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## MADDENED STEER MADE THINGS LIVELY

**Broke Loose From Stockyards Saturday and Held Centre of Interest for Hour or More.**

We have sometimes heard this hub of the universe dubbed a "one-horse town," but last Saturday during the noon hour, it could with safety and perfect regard for the truth have been referred to as a "one-steer city."

The cause was a fractious animal of the Polled Angus type owned by Mr. Harry Moffat of Glenelg which with a companion, became unruly at the stockyards and came down at the main thoroughfare going south at a pace that would remind one of the northerners at present hiking for Florida to purchase water-logged lots at exorbitant prices.

The animals were overhauled near the southerly boundary of the corporation, and while one of them was captured and brought back to town, the posse in pursuit had to be satisfied with tying the other one up, with the intention of returning later for the remaining culprit.

The steer figured differently, however, and while the gang was up town cleaning up a good dinner, it broke loose and started up town on its own. Being blindfolded did not improve its disposition, and on the road up, it was in a condition to charge almost anything that moved. Opposite The Chronicle office, it charged a pedestrian and coming through the big snow-bank in front of these premises, came within an ace of landing through the Henderson bakery window. A Tory steer of a Tory owner, it evidently believed that in the Tories lay safety, and it lay down in the snow in front of this den of Toryism to rest.

Recuperating its strength, it proceeded through the town, and all went well until near McFadden's drug store when the animal charged John Snell. Being young and nimble, Mr. Snell executed a couple of Pavlova's most intricate steps, and though his legs gained a momentum that reminded us of the movements of a professional pianist's fingers when he is "doing his darnedest," he jumped to safety with not too much to spare.

Heading eastward, the animal next turned down the lane back of the Central drug store block and finally hove to at the rear of Campbell's transfer barn, where the crowd followed. The problem of capture was still a conundrum, when someone thought of Jim McLaughlan, Durham's Tom Mix, and Will Rogers combined, who procured a rope and lassoed the animal which was then loaded into a sleigh and taken back home to cool off.

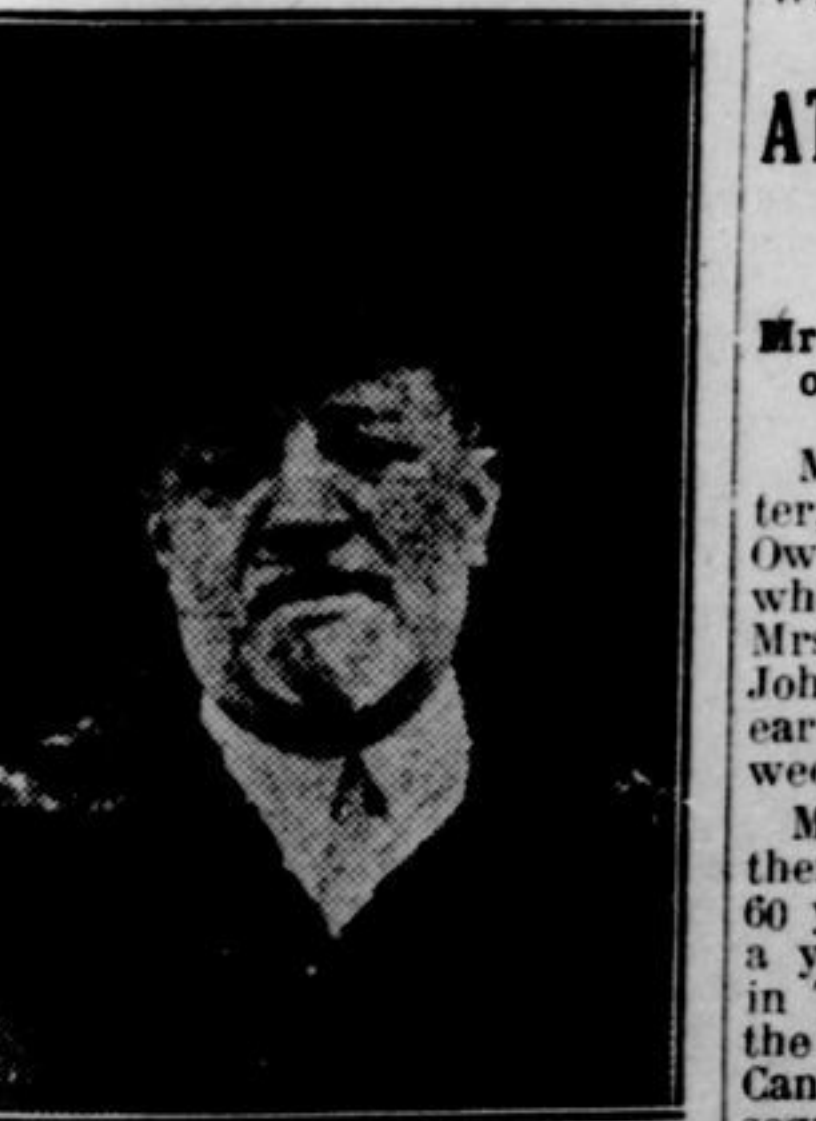
During the whole fiasco, no damage was done to anything, but the dignity of some of our most austere citizenry who, though stern and decorous in their ordinary travels through life, looked decidedly foolish as they hit the high spots for safety and left the field of battle solely in the possession of a lone little Polled Angus steer whose only concern was in trying to find the road to go home.

