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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, July 9, 1925.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Annie C. MacKenzie of Toronto teaching staff, is visiting her brother, Duncan, in Montreal for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ivan Edwards of Toronto are spending their vacation with her mother, Mrs. Aldred, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Edwards at Traverston.

Miss Nellie Falkingham of Toronto is visiting with her parents here for a couple of days.

Mrs. Margaret Murdock of Buffalo and Miss Elizabeth Murdock of Washago visited last week with Mr. Franklin B. Murdock and family.

Miss Elizabeth P. Murdock, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Murdock, left last Monday morning for Toronto to take a summer course in vocal music.

Miss Mary M. Turnbull, who has been teaching the past year north of Kingston, was in Ottawa a few days, previous to returning home and left Saturday to take a supervisor's course at the Ontario College of Art, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Turner and family of Detroit arrived in town last week and will spend the next six weeks at their summer home at Bussan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cushnie of Toronto motored to town last week and are visiting at Mr. Alex. Rutherford's. Mr. Cushnie returns to the city in a few days, but Mrs. Cushnie will spend the next month in town during the absence of her sisters, Mrs. McKechnie and Mrs. Rutherford, in the West.

Mrs. N. McKechnie and Mrs. A. Rutherford left Monday for a month's holiday with Western relatives. They went by boat from Owen Sound to Port Arthur.

Mrs. A. M. Elliott returned this week from visiting with friends in Toronto.

Captain and Mrs. T. H. Stegman and baby, Dorothy Jean, of Toronto, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Allen.

Miss Maxine Lyons of Markdale is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Heughan spent the holiday in Milverton and London, visiting the latter's ailing sister.

Miss Ethel Greenwood left the beginning of the week to take a summer course in music at the Normal school, Toronto.

Mr. Alex. Lawson, of the Royal Bank staff, is holidaying in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turnbull and Mr. and Mrs. W. Weir visited the first of the week with Greenock friends.

Mr. Murray Davis of Toronto is holidaying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis, Glenelg.

Mr. Campbell Mitchell of Hamilton spent the week-end in town.

Misses Claire and Helen Aycarst of Owen Sound visited over Dominion Day with their sister, Mrs. Ernest McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chittick of Windsor is visiting his mother and sister here for a few days.

Mr. W. Hutton of Detroit is visiting his mother and sister here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pettigrew of Detroit are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. Arrowsmith. They will remain in Durham until about the middle of next week, visiting friends both here and in the immediate vicinity.

Misses Grace and Edith Smith of Guelph are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. A. Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mervyn and three daughters visited Sunday with the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey, in Walkerton.

Miss Janette Kerr, R.N., of London, is spending two weeks at her home at Varney.

Mr. A. Derby, Sr., of Hampden, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. James Kerr, at Varney. Mrs. Derby is over 90 years of age, is in excellent health and remarkably well preserved for a woman of her great age.

Misses Janette and Katie Kerr, of London and Elora respectively, are spending a few days in Toronto and visiting their brother, Mr. Kenneth Kerr, there.

Mrs. A. W. Davis and two children of Edmonton, Alberta, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Allen.

Miss V. Chadwick of Buffalo, N.Y., visited over the week-end with her aunt, Miss E. Chadwick, in Upper Town.

DR. DOOLITTLE HAD MUCH FUN IN FIRST AUTO

League, one must agree that the M. D. after his name must mean a London doctor as well as medical doctor. Still the fight goes on. Not a week but Dr. Doolittle gives of his energy and means to further the interests of his favorite hobby, and in so doing, he advances public weal by his accomplishments. The country and Toronto owe much to Dr. Doolittle, the spirit of the Motor League idea in Canada.

MADE HAMILTON TO TORONTO IN TWO DAYS WITH WINTON CAR IN 1908

The sheers and prophets at the beginning of the twentieth century could not foresee that by 1925 changes so stupendous as we have seen would take place. In the field of mechanics, the internal combustion engine was in its infancy, and the horseless carriage was but the hobby of the few venturesome and apparently foolhardy folk.

TORONTO'S FIRST AUTO

Toronto saw its first motor car in 1898, when the late Sir John Eaton, not to be outdone by John Moody of Hamilton, imported a "toy" car, a Daimler. In 1899, Dr. Doolittle, Toronto's nationally known good roads mentor, in that year purchased the original car imported by John Moody, and after a venturesome drive from Hamilton, proudly vied with "Jack" Eaton as the possessor of a horseless carriage.

SAW "THE BIG ONE" AT KITCHENER

Several car loads from Durham and vicinity journeyed to Kitchener last Saturday to witness the performance of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows.—A Wonderful Exhibition of the Best That is in the Show World.

