why not first make an attempt to increase the size of the legislators?—Chatham News.

Little things count. Frequently they count better than the men they caddy for.—Schenectady Gazette.

Even the traffic cops may agree that spring can break the speed limit if she wants to.—Toronto Telegram.

Winter may now be safely considered over, but, of course, there is always the possibility of a relapse.—Guelph Mercury.

Someone wants to know if motor cars make people lazy. It all depends whether you are in it or out of it.—Kingston Standard.

Relatively few people know everything, and they outgrow it before they are twenty.—Baltimore Herald.

Ski-jumping is one winter sport that is increasing in popularity by leaps and bounds.—Brockville Recorder.

A cynic is a man so sophisticated that he doesn't believe anybody except a bootlegger.—New York Herald.

The horse sense that prevented wrecks in the old days probably belonged to the horse.—Bellevue Herald and Reveille.

It's a hard world. In a city, neighbors don't know you well enough; in a village, they know you too well.—Brantford Expositor.

Speaking of changing the calendar, a new month without any "first" to it would fill a long-felt want.—Macon Telegraph.

According to a Boston newspaper, the cross-word puzzle has its origin in ancient Egypt. This explains why the Israelites were so anxious to flee into the wilderness.—The Humorist.

The time has come for us to avenge ourselves on the Chinese for the Mah Jongg craze by sending over a shipload of cross-word puzzle blanks.—Columbia Record.

One of the most comfortable places to live is just inside your income.—San Francisco Chronicle.

It is easy to believe cigarettes ruin a woman's complexion. Smoke always is hard on paint.—Philadelphia North American.

The querulous look of the ice-cream vendor at the coal man's smile would make a rare thing for a dentist's waiting-room wall.—Kamloops Sentinel.

The bird who hunts gas leaks with matches ought to save a couple in case it is necessary to see whether the alcohol in the radiator is low.—Montreal Herald.

Clarence Darrow now announces definitely that the human race isn't worth saving, but perhaps he bases his opinion on those specimens of it that he's saved himself.—Ottawa Citizen.

The best non-skid chains are brains.—Lindsay Post.

There are probably just as poor fish in the sea as some married women have caught.—Montreal Herald.

We suppose they have a woman's exchange to provide another place to change their minds.—Rosetown Eagle.

Four ages of man: Bossed by mother; bossed by sister; bossed by wife; bossed by daughter.—Toronto Star.

They used to pass around the beer. Now they pass around the bier.—Lethbridge Herald.

Doctors say onions kill disease germs, but how are you going to get the germs to eat 'em.—Stewart News.

Fortunately, the heathens are told about civilization and not shown.—Saskatoon Star.

Pretty soon they'll want the starting and stopping facilities of the pedestrians tested.—Brandon Sun.

As the weather gets colder, mere man can rejoice that his ankles are not worth showing.—Grand Forks Sun.

A bell boy can tell you where to find almost everything except, possibly, a hymn book.—Goderich Signal.

Our hardest job is caring for the things we labored to get in order to make life easier.—Stratford Beacon.

PRISONERS' DEPENDANTS

(Social Service Council of Canada)

"She was the keeper of a common bawdy house. Yes, and arraigned in court on that charge. But will any man or woman here stand up and say that hers was the guilt for that sordid crime?"

Rev. Neil McLaughlin, speaking before the Annual Social Service Council Convention in Hamilton on the necessity of making some provision for the support of prisoners' dependants, concluded his remarks with this pointed touching story of hardship that had come under his own observation.

This is the story briefly:

A little over four years ago, a man was sentenced to ten years imprisonment on a charge of breaking and entering. The prisoner, when sentenced, had a wife and six children in age from a babe up to twelve years. The wife and mother, finding her husband unable to help her in any financial way, tried to support the family by securing boarders. But, unfortunately, on account of the husband being in the penitentiary, she could not secure a very desirable class of boarders, and too many evaded payment.

This method of making a living having failed, she tried other honorable methods until her health broke down. Partially recovering she cared as best she could for her family during the day, and in the night, she would tramp half the length of the city scrubbing offices and doing such work as she could find. Then she would tramp home, sometimes through rain and sometimes through snow, hungry and cold and sad. This unspeakable existence continued through the years.

