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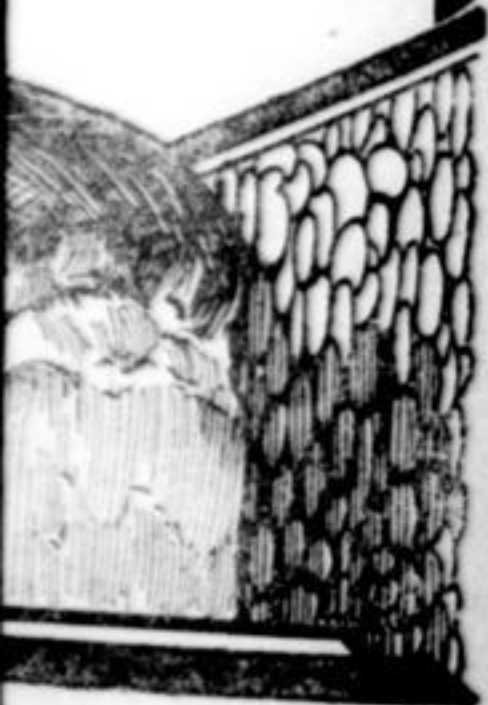
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## MOTOR LEAGUE MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

Local Motorists to Discuss Joining up With Georgian Bay Branch—Will Gather at Hahn House at 8 o'clock.

Durham motorists will gather at the Hahn House tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock to discuss the advisability of forming a local motor league and linking up with the Georgian Bay Motor Club.

Though several gathered at the meeting called for last Friday evening, the stormy weather kept a good many away, and those who assembled did not feel like going ahead with the proposition without the sanction of a more representative gathering. This meeting is not called for Durham motorists alone, but for the whole district surrounding Durham, and it is hoped residents of the townships interested will also attend, when the advisability of the formation of a local club will be discussed from all angles.

The Georgian Bay Motor Club is affiliated with the Ontario Motor League, and every motorist joining the local organization automatically becomes a member of the Motor League and thereby participates in its benefits.

These benefits consist of free legal advice in case of accidents or breaches of the Ontario Vehicle Act.

Any intended trip by members will be mapped out whether in Canada or the United States, giving the condition of roads, hotels, garages, etc. A map of Ontario is also furnished to each member.

Membership includes a year's subscription to Canadian Motorist, the official magazine of the League. An ornamental badge for the member's car is also supplied.

The League stands on guard to protect the rights of motorists, in so far as they are compatible with the public good, in supporting statutory measures and opposing detrimental ones.

Never has there been a time when so much legislation was in prospect or when the motorists' organization, the Ontario Motor League, was more needed than at present.

The more important legislative measures in prospect are the compulsory stop at railroad crossings, compulsory automobile insurance, lights on all vehicles and the tax on gasoline.

Space does not permit an exposition of the League's stand on all these questions, but a summary of the League's stand on the gasoline tax and what it is fighting for will be given here.

The League contends that the imposition of a gasoline tax should be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the license fee, and that motorists are at present contributing a fair share of the cost of road work.

The yellow and black direction signs, which prove such a help to motorists, are erected by the Ontario Motor League.

The formation of a local motor club is advocated with the idea of advertising the Georgian Bay country and obtaining our just quota of the American and Canadian tourist traffic that visits Ontario each summer. The Georgian Bay district has roads second to none in Ontario, but from a lack of proper publicity, this section of the province has not been receiving its share of the tourist trade. With good roads, a naturally beautiful country, and many other features, we have one of the most picturesque sections in all Ontario and a little judicious publicity is all that is needed to entice the tourist trade our way.

In linking up with the Georgian Bay Motor Club, local members automatically become members of the Ontario Motor League and share to the full its benefits.

It is to be hoped a good attendance will be on hand to hear the various points discussed tomorrow night. Besides bidding for the tourist traffic, the proper signposting of the country adjacent to Durham is to be undertaken, a necessary action as all will admit.

## FISHING SEASON OPENED ON FRIDAY MORNING

Cold, Backward Weather Interfered and Catches Were Light.