DR. DOOLITTLE'S DRIVE

But to return to 1899. The doctor, after much "horse trading," succeeded in striking a bargain with John Moody of Hamilton, for his famous first car in Canada. The doctor bought the car and decided to drive to Toronto the same day. To start the doctor on the way, Mr. Moody acted as escort, riding a bicycle. On arrival at Burlington, Mr. Moody told the doctor he thought he (the doctor) could make the rest of the perilous journey alone.

ATTEMPT AT WRECKING

Dr. Doolittle had many amusing experiences with that old Winton and later models and makes during the next few years. He was the authority for things automotive in those early days, even as he is today. It was the customary thing for those who bought a car to get the doctor to take them out a time or two to show them how it was done. One of the doctor's favorite stories deals with a trip he had to Lake Simcoe driving a well-known Toronto publisher's car.

PLANNED A WRECK STORY

Returning at night by the assistance of a bright moon and two good coal oil lamps, they saw a log across Conger Street. At the same instant they saw the miscreant who placed it there with the evident intent to wreck the car (for our rural friends did not like motors in those days). After a short consultation, they decided to pursue the villain, capture him and lodge him in the toils. They caught him all right, but it was the wee sma' hours before they could find a jailer that would accept the prisoner. Court procedure took place, and as the prisoner was a constituent of the doughty Col. T. H. Lennox and was a good worker at the Lennox picnic each year, the Colonel took the case, and after many trials where judges and juries disagreed as to whether it was criminal to attempt to injure anyone foolish enough to drive one of "them dang things," the miscreant was discharged. Col. Lennox, in talking to the publisher said: "We all know my client put the log across the road, but you can't prove it." So the publisher in the end paid damages demanded for false arrest, and Col. Lennox had a larger majority than ever in North York next election.

CECIL BARBER, VARNEY UNDERWENT OPERATION

Admitted to Durham Hospital Tuesday Evening Suffering From Appendicitis.—Latest Reports Say Young Man is Doing Well.

Mr. Cecil Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Barber, south of Varney on the Provincial Highway, was admitted to Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital Tuesday evening suffering with an attack of appendicitis and underwent an operation that same evening, Drs. Jamieson, Smith and Bell being the surgeons.

Mr. Barber was seized with an attack about six o'clock, and his physician, Dr. Smith, on being summoned, deemed an immediate operation necessary and brought him back to the hospital in his car. Though and emergent operation and a serious case, the patient at last reports was doing well and barring complications, will be up and around again in the usual time.

BLINDED BY POWDER HE FOUND IN BOX

Boy Near Cargill Was Exploring Vacant House.—Others Uninjured. Jimmie Steffler, seven years of age, son of Leo Steffler, of the 10th Concession, Greenock, two and one-half miles west of Cargill, is totally blind as the result of an explosion which occurred when the lad discovered some explosives in a box while playing with several companions in an old vacant house in the neighborhood about 7 o'clock Sunday evening. None of his companions were injured by the explosion.

FARMER IN EGREMONT KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Found Dead in Field Surrounded by His Three Lifeless Horses. James Farrell, aged 68, a well-known farmer of the second concession of Egremont Township, was struck by lightning and instantly killed while returning from work in a field on his farm, one and a half miles south of Holstein during a severe electrical storm about six o'clock Monday evening. Three horses which he was driving at the time were all instantly killed.

WHEN DAUGHTER DRIVES

My daughter goes to college now, full seven miles away. And so, of course, she had to have a nifty new coupe. She drives away at 8 a.m. to make an early class; At 8.15, she phones for aid. The car is out of gas. She leads her class in chemistry; she's up in physics too; She oft experiments for hours on some foul-smelling brew. She knows at just what temperature a liquid starts to boil. But still she cannot be convinced that motor cars need oil.

DURHAM MARKET

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

THE NEW BERRY BOXES

Now that the season for berries is on, it might be well to inform the general public regarding a change which comes into effect this year with respect to the size of the berry boxes. Under the provisions of the new law, after July 1 this year, all of the berry boxes used in former years cannot be used unless it is expressly stamped

