

**DURHAM CHRONICLE**

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Whoever 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, April 16, 1925.

**GIVE US THE OIL.**

There seems to be quite an agitation in some circles in town against the use of oil on the streets to combat the dust nuisance. But what else can we use? Surely no one would advocate returning to the water wagon with its inconvenience and perpetual dust on our main business thoroughfares along about the noon hour when the strong midsummer sun licks up the water almost as fast as it can be put on.

While it must be admitted by all that oil has its disadvantages, especially for a few days after being applied, this is soon over, and for the balance of the summer, its advantages far outweigh any inconveniences experienced during the first of the season.

Durhamites may as well be frank with themselves and admit at the start that street-oiling has not had a fair chance here. When the first car of oil was sold here some three or four years ago, we distinctly remember hearing the representative of the oil company tell the Council that to get satisfactory results with asphalt oil, the streets must be swept clear of all dust, otherwise the oil would "mat" and form holes in the road. As everyone knows, no particular attention has ever been paid here toward putting the streets in shape for oiling, and that instead of applying the oil hot, as directed, it was little more than warm and quite naturally cooled off so quickly that instead of adhering to the road, was merely spread over it, to be carried off by the first vehicle that ran over it.

Sweeping the streets is not such a mammoth undertaking as some may think. In some towns, we are told by a man who claims to know, the dust off the streets is applied hot and the sweepings scattered over the top in order to prevent it being carried away by cars and other vehicles.

While there may be disadvantages in connection with the oil system, we think Durhamites generally are prepared to admit that as a layer of dust, oil is yet much the best we have had so far, and the cleanliness of our front streets as compared with the years in which water was used leaves little argument in favor of the latter method.

At present, the paving proposal is out of the question. Pavements cost a lot of money and with the persistent cry for economy to be heard from every quarter, a paving-by-law today would have practically no chance at all of carrying. Even the report that the Government will build the whole of the centre 20 feet would avail nothing, as the greater number of the ratepayers are a little suspicious when it comes to getting too much for nothing.

The spring season is now upon us, already we have been treated to a generous sample of what the dust nuisance is like, and we would advise that no time be lost in making the necessary arrangements for the handling of the dust nuisance this summer. The local Retail Merchants' Association should get busy, wait on the Council and see if we cannot get down to business.

**BE AN OPTIMIST**

The story of O. H. Doerschlag of Topeka, Kansas, vicinity should put to shame a lot of the whining that most of us engage in over trivial matters.

Doerschlag, who went blind four years ago, has had no bed of roses but still he's one of the most enthusiastic optimists in the Sunflower State. Several years ago, his wife became an invalid; then a daughter became a cripple, and later, Doerschlag became totally blind.

This would have floored the most of us, and we would have uttered a wail loud and mournful enough to be heard from here to Kansas, but not Doerschlag. In spite of the admonitions of his friends, he decided to keep on working, and today is one of the most successful farmers of the state, operating a 240-acre farm.

During the four years since he became blind, he has put in a concrete floor in his barn and has increased his dairy stock to 14 cows which he milks himself twice a day, and from which his revenue is con-

siderably over \$50 a week. Rows of elm trees and fields of alfalfa testify to his industry, and last year 25 acres of corn were grown.

Part of the credit for this is due to his fourteen-year-old son, Juri, who has become his father's "eyes" and assists him when not at school.

There is a lesson here for all of us. Generally speaking, the average citizen hasn't enough trouble camping on his trail to give him a minute's worry, but too many of us, when the first dark cloud appears in the sky, emit howls of anguish that fain would rent the heavens. What must our imagined troubles appear like to a person who has something real to worry about? Think it over.

**THE HOME OF TORNADES**

The recent loss of life and property in the states of Illinois, Missouri and Indiana once more brings to our mind the saying that the Mississippi Valley is the home of the tornado in this part of the world and conditions being favorable, they may be looked for every year at this time of the year.

A tornado originates in an overhanging cloud, and sends down a funnel-shaped cloud to the ground, the lower portion long and narrow. In the Mississippi Valley, a tornado is supposed to originate from the cold air of the north meeting the warm currents of air from the south.