Heralded by a cold, north-west wind, accompanied by snow, the 1925 fishing season was anything but a success, and generally small catches were the rule.

A good many fishermen, however, game for a try, lined the banks of the various trout streams of the neighborhood augmented by some from St. Marys and other outside points, but the unpleasant weather soon damped their ardor, especially when the fish refused to bite.

The largest fish reported to us was one captured early in the morning by Howard McDonald, which weighed one pound and two ounces. It was a nice fish and was captured at McGowan's dam in town.

Tuesday of this week with warmer weather conditions, better luck was experienced when Messrs. Al- lie McIntyre and Graydon Moorhead each landed one weighing a pound and a half. Mr. Moorhead secured his in the big river south- west of town at what is known as Moffat's Hole. It was 15 1/2 inches long and had a depth through of 3 1/2 inches.



COMMANDANT H. A. HURD. Financial Representative of the Salvation Army, who will deliver his famous lecture on "The Underworld" in the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon.

## CONTINUING CHURCH FORMED LADIES' AID

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Week at Home of Mrs. J. M. Burgess in Upper Town.

A very large and enthusiastic meeting of the ladies of the Continuing Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. John Burgess on Wednesday evening April 29, for the purpose of organizing their first Ladies' Aid. Mrs. J. H. Harding was in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "O God of Bethel." Mrs. Harding then read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Andrew Derby led in prayer.

The ladies intend to hold work meetings at the different homes twice a month in both town and country, with a tea at the close of each meeting. They have already a membership of over 50. Mrs. James Hepburn, the new President, then took the chair, and the meeting closed by singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Hepburn; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. McCanell; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. John Morrison; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. McFadyen; Treasurer, Miss W. Park.

Executive Committee, Mrs. J. M. Burgess, Convenor, Mrs. Dan. McArthur, Mrs. Sam Patterson, Miss Kate McFayden, Miss Annie Smith, Mrs. John McGowan, Mrs. William McFadden, Mrs. Alex. McCormick, Mrs. Gordon Geddes, Mrs. Hugh Firth, Miss Calder; Pianist, Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder.

## CROP CONDITIONS BEST IN 20 YEARS

C. N. R. Report for Week Shows Seeding Well Advanced.

A feature of the Canadian National Railways' crop report for the week ending May 2 is the abundance of moisture in all districts throughout the Western Provinces, and the early advance in seeding operations over previous years. Prominent farmers in many districts, states the report issued at Winnipeg, declare that conditions this year are the best they have seen in almost twenty years. Dull, wet weather delayed operations during last week, but as all work is well advanced this has caused no uneasiness.

Early sown wheat is well above the ground in many districts of Manitoba and is looking splendid. Wheat seeding has been completed in many localities, and a fair percentage of coarse grains in the ground, with an increased acreage noted.

Saskatchewan reports backward weather conditions, but with more settled weather, rapid progress will be made and wheat seeding will be practically completed by May 15. Prospects everywhere are reported good.

Alberta farmers also suffered delay in operations, and some are holding back from seeding in the hope of warmer weather. There is abundant moisture everywhere and warmer weather will bring good growing conditions.

## NEW GASOLINE TRUCK

The Imperial Oil Company has speeded up the delivery end of its business here by the addition of a motor truck. Since the tanks have been placed on the C. P. R. property in the west end of the town, delivery here and at Pricerville has been made by horse team, and the installation of the motor on the delivery and no doubt will give better and quicker service to the patrons of the company.

## WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY

The following towns have decided on Wednesday afternoon as their weekly half-holiday: Arthur, Chesley, Grand Valley, Hanover, Listowel, Markdale, Newmarket, Owen Sound, Palmerston.

The towns that have chosen Thursday afternoon are: Creemore, Dundalk, Durham, Mount Forest, Shelburne, Teeswater, Walkerton.

If this is a democracy, why is it that a somebody hardly speaks to anybody?

## COM. H. A. HURD HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Noted Salvation Army Officer to Address Mass Meeting of Citizens in Methodist Church at 3.30.—Subject, "The Underworld."