A local agent investigating and reporting on penitentiary conditions in Canada. Owing to a change in government, the report was finally pigeon-holed, but when the public demands, it will be resurrected quickly enough.

Speaking on the necessity of providing constructive work for prisoners, the report says:

"The mere provision of work is not, in the opinion of the Committee, sufficient. That the heaviest penalty for a crime is paid, not by the criminal but by his dependants, has been chiefly emphasized before the Committee, not by philanthropists and charitable workers, but by judicial, police and penitentiary officers of long standing. Their views are based upon the unfortunate and expensive social consequences of the pauperization of decent women and children, upon the destruction of the convict's sole anchor holding him to decency of conduct after discharge by his being, during his term, deserted by his wife for some one better able to support her and upon the frequent inevitability of a return to crime immediately upon his release of an ex-convict turned out into a society from which he has certainly been absent for years and perhaps for decades with five or ten dollars and a railway ticket to the place at which he was sentenced."

Creamless Ice Cream

(Renfrew Mercury)

A member of the Canadian House of Commons stated that a great deal of the ice cream offered for sale today is creamless. He holds that the word "cream" should be eliminated from it. A great many people will readily agree with him. There is a vast difference in the quality of the sweet, cooling substance. Some of it has a rich taste, betokening the presence of cream; some of it tastes as though made from whey. Why couldn't it be standardized? It seems always to be the one price in restaurants, whether the quality be superior or whether it be inferior. One gets so little of it nowadays for a dime one wants it to be good. And today when it is in Canada in the summer at least, an almost universal food, all poor stuff should be under the ban or sold for what it really is. Today ice cream has so far advanced in public favor as to enjoy recognition in hospitals. There are different reasons why it should be standardized.

I LOVE TO THINK OF SUMMER TIME

I love to think of summer time When birdlings take the wing, The good old blithesome summer time, That follows after spring. Perhaps my rhyme is premature, Because I ought to know The winter day, still holds the sway, The fields are white with snow.

I love to think of summer time, When skies are azure blue, When sweethearts tell their tales of love, And hearts are beating true, 'Tis then that life is one sweet song "That song I'll sing to you," When you and I, together hie, To river and canoe.

I love to think of summer time, When shines the brilliant sun, For is not summer time the best, When all is said and done, We love the springtime's early day The autumn's russet brown, 'Tis very nice to skate on ice, But summer wins, hands down, —J. M. MacGregor in Toronto Star.

Still, the only man who can make a fool of himself is one who isn't a fool to begin with.

Flesherton

(Our own Correspondent.)

The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the home of Mrs. D. McTavish last week. Owing to bad roads and much sickness, the attendance was not as large as usual, but the meeting was a pleasant one. Mrs. T. W. Findlay presided and conducted the devotional exercises after which general business was done, and the bazaar for which preparation is going on was discussed. It was resolved to return to the former date of meeting, the first Tuesday in each month when the W. M. S. also meets. At the close, daily refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Miss Mamie, and Miss Elsie Ferris. Flowers were ordered for the sick and shut ins.

A son was born on Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. James McMaster.

Mr. C. H. Jones, who is well known here and at Ceylon, and who has been the past year at The Pas, Man., has, we learn by a letter from him, gone one hundred miles further north and located at Elbow Lake a new mining place. Charlie is well and enjoys the North country.

Hydro workmen were employed on Sunday on the Toronto Line South replacing a power line pole damaged last week by fire caused by a short circuit.

Maple syrup making is now general in this vicinity, and we are indebted to Mr. John Stewart for the first treat of the season.

Miss Stewart of the High School staff gave a good address on Missions at the Presbyterian Sunday School on Sunday.

Mr. John Nuhn's friends here sympathize with him in his bereavement by the sudden death some days ago of a brother living near Williamsford.

Though there is snow and ice in some places on the roads, cars are running freely now. Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry, accompanied by Miss Pentland, motored to Dundalk on Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. McCauley.

Miss Rosie McGirr of Feversham visited Mrs. W. H. Thurston last week and was the guest of Mrs. G. Mitchell over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Warling and babe of Vandeleur paid Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stewart a visit on Sunday.

Mr. Frank Patton of Walkerton spent part of last week here on business and visited his old home.