It is a travelling storm, its track usually a narrow one, but often extends to several hundred miles in length. The rapid vertical whirl in the air is capable of twisting off the limbs of trees, and at times, a vacuum is produced which causes houses and other buildings to collapse. Tornadoes are prevalent in the West Indies and on the West coast of Africa about the time of the equinoxes, and in the Indian Ocean about the time of changes in the monsoons which occur in April and October. They are usually accompanied with severe lightning and thunder and torrents of rain, and, while they are of short duration, they do uncalculable damage and are greatly feared in localities subject to their visitations.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Paisley Women's Institute passed a resolution not to deal with any grocer who sells the new 4.4 beer. We would advise the ladies to get legal advice on this before they go further. Boycotting is strictly against the law in Canada and subject to heavy punishment.

"Economy" like charity, apparently is used to cover a multitude of sins. Some of our councillors this year saved the town money by reducing the Constable's salary \$100! Now they talk of saving the town more money by paving the front streets and building a new opera house.

The new bread merger may, it is said, mean a reduction in the price of bread. May is a good word to use. Mergers generally mean increase rather than reductions, especially in foodstuffs.

Johnny Bull may seem slow at times, but he generally gets there. The British submarine, X-1, carrying an armament of pre-war first line pretensions, and the largest submarine in the world, has just left England on a tour of the world.

The principal trouble with the new 4.4 beer is that the prohibitionists want the government to move the decimal point to the left, while some others want it placed on the right.

Saturday's Toronto Star, in an article on Dr. Jamieson, says "he defeated Ramage, editor of The Durham Chronicle." Oh, well. This is about as nearly correct as The Star generally is.

Using the mails for anything but that for which they are intended is an expensive business. Dr. Cook the discredited explorer of the North Pole, left Fort Worth, Texas, on Monday to commence a 13-year sentence for using the United States mails in an attempt to defraud.

Henry Wells of Markdale, 81 years of age, works and walks like men of 40. Henry is a staunch Conservative. This accounts for it. All these Tories are tough.

**MUSKOKA HOSPITAL DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED**

- The Treasurer of the Muskoka Hospital for consumptives desires gratefully to acknowledge the following contributions received in Durham by the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association: Durham Stone and Sand Co., \$5.00
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**WESTERN ONTARIO NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Life in Western Portion of Canada's Banner Province Told in a Column.**

The coroner's jury on the body of the infant found strangled brought in a verdict at Gatham that the mother, Dorothy Margaret Brown of Leamington was responsible for its death.

Mrs. Laura Morgan of Welland was killed and her husband severely injured when the Michigan Flyer struck their auto on a crossing at Stevensville.

Fire did \$10,000 damage to the Anthony Beatz furniture factory at Kitchener. A house owned at Montrose by the Hydro was gutted, with loss of \$8,000.

Plans for the proposed extension of Woodstock waterworks to cost between \$20,000 and \$40,000 have been approved by the local commission and now await acceptance by the Provincial Board of Health.

The Canada Steamship Lines have declined to run a ferry service to Wabasso Park, Hamilton, on the ground that they have purchased Grimsby Beach and desire to carry pleasure-seekers thither.

Gerard Mustard of Niagara Falls who, after a quarrel with his wife, attempted suicide with a jack-knife, was allowed to go on suspended sentence after a lecture.

At the inquest at Hamilton on the death of Geraldine Devlin, Dr. Cornett, driver of the car which caused her death, was fully exonerated. The coroner drew attention to the way in which children played in the streets and suggested that the Education Board should inaugurate a safety first campaign.

Members of the London Health Association, in meeting laid plans by which the financing of \$100,000 improvements to the Queen Alexandra Sanitarium is assured.

The Eastwood U. F. W. U. on Thursday night won the finals in the South Oxford debating championship, defeating the West Oxford U. F. W. U. club.

Several Milton houses were raided by O. T. A. officials in an attempt to put an end to bootlegging activities.