As announced from the pulpits of the local churches last Sunday, Commandant H. A. Hurd of London, Financial Representative of the Salvation Army in Western Ontario, will deliver an address on "The Underworld" to a mass meeting of the citizens in the Methodist Church at 3.30 p.m. This is Self-Denial Week in the Army, and during the past few weeks, the services of Commandant Hurd have been in great demand throughout the province, where he has addressed meetings in the principal towns of the Western Ontario peninsula.

Sunday's meeting will be presided over by Mayor Murdoch, and besides the address, a program of singing and instrumental music will also be featured. The meeting will open promptly on time, and the opening hymn will be "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," sung by the congregation, and led by a massed choir. Then will follow an opening prayer by Rev. W. H. Smith, the introduction of the chairman by Mr. W. Laidlaw, and the chairman's address. During the program, Bandsmen Dicks and Hurd of London will give a musical duet. Local numbers on the program will be solos by Miss Katherine Lavelle and Mr. William Benson, and a duet by Misses B. Stonehouse and E. McComby. The closing hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," by the massed choir and congregation, followed by the closing prayer and the National Anthem will close the meeting.

Commandant Hurd's address on "The Underworld" has created a profound impression wherever given, and citizens of Durham should not miss this opportunity of learning something of the underworld society as it exists in Canada and other parts of the world.

Last Sunday, Commandant Hurd addressed overflow meetings in Owen Sound, and in reporting his address, The Daily Sun-Times of Monday said in part:

"The chief speaker of the day was Commandant H. A. Hurd, Financial Representative of the Army in Western Ontario, with headquarters in London, and his stirring messages, dealing principally with the details of the rescue work of the organization, went straight to the hearts of those who heard him, and he made a decidedly favorable impression. He is a convincing speaker, knows what he is talking about and places his facts and his figures before the people in a clear and understandable manner."

There is no doubt a capacity house will greet Commandant Hurd on his appearance here next Sunday afternoon.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN WEST

Mrs. James Vaughan Was For Some Years a Resident on Gravel Road North of Town.

Mrs. James Ewen of Bentinck received word this week of the death at Gull Lake, Sask., about three weeks ago of her aunt, Mrs. James Vaughan, who passed away after a short illness. She was about 65 years of age.

Mrs. Vaughan, who was formerly Miss Christine McGillivray, was married to the late James Vaughan about 45 years ago and after their marriage, they lived on the second of Glenelg, where Mr. Vaughan died some years ago. The family then moved to the gravel road about six miles north of here, and subsequently to Owen Sound, where they lived for some years. About 20 years ago, they moved to the West where they have since resided. A family of five sons and three daughters, all grown up, survive.

Mrs. Vaughan was an aunt of Mrs. James Ewen of Bentinck, Mrs. C. S. Dunsnoor of Durham, and related to the well-known Vaughan family of Glenelg.

No particulars have been received regarding her last illness.

## QUOIT PITCHING BOOMS WITH LOCAL SPORTS

Old-Time Game Becoming Popular and Many Exciting Games Played.

The old game of quoits, so popular here some years ago, is being revived here this summer, and already many exciting and close games have been played on the lot back of the Town Hall, where the local expert iron hurlers congregate nearly every evening and spend a pleasant hour.

Among the devotees, Mr. Thomas Moffat is most enthusiastic, and in recounting some of his proves the other day, challenged the editor of this paper to come over some evening when we are not busy and receive a good trimming. Further, he says if we know of anyone else who has quoining aspirations, to send them over, too, and he'll take great pleasure in administering a sound thrashing to them as well. Some day we're going to accept the challenge, but in the meantime will spend our spare time in limbering up for the big event.

## It's Mother



## PAVING PROGRAM DISCUSSED MONDAY

Town Council Had Late Session at Regular Meeting.—New Town Hall Also Under Discussion.

The May meeting of the Town Council, held Monday evening in the Council Chamber, sat until 11.15, and many and varied were the topics introduced. Mayor Murdoch was in the chair, and all other members of the Council were also present. The minutes as read were adopted, and the Finance Committee passed the usual monthly batch of accounts amounting in the aggregate to \$549.55.