## AB. KRESS IN GOAL MADE HIT WITH FANS

**Durham Boy Playing With Western University Team Was Star of Game**

Reporting the intercollegiate intermediate series game between the University of Western Ontario, London, and the O. A. C. team, Guelph, played in London on Tuesday night, the former won 2-1. Playing goal for London is Albert Kress of this town, of whom the despatch says: "Kress, the stellar goaler of Western University, was the star of the game. He cleared numerous shots and came out from the nets to break up rushes when the 'Aggies' worked past the local defenses."

The despatch further says: "Western will play McMaster University in Toronto on Thursday afternoon in the deciding game for the group championship. Western have won one game and tied two, while McMaster have won one and tied one."



COUNT VOLPI

Italian ambassador to Great Britain, who has succeeded in making a debt settlement with Great Britain whereby Italy pays only a part of the war debts due. Britain makes the sacrifice in order to maintain the good will of the Italian people.



HON. H. H. STEVENS

Who has precipitated an extraordinary situation in parliament by charging the government with the knowledge that a man appointed Chief of the Preventive Staff for the districts of Montreal and Quebec in the Customs Department, was known to be chief of a smuggling gang.

## REV. FRANCIS RYAN DIED IN OWEN SOUND

**Former Rector of Trinity Church Passed Away Friday Morning in 79th Year.—Interment Took Place Tuesday at Bayfield.**

Rev. Francis Ryan, a former rector of Trinity church here, died early Friday morning of last week at his home at 1068 3rd avenue west, Owen Sound. This was the text of a brief message received here Saturday last.

The Rev. Mr. Ryan was one of the oldest Anglican clergymen in Huron diocese and was ordained by the late Bishop Helmuth in 1872. Since that time, among other places, he had been rector at Parkhill, Exeter, Brussels, Florence, Tillsonburg, Dundalk, Durham and Fairmont in Euphrasia Township. Mr. Ryan left Durham about 25 years ago for Fairmont, and though superannuated ten years ago, he was active up to two days of his death. He was a wonderful student, an inveterate reader and excelled in his knowledge of Greek and Latin.

The deceased was born in the County of Middlesex in 1847 and received his theological learning at Western University, London. He married Kathrine, daughter of the late Major W. W. O'Connor of Bayfield who predeceased him four years ago. Surviving him are Miss Ethel Ryan and Rev. Charles Ryan of Owen Sound, and F. C. Ryan of St. Catharines.

The funeral was held from St. George's Anglican church, Owen Sound, Monday afternoon where a very impressive service was conducted by the rector, Rev. J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton, and which was very largely attended. Dr. Naughton received a message from the Bishop of Huron at London announcing his inability to be present and requesting him to act as his representative. Rev. A. Brant Thomas of St. Thomas' church, Owen Sound North, represented the Deanery of Grey. Among those who attended were a large number of public school teachers who had received permission to close their schools in order that they might pay their tribute of respect to one who had always taken a great interest in educational matters and who was very popular among the teachers.

The text chosen was from Hebrews 4:9 "There remained therefore a rest to the people of God."