United States Customs officers at the Falls have requested the return of a carload of beer now awaiting shipment at Fort Erie on the ground that the shipment is illegal.

Ernest Thompson was arrested at Charing Cross while tendering a garage man a cheque drawn on the Dominion Bank at Ridgetown, where no branch exists.

At the meeting of the Kitchener Rotary Club, a plan was obtained for finding 100 crippled children to a clinic at the hospital.

Hamilton Board of Control withdrew its opposition to the removal of the battlements at York and Dunburn Streets.

The third annual Hobby Fair inaugurated by the London Rotary Club was opened with 4,000 exhibits and attracted a large crowd.

Walkerville council struck the tax rate at 32 mills on the dollar.

Over 800 persons attended the banquet under the auspices of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce to mark the closing of the business training course.

The independent faction of the Brant Indians have called a meeting to protest against the leasing of oil lands on the reserve to Senator Michener.

Over 700 reservations have been made for the District Rotary International meeting to be held at Hamilton tomorrow and Friday.

The three London colored men charged with robbery with violence of a taxi driver were yesterday committed for trial.

Hamilton Council yesterday upset the agreement between the Parks Board and the Playgrounds Association, and also deferred the changes in effect in the tax office until the Mayor's return.

**ZEPHYR ARSON CASE IS TRIED AT WHITBY**

Witnesses From Penitentiary Testify to Arrangement Being Made.

The spring assizes opened in Whitby Tuesday morning, with Mr. Justice Riddell presiding. The docket included nine jury and five non-jury cases. The Grand Jury was sworn in at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and the first case was against Thomas Slee, who was charged with arson, it being alleged he set fire to a store at the village of Zephyr, north of Uxbridge, on or about September 30th of last year. A true bill was returned.

J. O. Bartlett testified that his store at Zephyr had been burned to the ground at a loss of about \$13,000, covered by \$7,500 insurance. William Hillis and Charles Lang, both now under sentence in Kingston Penitentiary, gave evidence to the effect that Hillis and Slee entered into an agreement to burn the store, Slee to pay Hillis \$100 for the work. A number of other witnesses testified as to the presence of Hillis in Zephyr on the day of the fire. The jury was empanelled over night.

**BORN**

**Dobney**—On Sunday, April 12th, in Durham Memorial Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. John Dobney, a son.

**Greenwood**—In Durham, April 9, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenwood, a son.

**McNally**—In Glenelg, on Saturday, April 11, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. James McNally (nee Agnes Marshall), a son (Marshall James).

**Ridout**—At Toronto, March 28, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ridout (nee Gladys Search) a daughter.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Miss Marguerite Alexander of Toronto is visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. Alexander, and with her sister, Mrs. George Noble.

Miss Clara Aljoe of Toronto was an Easter visitor with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Aljoe.

Miss Margaret McKenzie of Toronto is holidaying in town.

Miss May McClocklin of Toronto spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McClocklin.

Among those who are attending school out of town and who are home over the holiday are: Miss Violet Mervyn, of Stratford; Mr. Albert Kress, of London; Mr. Cecil Wiggins, of Stratford; Miss Eula and Mr. Royden Burnett, of London.

Miss Kathleen Hughes of Toronto is spending the holidays with friends in town and with her sister, Mrs. A. Brodie, Glenelg.

Mrs. R. Putnam of Mount Forest visited over the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Caldwell.

Mr. G. H. Darling visited over the holiday in Simcoe.

Miss Chrissie McGirr of Parry Sound is visiting with her mother, Mrs. T. McGirr.

Mr. Jack McGowan of Wingham spent a few days the close of the week at his home here.

Mr. W. A. Fergie was a visitor in town over Easter.

Mr. Victor Catton of Toronto was an Easter visitor in town.

Misses Ethel and Hazel Young are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Owen Sound were Easter visitors in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Grant and daughter, Jean, visited over the holiday with friends in town.

Miss Annie McKenzie of Toronto is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dan. McDonald.

Miss Edith Edge of Sault Ste. Marie and Miss Reta Roberts of Holstein are spending the holidays in Washington and New York.