Councillor Croft, during the discussion of the new Town Hall proposition, reported that the cost of the Hanover Town Hall, built in 1911-12, was \$13,000, but that an estimate of the present cost of the building would be in the neighborhood of \$23,000. Councillor Bell was in favor of repairing and decorating the present hall, as was Councillor Hunter, who claimed that the town was in no financial condition just now to go ahead with the erection of a new hall.

Reeve Calder had the plans and specifications of a new hall, prepared by the A. W. Connor Company. This hall could be built at a cost of \$19,000. Mr. Fleming, of the Connor Company, was present and addressed the Council, stating that the plans referred to a one-story building, with basement, 50x60 feet, and seating 450 people.

On motion of Bell-Noble, the Property Committee was instructed to call for tenders for the decoration of the upper part of the building, the matter being left in the hands of the Committee to have the work done as cheaply as possible.

In the discussion of the Transient Traders' License question, Councillor Bell said he thought that the local business men were entitled to a maximum of protection from itinerant traders and peddlers, and advocated the imposition of a license fee of \$10.00 per day, with each additional day at \$5.00. Reeve Calder strongly objected to the alleged high license fee suggested by Mr. Bell, but the matter was left over pending legislation on the matter.

The Treasurer's report was received, and the Assessor was paid \$80 on salary.

The next item of business was the introduction by Reeve Calder of the paving program. The program calls for a 20-foot pavement from the C. P. R. bridge in the east of the town to the C. P. R. crossing on Bruce Street. This, he said, would be paid 50 per cent by the County and 50 per cent by the Province. The Reeve was instructed to bring the matter before the County Council at its June meeting.

The unkept condition of the town dump was brought before the Council by Councillor McFadden. Messrs. J. McKechnie and W. A. McGowan were allowed a rebate of taxes on properties destroyed by fire, while the placing of a street light near Mrs. Orr's residence in the West of the town was left to the Fire and Light Committee. A by-law for the collection of poll tax was ordered prepared and will come before the Council at its June meeting.

## UNDERWENT OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS

Mrs. William McCormick, Taken Suddenly Ill, Under Surgeon's Knife.

Dr. D. B. Jamieson was at Pricerville Monday, where he operated on Mrs. William McCormick of that place for appendicitis. Her attending physician, Dr. Carr, assisted. From last reports, Mrs. McCormick is doing well and is expected to make rapid recovery. Miss Philip, R. N., a recent graduate of Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital, is in charge of the case.

## TWO SERVICES SUNDAY IN CONTINUING CHURCH

Rev. W. Croth of Waterloo to Conduct Both Services.

Arrangements have been made by the members of the Continuing Presbyterian Church here to hold two services next Sunday (Mother's Day) the morning service to be held at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 7 p.m.

Rev. William Croth of Waterloo will have charge of both services. Mr. Croth is said to be a powerful speaker, and it is hoped a large congregation will turn out to hear him, as well as to observe Mother's Day in a proper manner.

With the organization of a Ladies' Aid last week and a full staff of Sunday School teachers, the Continuing Church is now firmly established and enjoys a good attendance at all services.

## TWO MORE CHURCHES VOTE AGAINST UNION

Rocky Saugeen and Williamsford Congregations Join Ranks of Continuing Presbyterian Churches.

The voting in the Rocky Saugeen and Williamsford Presbyterian churches, which closed last night, resulted in both congregations going anti by large majorities. At the Rocky, the vote was 48 for and 27 against, and at Williamsford, 2 for and 30 against, a total majority against of 37. Dornoch congregation a couple of weeks ago gave a vote of 15.

These three churches constitute one parish, so the total majority against in the three churches is 52. All belong to Owen Sound Presbytery.

## HURT WHILE WORKING AT SAND CO. PLANT

Ernest McDonald Had Foot Injured When Block Slipped.

While engaged at his work loading cars at the plant of the Durham Stone and Sand Company's plant here yesterday morning, Mr. Ernest McDonald received an injury to his foot that will lay him off work for a couple of weeks. In placing a wooden block under the wheel of one of the cars, the block in some way slipped and struck his heel, bruising it and tearing some of the ligaments. We understand that while quite painful and badly bruised, the injury is not at all serious and he will be able to return to work in a few days.