Miss Aleda Mitchell returned Saturday from a month's visit with her sister in Toronto accompanied by her little nephew, Billy Clipperton.

Mrs. Long went to Honeywood on Monday to attend the Golden Wedding of old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tuplin, and to remain for an extended visit with relatives and old home friends. Mr. Gordon Long motored his mother to Corbetton.

Mr. Joseph Snell of the west Backline, who underwent an operation in Owen Sound hospital some time ago, is able to move about a little and was in the village on Monday. The wound, however, is not yet healed and the abscess is being drained by a tube.

Mrs. Walker Sloan of Toronto was the guest of Mrs. R. McMaster on Monday.

Mr. T. W. Findlay entertained his class of boys in the Presbyterian Sunday School at his home on Wednesday evening last, and with various games, a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. George Patton of Owen Sound visited his father and family here on Monday.

Mr. H. Freeman, who is taking over Mr. Alfred Thistlethwaite's dairy business, moved his household effects from Markdale on Monday.

Mr. R. Ferris spent last week at portlaw assisting Mr. Thomas Black in preparing timber for a new barn.

Rev. H. H. Eaton made a visit to Toronto on Monday.

Magistrate Creaser of Owen Sound was in town on Monday hearing a domestic trouble between a married couple who lived a mile out of town. The wife complained of assault by her husband, who, for the offence, was fined \$8.00 and bound over to keep the peace.

Word was received here on Monday of the death of Mr. John M. Gerow, a very highly respected old gentleman who at the ripe age of 88 years died on February 26th at Vancouver where he had been residing for some time with his daughter. When a young man, Mr. Gerow was among the earliest settlers at Flesherton, and being a carpenter, helped to build some of the first houses in the village. He was an uncle of Mrs. J. A. Jamieson and Mrs. G. B. Welton of this place and occasionally visited here. He was an ardent sportsman and, notwithstanding his age, for many years, accompanied the hunters from here on their annual holiday in the North country. He was highly esteemed by them all for his youthful spirit and genial nature.

On Monday evening, an interesting debate took place at Vandeleur Church between Flesherton and Kimberly Methodist Young People. The subject was, "Resolved that the world is becoming a better place in which to live." The affirmative, which won, was taken by Miss Mildred Caswell and George Aikens of Flesherton, and the negative by Misses Almeda Weber and Kathleen Hutchinson of Kimberly. The judges were W. D. Henry and T. S. Cooper of Markdale and George Pritchard of Vandeleur. Some of the young people here assisted on the musical program rendered.

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THE DISILLUSIONED BRIDEGROOM

Behold in me a bridegroom, Chief, of just six weeks or so, 'Twas just last month I took the plunge, where many good men go, I'd loved her long; I'd loved her much, and I do not repine, Some other chaps, they wanted her, but now for life she's mine.

But, Chief, I may as well confess, knew not what I did; For tho' I've come to man's estate, in love I'm but a kid. This wife of mine, she fooled me, Chief, my brains are made of mud, I thought I'd got an angel, Chief, but, Sir, she's flesh and blood.

I love her, Chief, make sure of that, I'll never yield her up, She is the dearest girl on earth, and full of joy's my cup; But still it gave me quite a shock, it scared me most to death, When I detected, Chief, the smell of onions on her breath.

For angels don't eat onions, Chief, at least, that is my view; They live on angel food, I've heard, and maybe honey dew. But this here angel I have copped, can it be she's a fake? You ought to see her get away with half a pound of steak.

I've watched her closely since we wed, and oh! My spirit mourns, This angel that I thought I'd got, why, drat it, she has horns. And here's another fact, old boy, my earnest soul deplores, That sometimes when I lie awake, there's someone near me snores.

So, Chief, you see I have been fooled, no wings, Sir, does she wear, She ain't the angel that I thought, but, really, I don't care. I might have known no angel, Chief, I would link with me for life, I've got no angel, but, you bet, I've surely got some wife.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Robert McKean, Toronto, spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Middlebro'. Mr. McKean is a wheelsman in summer with the Canada Steamship Lines and in winter, attends college in Toronto.

Miss Nellie McKechnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dougald McKechnie, and an employee of the C. N. R. at Montreal, is on an extended vacation in Miami, Florida. Before returning, she intends visiting Palm Beach, Jacksonville, Washington and New York.