Mr. Ernest McGirr of Galt is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. McGirr. He is accompanied by his friend, Mr. J. Tancock.

Misses Alix Edge of St. Catharines and Mary of St. Thomas are holidaying at their home here.

Misses Armetta McKechnie and Esther McLean are attending the O. E. A. in Toronto this week.

Miss Sadie McDonald is visiting over the holiday in Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lauder and children of Hanover spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Lauder.

Mr. Syd. J. N. Glazier of Owen Sound, district manager for the North American Life Assurance Company, was in town Thursday and gave The Chronicle a call. Mr. Glazier is a former Durham boy, having lived here upwards of 30 years ago with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Glazier. Mr. R. Macfarlane has been appointed agent for the company here.

Miss Clara McCrae, normal student at Stratford, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCrae.

Mrs. C. C. Middlebro' assisted the Baptist Church choir in Owen Sound on Easter Sunday and contributed a solo.

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., was in town on Monday.

Miss Jean Buchner of London visited over the week-end with her friend, Miss Eula Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kress of Toronto are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kress.

Mrs. G. Bretz and children of Shelburne are visiting with her mother, Mrs. S. McCracken.

Miss Mary M. Turnbull, teacher, in Frontenac County, is spending Easter with a North Bay Normal School friend, Miss L. Turner, Pembroke, Ontario.

Messrs. H. R. Koch, John Morrison and J. A. M. Robb motored to Toronto on Monday to attend the O. E. A. convention. Messrs. Koch and Morrison are attending the trustees' section of the convention.

Miss Jean Grant is spending a few days in Walkerton.

Mr. Harold Ramage of the Thornbury Herald visited over the holiday at his home here.

Mr. Harold Sharp of Toronto and Mr. Irwin Sharp of Owen Sound spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sharp.

Misses Edith and Allie Grant of Toronto are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grant.

Mr. Brock Grant of Welland visited over Easter at the parental home.

Miss Marjorie Blake of Toronto University and Messrs. Pearson Neal and W. E. Garland of Toronto visited over the week-end with Miss Vera McIntyre.

Miss Florabel Nichol is holidaying at her home here.

Mr. William Armstrong of Moose Jaw, Sask., spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wells.

Miss Lavina Mortley of Richmond Hill and Miss Pearl Mortley of Owen Sound are spending the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mortley, Glenelg.

Miss Ena Mitchell and Mr. Archie Burnett of Dundalk visited over the week-end at Mr. William Burnett's, near Allan Bell and Mrs. E. A.

**NOTED HORTICULTURIST GAVE LECTURE HERE**

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rotted manure excluded the air and suffocated the plants. Cow manure should never be used for this, and leaves should not be used in the year they fall, as they pack too closely and kill the plant.

Following the meeting, Mr. C. Ramage moved a vote of thanks, which, on being seconded by Rev. Mr. Peters, was conveyed to the speaker.

During the afternoon, Mr. Moore visited the local cemetery and was greatly taken with its location, its beauty and the possibilities still open for future beautifying. While he congratulated the board of trustees on the work they had already done, he pointed out many ways in which the place's beauty could be further enhanced and at no very great expense. He also visited the High and Public school grounds and also the Federal Square, and was unostentatious in his advice as to the best manner in which to secure the desired effect at the minimum cost.

The meeting here Tuesday evening was Mr. Moore's 70th consecutive meeting, with only two holidays. He is booked solid up to the 15th of June, when no doubt, other bookings will have been arranged and 1926 bookings are already being made. Mr. Moore is a big man in the horticultural life of the province, and it is unfortunate that only a small crowd turned out to hear his excellent lecture.

Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie, President of the local branch, spoke a few words at the commencement and close of the meeting.

We should be fair to auto drivers. They don't often go up on the sidewalk after victims.

"BILLY" THE DEER PASSED OUT LAST WEEK

Friendliest Inmate of Wilder's Lake Zoo is Dead.