## DURHAM HAS GAIN OF 65 IN YEAR

Assessor's Figures Show That Town Population Has Increased.

The figures of Mr. F. F. McIlraith, Assessor, show that during the past year, the population of Durham has increased by 65, the number of residents in 1924 being 1,562. The 1925 figures give 1,627 of a population. During the year, there were 26 births and 10 deaths.

## NO SERVICE SUNDAY IN TRINITY CHURCH

There will be no service next Sunday in Trinity Church, as the rector, Rev. J. H. Whealen, left Monday morning for Synod and will not return until some time next week. Services will be resumed as usual on May 17.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Reany Snell of town underwent an operation in the Red Cross Hospital for hernia and will be a patient there for the next couple of weeks. Rev. Mr. Sutherland of Pricerville was operated on at the hospital here Monday for the removal of tonsils.

## NEW C. P. R. TRAIN COMMENCED MONDAY

Walkerton-Owen Sound Service Commemorated With Big Banquet Tendered by Owen Sound Board of Trade.—C. P. R. Officials Present

The first direct train, Walkerton to Owen Sound, went over the road on Monday afternoon, and while not many look advantage of the opportunity to visit the Grey County Capital and return the same evening by train, those who did go were well repaid for their courtesy in recognizing the efforts of the C. P. R. to render efficient train service whenever possible.

The new service is nothing more than the usual afternoon train which, instead of lying at Saugeen Junction until the night train from Toronto, proceeds on to Owen Sound, returning in time to meet the north-bound Toronto train at Saugeen Junction, transferring the passengers as before and proceeding on to Walkerton.

The inauguration of this service has been extensively advertised during the past month, and with the addition of a banquet by the Owen Sound Board of Trade, it was expected that the majority of the hungry ones from the southern portion of the County would be on hand and assist the Owen Sound gastronomics in stowing away a share of the good things provided. But the attendance was not up to what it should have been. Mayor Good of Walkerton was the only representative of that town, with the exception of the crew of the freight train. Durham contributed five, Editor Ramage of the Durham Review, Messrs. E. A. Hay, Bryson Morlock, Jack McKee, and the editor of The Chronicle.

It was a small representation, but held up its percentage better than the rest. Hanover's only passenger on the afternoon train was old Jack, the umbrella mender, who got off at Durham and will be, for the next few days, busily at work repairing the Durham public's rain chutes in preparation for the dirty weather to come if the Chatsworth weather prophet's prognostications come true.

Arriving at Owen Sound, the train was met at the station by members of the Owen Sound Board of Trade with cars and taken to the Y. M. C. A. rooms where a magnificent spread awaited them. The President, Mr. George Menzies, presided. During the luncheon, some good community singing was indulged in, and following several short addresses were given by various members of the company. Mr. Beard of the C. P. R. operating staff was present, representing W. Fulton, unavoidably absent, and delivered a short address. Other speakers were Messrs. Mayor Christie, Murphy, W. T. Harris, C. A. Fleming and others of Owen Sound, and Reeve Meads of Plesherston, Mayor Good of Walkerton, and Editor Ramage of The Durham Review.

Possibly the brightest part of the program was the singing of Mr. McKillop, representing the C. P. R., and the man most responsible for the new service, who delighted the audience with a couple of his best numbers in his own inimitable style. As the train reached Owen Sound at 5.45 and was due to depart at 7.45, there was not much time to spare, and the banquet was of necessity shortened considerably in order that those participating might return home the same evening. It is to be hoped the train service will be a success, so much so that it will be continued indefinitely, as it will be a great convenience to those who on business or pleasure bent may wish to travel to the Scenic City quickly and pleasantly.

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## POST OFFICE TO CLOSE THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Local Office Shuts Doors at 1 o'clock During Holiday Season.

Postmaster Smith has received instructions from the Post Office Department authorizing him to close the post office at 1 o'clock Thursdays during the local half-holiday season. The Thursday half-holidays, commencing today, will be observed during the months of May, June, July, August and September.

## Smilin' Charlie Says



"About th' bravest people we know of are these birds who're claimin' credit fr startin' th' cross word puzzle fed"---