Mrs. I. H. Kaiser returned to her home in St. Thomas on Saturday after a three weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. L. Elvidge.

Mrs. Robert Hewitt of Toronto is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. L. Elvidge.

Mr. O. M. Voiles, president of the Voker Bodies, Limited, has leased the residence of Mr. George E. Harron.

Miss Lottie Dean has returned to Toronto, after spending the past two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harron left Tuesday morning for their new home in Stratford.

Dr. Cecil Wolfe of Toronto was a week-end visitor in town.

Miss Edwards of Holstein visited with Miss Cresswell of the local High School staff over the week-end.

Miss Carrs of Ottawa, and sister, Mrs. W. A. Reid of Thorndale, accompanied by Mrs. Petrie of Holstein, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown last week.

Miss Annie Graham is teaching school near Hanover for a few weeks.

Mr. Melville Greig of Toronto is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. W. Calder.

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Cross-Can Happen As Told Telegram

News From Halifax to ver Boiled Down and Told.

Friday

Mrs. Sarah Willis, widow of Edward Willis, died yesterday her daughter's home at 5 B., after a brief illness of a year.

The Government men deminification of Home Bators will probably not be to the House of Commons later Easter. This was the Prime Minister yesterday.

Penitentiary terms of each on two charges, to be run concurrently, was ishment meted out by a Culny in the Police Court yesterday morning to Ed a young American travel man, who pleaded guilty ing money under false preter, Mass., authorities lar charge.

In recognition of his the Order during the January 20th last, comes dress was yesterday pres M. Clark, of Belleville, th tired last year from the Grand Secretary of the Lodge of Ontario East. T tation was made at the nion of the Eastern Outa men's meeting at Ottawa.

Justin Bennett, former the Glace Bay branch of Bank of Canada, for who lice of the continent teaching since his dis January 20th last, comes the disappearance of a \$20,000 of the bank funds, yesterday morning hodge cret chamber in an upper residence of his pare minion, N. S.

A petition in which Kerr Lake "ask and dem vice that will be of som all parties concerned" is warded to Premier Foran sion with the drastic operations of the Nipissit Railway on the branch bet ball and Kerr Lake.

The 1925 navigation, a tween Detroit and Clevela yesterday when the frou ana sailed with automob Ohio city.

Henry Suckling, treas Canadian Pacific Railway, who died suddenly in Al on Saturday, was 47. nected with the compan joined the service in 1878, ing was in his 75th year.

Boston, Mass., port off know just what to do freighter Canadian Win has arrived with 5,000,00 and laths from Canada. A the treasury department, ceived, specifies that wh be done without injury dles, all imported good stamped with the name of try of origin. A ruling als that slings can be s without injury. Authori not relish the task of stat individual "shingle. It that the matter may be done the courts before the st done.

After one of the worst days" of the winter, Wt Manitoba districts, pe peaceful last night, the "died out." Drifts ra 6 to 10 feet high, greete ers on their way home, urbs, with automobiles, roadways and sidewalks impassable.

Convicted of steal packet containing 1000 from the Montreal post-cently, Eugene Deschene cerf, Que., was yesterday by Judge Roland Miles three years in St. Vinc Penitentiary.

The United States cont Canada's chief customer pulp, pulpwood and new per. In February, 133,891, of wood pulp, 155,915 cord wood and 200,673,100 pound print paper were export country. The value of placed at \$11,904,102 in a sued by the Bureau of S

William Elder, Christa practitioner, who was to of manslaughter, March 1 nation with the death Watson, 12-year-old d Robert Watson, Winnipe terday sentenced to four risonment. The girl di theria, November 22, 192

"A report that Canad 35,000,000 bushels of whe for export as compared 000,000 this time last y correct," stated Hon. W well, Minister of Agric today morning. "We that much in sight. In t thur elevator alone, we 40,000,000 bushels awaiti tion.

A severe earthquake w on the instruments at Heights Observatory, Vi in the early hours of Su ing. The first wave wa at 12.25 a.m., and the r over four hours, indicati of a severe nature. T was 5,870 miles from V ably in the vicinity of of Guam.

The production of pig

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected March 26, 1925.

Table with market prices for Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins, Chickens.