

## 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 11, 1926.

## UNHEEDED ADVICE

Roger W. Babson, the noted statistician, might well save his wind when he warns his readers to get out of debt and stay out. In a recent bulletin, Mr. Babson says we are living too high, borrowing too much money to meet personal expenses and buying too much on credit. Coming as it does from a man of Mr. Babson's known reputation, his warning might well be heeded, but it is dollars to doughnuts that his warning falls on unheeding ears, and the public will go on living above its income, and when pay day arrives, complain about its poor luck in inability to meet its debts. The 1926 public has lost sight of the old axiom that "a dollar saved is a dollar earned," and instead of putting by a few dollars for a rainy day, about seventy-five per cent of the population is praying for dry weather with never a thought of the possibility of its prayers never being answered.

"You can't have your cake and eat it too" is another of the old-time sayings that has long ago been discarded and thrown into the waste-paper basket. This apparently is the spending, and not the saving age, and a good many of our present-day spenders will no doubt realize before their "Last Post" is sounded the value of the Houses of Refuge scattered all too thickly throughout the country.

This may be a gloomy Gus picture of events as they will be possibly only a few short years from now, and no one more than ourselves would wish it to be greatly exaggerated, but with people of moderate circumstances investing all their hard-earned savings in every modern amusement or pleasure device that can be turned out in these days of invention and production, we see nothing else for it.

Nowadays a man who hesitates to pay his grocery or meat bill for forty or fifty dollars has no compunction about putting a couple of thousand dollars into a high-class motor car (to be paid for in installments of course), or two or three hundred dollars in a radio outfit that will keep him up to nights and further waste his energies.

Mr. Babson also warns his readers against the instalment business and says: "Those in the business may be smiling now, but they will be the saddest and most hated individuals on the face of the earth within a few years. Today banking conditions are sound, but credit conditions, taking the country as a whole, are very bad, owing to the great growth of the instalment business that is honeycombing the entire country. This means that a credit panic of large proportions will some day come again."

But what's the use? The spenders will continue to spend, and when the panic comes, these same spenders who have wasted their substance in riotous living will doubtless turn socialist and want the frugal, careful chap who has saved his money to "split" with him and help tide him over the hard times.

## SEVERAL CASES TO COME UP AT COURT WEDNESDAY

Magistrate Laidlaw Adjournd One Case for Two Days.

There was no session of the police court on Monday, says the Owen Sound Sun-Times. Over the weekend, three arrests were made by the police for drunkenness, but they were allowed to go on bail to appear before Magistrate Laidlaw on Wednesday morning. Another drunk who was arrested on Friday last, and who spent the time since then at the county jail, was brought up on Monday morning, but his case was also adjourned until Wednesday.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO HAVE CHARGE OF SERVICE

Next Sunday morning and evening the services in Queen Street church will be in charge of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. James Tucker of Arthur will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening, and at the latter service, besides a ladies' choir, a pageant will be given by the young ladies of the Mission Circle.

## I. O. O. F. MEMBERS RECEIVED JEWELS

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and further to marry the best looking and most accomplished girl of the neighborhood, closing with the remark that he had done it, though he often wondered yet how he had been the successful suitor. His remarks were warmly received, and very much appreciated.

Mr. Bert Stonehouse made the presentation to Mr. Yirrs and, though he commenced his duty with the remark that making addresses was not his forte, delivered quite an acceptable oration before he finished. Mr. Yirrs replied briefly, paying a glowing tribute to the I. O. O. F. and telling of the many good qualities of the society.

To Mr. E. D. McClocklin fell the honor of pinning the jewel on Mr. A. H. Jackson. In his address, he stressed the point that the jewel was a reward for services rendered and paid a decided compliment to Mr. Jackson when he said he was not going to compliment him upon receiving it. Rather, he was going to compliment the Order on having such men as Mr. Jackson become members. To Mr. Jackson more than to any other one man, Durham Lodge deserved its present strong position financially. In replying Mr. Jackson considered it a great honor and privilege to receive this jewel. He had never been sorry that he had become a member of the I. O. O. F., and though a member of two other well-known and highly regarded societies, one for 40 years and another for 34, he thought that the I. O. O. F. will give a young man more for his money than any other organization in existence. He strongly advised the young men of the community who were not already members to join up with the Odd Fellows, one of the great, if not the greatest society in the world today.

Following a humorous quartette, "The Fortune Teller," by Misses Bell and Hunter and Messrs. G. Bell and C. Lang, with Miss Ramage as accompanist, Rev. W. H. Smith was called upon for an address.