The remains were taken from Owen Sound on the morning of C. N. R. train Tuesday for interment at Bayfield, the Bishop of Huron meeting the train at Stratford and accompanying them to their last resting place where he conducted the last funeral rites. The pall bearers were Messrs. David Rutherford, John Parker, James McLaughlan, R. H. McWilliams, J. W. Tackaberry and W. F. Mills.

## ATTENDED FUNERAL AT OWEN SOUND

**Mr. John R. Sproule Was Brother of Late Joseph Sproule of Glenelg.**

Mrs. Joseph Sproule and daughter, Mrs. Roy Lawrence, were in Owen Sound Thursday of last week where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Sproule's brother-in-law, Mr. John R. Sproule, who passed away early Tuesday morning following a week's illness from pneumonia.

Mr. Sproule was born in the northern part of Ireland upwards of 60 years ago, came to Canada when a young man and lived for a time in Toronto. After a time spent in the Peace River district in Western Canada, he returned to Ireland, subsequently returning to live in Owen Sound. Besides his wife, whom he married some twenty years ago, he is survived by one brother, Samuel Sproule of Mount Forest, and a sister in Ireland. He was a Presbyterian, an Orangeman, and a man held in great respect.

Mr. Sproule was a brother-in-law of the late J. P. Telford of Durham.

## BAKE WAGON HORSE KNEW REQUIREMENTS

**Broke Away From Driver and Took Himself to Blacksmith Shop to Have Shoe Set.**

From time to time, our readers no doubt have read of the many intelligent acts of animals, and the one recounted below of a local animal will be of more than ordinary interest.

"Barney" is the delivery horse on Rowe's bakery wagon in town, and for the past three or four years, we have often been amused with his antics when standing in front of the store opposite this office. When tired, Barney lies down at will and often stays there till the driver is ready to start, when he gets up and goes merrily on his way. He never seems to break any part of his harness or the rig, will not attempt to run away and can do a good many other amusing stunts without getting into trouble.

His latest, however, is a good one. One day last week, he threw a shoe, and finished the day's work without argument. The next morning, however, when his driver, Sherwood Rowe, thinking the absence of the shoe would not hurt him in the soft snow, went to hitch him up, Barney broke loose and headed straight for Pete McLean's blacksmith shop, where he is always shod. Poking his head through the door, he stood there pawing until let in and the missing shoe replaced.

Mr. McLean can verify our statement, though he is not prepared to say the equine's intelligence is sufficiently developed to think the matter out. He does say that the horse never did this before and, with the writer, is inclined to think that the horse knew what he wanted and went after it, as he is "a wise old owl" in a god many other ways.

## THREE TIMES MAYOR OF SWIFT CURRENT

**Arthur Webber, Former Bentsink Boy, Returned Mayor for Third Consecutive Time.**

The Chronicle, like other citizens of the vicinity, is pleased to learn of the success of former Durham and neighborhood boys who have made good, and though the news is a bit belated, the recent success of Mr. Arthur Webber in being elected Mayor of Swift Current, Sask., will be good news to his former friends here as well as to the members of his immediate family who live on the 2nd of Bentsink about a mile from Durham corporation limits.

Mayor Webber's majority of 283 over his opponent was a most gratifying one to him, and the fact that this is his third consecutive term shows that it was given on his regarded worth as the city's chief executive.

Mr. Webber has been a resident of Swift Current for many years, where he conducts a real estate and insurance business. He is a son of Mrs. Robert Webber, well-known in this locality.

## QUEEN ST. MISSION BAND HELD SOCIAL EVENING

**Annual Concert Last Friday Evening Was Pleading Appeal, With Young Members in Full Charge.**

On Friday evening last, the Mission Band of the Queen Street church held their annual concert under the direction of their superintendent, Mrs. William Wiggins, assisted by Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Glas and Miss Lawrence. George Hay was in the chair, and instead of the time honored chairman's address, delivered an interesting recitation, as did also Clara Traynor and Elsie Greenwood. Trios were rendered by Misses Falconer, Holmes and Lawrence, and by Misses Florence and Jack McLean and Frances Hay. Musical solos on the piano by Genevieve Saunders and Iris Huggill were also on the programme, as were readings by Christine Goodchild and Jasper Greenwood and two choruses by the members of the Mission Band.