"Billy," the Virginia deer, and the oldest and friendliest inmate of Dr. Jamieson's park at Wilder's Lake is no more. A pugacious little fellow and full of fight, he squared up to the big buck elk a week ago Sunday but proved not match for his heavier opponent who struck him down so quickly that neither Dr. D. B. Jamieson or Mr. P. Gagnon, eye-witnesses, were fully aware what happened. He was so badly injured that he died on Friday.

While harmless if left alone, the big elk will brood no interference and the public will do well to stay on their own side of the wire fence this coming summer. Ony last week we reported the death of the yearling elk calf, also supposed to have been struck down by the older animal.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

On Monday morning, Mr. Johnston Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Allen, who is an operator in the employ of the Hydro Commission at Eugenia, underwent an operation for double hernia at Durham Hospital and is making remarkable progress toward recovery.

Mrs. M. Kress also underwent a serious operation, and her condition is reported as satisfactory.

Both operations were performed by Dr. D. B. Jamieson.

The man who steps on a skirt nowadays must be a high jumper.

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**Cross-Canada Happening As Told By Telegraph**

News From Halifax to Vancouver Boiled Down and Told.

Thursday Sir William S. Glyn-Jones, Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain arrived at Halifax Tuesday on a tour of Canada in interests of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association.

Sir William Peterson, of the Dominion Government, is in contract regarding the rates, sailed from Seattle for the Olympic yesterday. Sir is coming to Ottawa to see the Government before the special primary committee on oceanic rates.

When thirteen cases of a were exploded in the Lower Bonington Falls, yesterday, in connection with the construction of the new plant, West Kootenay Power and Light Company, a sturgeon eight feet long and weighing pounds was brought to the Government's subsidy.

Canada-South Africa Line will be cut this year \$125,000 to \$100,000. It was in the House of Commons in answer to a question, carried by this line to South during the last four years at a cost of \$8,000,000 from Canada and \$3,795,383 from United States.

Canada supplied one-third cheese imported into Great Britain during the last three years period, of 999,383,200 lbs., imported by Great Britain supplied 331,133,588 lbs., the U.S. 56,002,730 lbs., Italy 31,000,000 lbs., Australia 20,930,000 lbs., the States 9,969,424,000 lbs., all tries 23,531,104 lbs.

A comparison of employ the two Canadian railways is made in answers to a questions in the House of Commons. There are on the 20,523 Canadian National Railway employees and on the 43 of the Canadian Pacific 51,000 employees. The average per mile is 245 on the Canadian and 416 on the Canadian National.

A new record for a long telephone call from Canada regarding distance, was made at Ottawa, Tuesday, for Cesar A. Barranco, General for the Republic of Canada, put in a call to Havana, and was cut through.

The call scampers tawa to Montreal, three York, Richmond, Va.; J. Fla.; Key West and the miles undersea to Havana.

Two more Gow's Nest camps have broken with Mine Workers of America who controlled the Alberta from the start of the industry in that province, and Bellevue camps have formed branches of the International Union of Mine Workers.

The Canada-British conference, with a view of a new trade and tariff agreement between the two countries, is to be held in Ottawa next, according to an announcement made yesterday. Acceptance of the to attend this meeting is invited by the Dominion from Bermuda, Leeward Windward Islands, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras.

Sidney E. Smith, Public Works Department, was yesterday committed to the next Assizes on having forged signature of cheque paid into taxes amounting to \$2,443,477 gallons of the fiscal year ended in tax goes up, consequently seem to go down, just report of the Department. This shows the vicious four fiscal year collections were \$7,225,708 gallons.

The Canadian Bank main office at Saskatoon yesterday morning man at the point of a youth, afterwards identified as Lugos, 20, of Saskatoon, to be sentenced to three months in jail, placed under arrest, and into the bank vault, where he was held for three days, but not of the cigarettes in Canada in the fiscal 1924, nearly two and were smoked in Canada factories rolled 2,430,000,000 cigarettes that year, and ten-million. That ready-made "caspers" every man, woman and child were smoked in 1924, 966,700 exported. In to the number of consumed besides, about 30 cigars per population.

More beer and few Canada in 1924 is a part of the Department for the fiscal year 1924, number of licenses dropped from 66 to 48.