## MR. SMITH'S ADDRESS

Choosing for his subject, "Beginner's Luck," Mr. Smith in both humorous and serious vein, held his audience for possibly half an hour while he drove home various truths in a manner perhaps never before listened to from a local platform.

He chose the amateur rather than the professional in the game of life and stated that it is often gift, not talent, that wins. He cited that many of the great writers, past and present, were more successful in their first, or amateur offerings than they were later when they had reached the professional stage.

Burns, Thackeray, George Eliot, Bryant and others lived in their first offerings rather than in subsequent ones.

Alexander the Great had changed the map of Europe before he was 30 years of age, Gustavus Adolphus was dead at 38, Cortez was not 30 when he went on his voyage of discovery to South America, Pascal, the French philosopher was but 20 when his best work was finished and died at 39.

Mr. Smith said these examples should serve as a great incentive to all of us. Canada, too, should benefit. It was a young country, has great visions and dreams, and now only faith is needed to make her the outstanding country of the universe. It was these visions and dreams and faith, not the precedents of the older lands that should govern, and being a young man's country, only these were needed for her success. Canada is the finest country, and has the finest future if only the young people had the necessary faith. Canada should lead the world. She had led the world in the last war. When she entered the conflict, war with her was an unknown quantity, but how quickly and magnificently had she risen to the occasion and done all and more than was demanded of her. The Great War had opened the eyes of the world to Canada, and when it came to smashing the Hindenburg line, it was the Canadian soldier, the "amateur" soldier, who was selected to do the almost impossible.

Mr. Smith thought that the greatest thing was to have faith in yourself. If you have this, you can do nearly anything. The address was one of the best of the many good ones that we have listened to from this versatile speaker and made a good impression on his hearers.

The evening's program was concluded by a solo from Mr. G. W. Lang, after which the refreshments were served, and the next hour was spent pleasantly, we would judge, in attending to the wants of the inner man from the apparently inexhaustible supply provided. These consisted of sandwiches, cake, ice-cream and coffee, with plenty to spare.

The 1926 social evening of the Grey Lodge I. O. O. F. will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant ever given here.

## REWARDED FOR SERVICE IN ROYAL ARCH MASON

Mr. E. D. McClocklin, of this town and former Principal of Durham Chapter Royal Arch Masons, was, at the meeting of Grand Chapter held in Toronto two weeks ago, appointed a Grand Stewart in recognition of past services to the society. Henry Corke of Georgetown was elected Grand Superintendent of Wellington, a position held last year by Mr. S. D. Croft, of Durham Lodge, now residing at Goderich.

## WILL HOLD SKATING PARTY

The members of Knox church choir are holding a skating party in the rink on Friday evening of this week.

A natural fool is more endurable than the educated variety.

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## LOST AUNT BY DEATH

A recent issue of The Paisley Advocate contains the announcement of the death on January 28 at the home of a daughter in Toronto of Mrs. Robert Monkman in her 92nd year. Mrs. Monkman, whose maiden name was Kezia Poole, was born over 92 years ago, was a pioneer of Arran Township in Bruce County, and a woman held in high esteem. Interment was made in Mount Hope cemetery in Bruce near Paisley. Mrs. Monkman was an aunt of Mrs. (Dr.) Wolfe of this town.

## DIED IN SASKATCHEWAN

Word has been received here of the death in a Saskatoon hospital on Saturday, February 27, of Mr. George Spark of Bradwell, Sask., husband of the former Miss Elizabeth Marshall of Allan Park. Mr. Spark was taken down with the flu, and though removed at once to the hospital at Saskatoon, medical aid was unable to save his life. Mrs. Spark is a daughter of Mr. James Marshall, formerly of Bentinck, and a cousin of the Marshall families in Normandy.

## BOUGHT STORE BUILDING

A real estate deal was concluded early this week whereby D. M. Saunders, gent's furnisher, acquires from J. A. McLachlan his store on West Garafraza street now occupied by McDonald & McElvey as a pool room.

Mr. Saunders gets possession on the 15th of next month but will have the building overhauled and made suitable for his requirements before moving in. We have not been informed as to the intentions of Messrs. McDonald & McElvey.

## STRICKEN WITH NOSE-BLEED

Last evening Mrs. J. A. Aldred of this place was taken ill with nosebleed, and while not regarded seriously for a time, her condition became so bad that a physician's services were required to stop the flow. We are pleased to report her condition this Wednesday evening as considerably better and rapidly improving.