After the programme, there was a social hour when some of the young folk went a fishing, others "went a selling baskets of home-made candy," and the older folk wrestled with eighteen problems relating to "age." Then came supper and home going, everybody happy because they had a good time, and a substantial sum had been added to the funds.

## INTERESTING ADDRESS AT PRESBYTERIAN MEETING

Rev. B. D. Armstrong, pastor of the Durham Presbyterian church, held a largely attended prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McFadyen on Wednesday evening, February 3. Those present were treated to a very fine address on Chinese Missions by Miss Huggill, a Montreal deaconess, and at one time, a co-worker with Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong in South China.

## WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. F. Louis Barber, M.A., Ph.D., bursar of Victoria College, Toronto, will preach in Knox United church Sunday morning and in the Queen Street church on Sunday evening.

## DAYS WE'LL NEVER FORGET



## "GRANDMOTHERS' DAY" WAS GREAT SUCCESS

**Durham Branch of Women's Institute Held Unique Meeting at Home of Miss Annie Weir Last Thursday.**

The Women's Institute gathered at the home of Miss Annie Weir on Thursday last for their February meeting. The day was fine and a goodly number of ladies were in attendance.

Miss P. Wolfe, as convenor of the committee appointed to arrange for a short play to be given at the "At Home" the first Thursday in March, gave her report as to what had been done. It was arranged that this be an open meeting and that it be held in the Town Hall. It was decided to ask for a speaker for the Summer Series meeting next summer, the subject to be chosen later. Mrs. McIlraith, secretary for South Grey District, reported on the meeting of the executive in regard to the adoption financially of an Armenian boy at Georgetown by the Institutes in South Grey of which there are eleven. Two hundred dollars a year for five years is required for this purpose, thirty dollars a year being Durham's share. The First Aiders' class were given permission to use the coal oil stove purchased by the Institute, for their demonstration on candy and cake baking which they were to hold on Saturday.

The program for this meeting was quite unique, being taken by the grandmothers, and they certainly can present a good program. A grandmother, Mrs. S. Patterson, was voted to the chair during the rest of the program. Their opening number was a chorus "Just a Sunny Smile," and Mrs. Gross was accompanist.

A reading by Mrs. Thomas McComb and a song by Mrs. Giles, also a reading by Mrs. W. Weir, Sr., were all good numbers. Mrs. Andrew Derby was most interesting in a sketch of Dr. John Watson, better known as Ian MacLaren, one of Scotland's most beloved writers. His talk, it was said, was more marvelous than either his writings or his public speaking. Gaelic was the language he spoke, and all Scottish lovers admire MacLaren's writings. "Be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle," Dr. Watson has said. All classic in every walk of life mourned his passing. Mrs. Thomas McGirr, with her Scottish accent, read an extract of "Through the Flood," by Ian MacLaren, and the number was much enjoyed. Mrs. A. Knisley also contributed a reading. At the close of the meeting, the grandmothers served an excellent lunch.

## ATTENDED FUNERAL AT CAYUGA ON FRIDAY

**Late Mrs. Cline Was Last of Her Family and Had Been Invalid for Some Time.**

Mr. William Burnett was in Cayuga last week in attendance on the funeral of his aunt, the late Mrs. Cline, who died following a long illness in her 90th year. Mrs. Cline was the last of a family of twelve and was a sister of the late A. H. Burnett of this town who died on December 18 last in his 81st year. Mrs. Cline was born in Avon, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and came to Canada with her parents and family in 1854, the family subsequently removing to Glenelg about 1856. The deceased had been an invalid for some time, never fully recovering from a broken hip and being forced to use crutches. Death occurred on Wednesday of last week and interment was made Friday.

## ILL AT EDMONTON

We regret to learn of the illness in an Edmonton hospital of Mr. John T. Russell, an old resident here. Mr. Russell will be pleased to see any old Durham friends in the Western city who care to call on him.

## HOLSTEIN UNITED HELD ANNIVERSARY

**Knox Choir, Durham, Provided Program Monday Evening, and Ladies' Aid of Holstein Church Served Supper.—Other News of Village by Our Own Correspondent.**

The anniversary services of the United church were held last Sabbath. This church was built in 1878 and dedicated in February 1879. Large morning and evening congregations greeted the Rev. Mr. Aiken of Drayton. Mr. Aiken took as morning subject from Proverbs, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and for the evening, "Deep Calleth unto Deep." The home choir rendered excellent service during the day. The offerings were free and liberal amounting to nearly \$450.00.