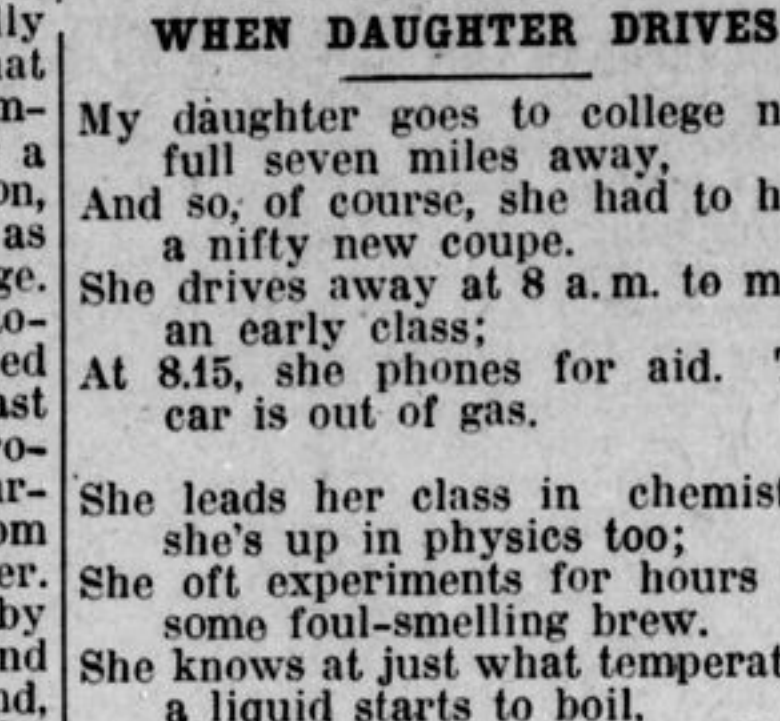
THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The LARGEST in the world, is now operating in Durham and Mt. Forest. Mr. A. L. Kastner, special representative, will be glad to answer any inquiries left at the Chronicle Office.

THE STAR CAR

THE ARISTOCRAT OF LOW-PRICED CARS. THE standardized low-priced car, built for service. Smartly attractive in design. The Star possesses a mechanical perfection not found in any other car of its class.

Let us give you a demonstration. McCabe & McLaughlin



TOWN COUNCIL HAD QUIET SESSION MONDAY

Not Much Business Done at July Meeting of Town Fathers Monday Evening.—Paving Program Not Yet Dead, According to Reeve Calder. The Monday session of the Town Council may safely be numbered among the shortest of the year, the Council rising about 10 o'clock after an uneventful night during which little but the ordinary routine business was put through. This in part may be attributed to the hot night, though in preparation for the big night of the year next month at which the rate is to be raised, it was not thought wise to undertake too much for the July meeting. All members were present with the exception of Councillor Macdonald, who has been out of town for the past week, and Councillor Noble still confined to his home through illness.

OUR PRICES ON FLOUR AND FEEDS

Pilot Flour, per bag, \$ 5.25
Maple Leaf Flour, per bag 5.25
Pastry Flour, 24-lb. bag 1.20
Standard Screenings, ton 28.00
Oat Chop, ton 35.00
Heavy Mixed Chop, ton 35.00
60% Flange, per bag 3.25
Feed Flour, per bag 2.25
Mixed Grain for Poultry, per bag 2.25

THE QUESTION OF THE RISE IN SALARY

The reading of the minutes of the past regular and special meetings was followed by the reading of communications, there being no deputations present. There were two discussions. Councillor Bell, in discussing one, an increase in salary for the caretaking of the hall, and the other from John Morrison requesting an rate of \$2.00 per day rent for the hall for the holding of Sunday Services and any other meetings during the week which may be held in connection with business of the Presbyterian Church, now using the hall for church and Sunday school purposes.

THE MATTER OF THE RENTAL OF THE HALL

The matter of the rental of the hall to the Presbyterian church for Sunday services, and for any week night services they might care to hold, at a rate of \$2.00 a day was next gone into. The church has been paying the regular rate of \$4.00 a day for the hall, but this rate was cut in two and made retroactive to April 19. Councillor Bell accepted himself on record as against any reduction in the rent. The hall he said, was not a paying proposition, and while the rate of \$4.00 a day in the summer might appear pretty steep, the cost of heating the winter would quickly eat up these profits, and the town at the end of the year would still find the hall operated at a deficit.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The report of the Finance Committee was received, and accepted, totalling \$568.46 were passed. In the reports of the special committee, Reeve Calder dealt at considerable length with the paving program, telling of the recent meeting in Toronto in which the suburban municipalities of Grey county interested in the program, waited on the Minister of Public Highways, the Hon. G. S. Hooper last week and had been well received. The Reeve stated that the paving program was not dead, any means and that as a result of the Toronto meeting, a special meeting of the County Council, been called for Friday of this week when the matter of paving would be taken up once more. The expenses to Toronto, amounting \$15.25, were ordered paid on resolution.

THE MATTER OF THE COLLECTION OF POLL AND DOG TAX

The matter of the collection of poll and dog tax was another matter taken up and will be gone into immediately, Thomas Daniel being the collector.

THE POOR CONDITION OF THE STREET WALL IN FRONT OF THE ST. PATRICK UNITED CHURCH

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THE HAWKERS' AND PEDDLERS' LAW

The Hawkers' and Peddlers' Law was laid over to the September meeting when it will be taken and finally disposed of. There is considerable difference of opinion on this, some of the Council taking the view that the By-Law through various readings Monday night, finally compromising on a final proposal next September.

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