On Monday evening, the Ladies' Aid provided an abundant tea and realized over \$60.00. An excellent program was given after tea and was provided largely by the Knox church choir, Durham, fifteen in number. Besides four anthems by Mrs. Porter and Miss Blyth and by Miss Smith of Heachville, visiting her uncle, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Smith and family at Durham. A quartette by Misses Hunter and Bell and Messrs. Lang and G. Bell, and a trio by Misses Jean Hepburn, Ina Burnett and Peter Ramage were also well received.

Rev. W. Johnston gave a short address and Mr. Aiken rendered three solos and also gave a couple of readings in the usual interesting manner of the natives of Quebec. As there were more estates than were consumed on Monday evening, a supper was given on Tuesday evening, the proceeds of the event amounting to about \$240.00.

Mr. Walter Hastie left Tuesday for Owen Sound where he will be engaged for the next two weeks in auditing the County accounts. The annual meeting of the Holstein Public Library Board was held in the library room Wednesday evening of last week. The following officers were elected: President, Walter Hastie; Treasurer, D. P. Coleridge; Secretary, Mrs. George Hosmer. (Continued on page 4)

## WON FIRST PLACE IN ORATORY CONTEST

**George L. Dunn, of Moose Jaw, Sask., Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw of This Town, Displayed Rare Talent in Contest Last Month**

Police Magistrate Laidlaw received word last week that his grandson, George L. Dunn, son of Mr. W. F. Dunn, of Moose Jaw, Sask., and a former barrister here, had won first place among four contestants in the Bryant Oratory contest held at Moose Jaw on January 29. The contest was completed for in the presence of three judges, and the young scholar is to be congratulated on his showing. George was born in Durham seventeen years ago and spent the first two years of his life here when his parents moved to Moose Jaw, where they have since resided.

The subject chosen was "The British Empire, Its Problems and Possibilities," and he is reported in a Moose Jaw newspaper to have handled it in a very eloquent and masterful manner, outlining the progress of the world's greatest empire and comparing it with those of ancient Babylon, Greece and Rome. He showed how by adverse movements of some of the great leaders, these magnificent states had fallen into decay until now there was but a vague impression left. "Will our British Empire follow in the footsteps gone before and bring her people to ruin and destruction in like manner? That," said the speaker, "is for us to decide; let us guard against it."

Mr. Dunn will compete with outside candidates for the Bryant Shield in the near future. It goes without saying that the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn join in congratulating their son and themselves on the oratorical ability displayed and a hope for success in the final contest.

**BOUGHT RESIDENCE**  
 The residence of the late W. Irwin on Garafraxa street was purchased last month by Mr. C. B. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence got possession February 1 and now occupies the building.

## Smilin' Charlie Says



"I have did the same thing Lincoln done - educate myself says Bill Byers --"



MISS LEILA BROOKS

The Canadian woman champion skater who took the honors in her class at the championship meet at St. John when Canadians won all the championships.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOARD MET LAST WEEK

**Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees Principal Business.**

At the statutory meeting of the High School Board of last week, the following officers were re-elected for the year: Chairman, John Morrison; Secretary, Dr. J. F. Grant. The Educational and Property Committees were also re-elected. Educational—Messrs. C. Ramage, Dr. Wolfe and H. R. Koch. Property—H. McCrae, John Smith and C. L. Grant.

Reeve Bell was present and reported to the Board that the delayed grant for 1924 which in some manner had been overlooked last year, had been secured by him at the recent session of the County Council and would be paid at the meeting of the Council at the June session if properly applied for.

The following outside appointments to the Board were made: By the County Council, C. L. Grant for three years; by the Town Council, H. R. Koch, for three years; by the Durham Public School Board, H. McCrae for one year. In his report, Principal Robb gave an enrolment of 105, with an average attendance of 100. This is lower than usual owing to prevailing sickness and inclement weather, and will in all probability be higher in the spring and summer months.

## Tit for Tat

"Two problems our pioneer women didn't have," says the Detroit Free Press, "were cigaret stains on their fingers and chapped knees." Two problems the modern women haven't are snuff stains on their teeth and whale-bone corsets.—Louisville Times.