## MOVING TO TORONTO

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lindsay have decided to remove to Toronto, and that object in view are holding an auction sale of their household effects on the 20th inst. Mr. Lindsay has rented his residence to Mr. Roy Belfry of the Hydro staff who gets possession April 1 on a year's lease.

## WHAT IS INITIATIVE

The world bestows its big prizes both in money and honors, for but one thing.

And that is initiative.

What is initiative? I'll tell you: It's doing the right thing without being told.

But next to doing the right thing without being told is to do it when you are told once. That is to say, carry the Message to Garcia: those who can carry a message get high honors, but their pay is not always in proportion. Next, there are those who never do a thing until they are told twice. Such get no honors and small pay.

Next, there are those who do the right thing only when necessity kicks them from behind, and these get indifference instead of honors, and a pittance for pay. This kind spends most of its time polishing a bench with a hard-luck story.

Then, still lower down in the scale than this, we have the fellow who will not do the right thing even when someone goes along to show him how and stays to see that he does it. He is always out of a job, and receives the contempt he deserves, unless he happens to have a rich Pa, in which case Destiny patiently awaits around the corner with a stuffed club.

To which class do you belong?

## APPLY BRINE TO SOFT COAL

If you sprinkle the soft coal with brine before putting it in the furnace, you will eliminate the smoke to a great degree, it is stated. It will also increase the heat units about 30 per cent.

## CHANGING SEED GRAIN

A question commonly debated among farmers is "Does it pay to change seed periodically?" says L. H. Newman, Dominion Cerealist. The fact that greater yields frequently result from the use of seed secured from some outside source, has led to the very common belief that seed may lose its ability to reproduce satisfactory returns after it has been grown on the same farm for a few years. Another class argues quite as vigorously in attempting to prove that seed actually should improve in its ability to yield the longer it is propagated on the same farm. In other words, they assume that it becomes acclimated and better fitted to cope with the conditions under which it has been growing.

The Dominion Experimental Farm, composed as it is of numerous widely separated branch farms and working in close co-operation with local co-operators, is in a particularly good position to study the question from all angles.

Without going into detail, our observations to date lead us to the conclusion that a change of seed should be made only in the following cases:

(a) When seed of better and more serviceable sorts than those now being used are available. This can only be determined by carefully testing other sorts which seem to promise better than those now being cultivated. In the meantime, the old sort should be continued until absolute proof is obtained to the relative standing of the new introduction. It may happen that changed conditions on a farm make a change of sort desirable.

(b) When a sort has become mixed with other sorts.

(c) When the crop becomes seriously damaged by reason of unfavorable weather or other agencies. It may happen, however, that seed of fair quality may be obtained from a crop which is partially damaged, but in no case should such seed be used until it has been tested for germination and growing energy.

(d) When seed has been damaged by threshing or by defective storing methods.

(e) When suitable machinery is not available for cleaning seed properly—the necessity of thoroughly cleaning all grain intended for seed purposes should be obvious. All seed should be run through a good fanning mill at least three times. If this cannot be done, it is advisable to procure seed of suitable quality and purity elsewhere.

## WELL, WELL!

An Irishman was engaged to dig a well. When he had dug about twenty-five feet down, he came one morning and found it caved in, filled nearly to the top.

Pat looked cautiously around and saw that no one was near. Then he took off his hat and coat and hung them on the windlass, crawled into some bushes and waited events.

In a short time people discovered that the well had caved in, and seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed he had been buried by the fall.

Several hours of brisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well. Just as the eager workers had reached the bottom, and were wondering where the body was, Pat came walking out of the caved-in hole and good-naturedly thanked them for relieving him of a sorry job.

## THE LATEST FABLE

"Ha, ha, ha, I once was young myself," laughed the man, as the snowball caught him behind the ear.

## ADVERTISE IN THE CHRONICLE. IT PAYS.

## DURHAM MARKET

Corrected March 11, 1926.

Live Hogs	\$13.25
Wheat	1.45 @ 1.20
Oats	.38 @ .40
Barley	.55 @ .60
Buckwheat	.45 @ .50
Peas	1.40 @ 1.45
Mixed Grain, per cwt.	1.45 @ 1.25
Hay	16.00
Eggs	.25 @ .30
Butter	.35
Potatoes, per bag	2.25
Sheepskins	.75 @ 1.00

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. G. Matthews of Markdale was in town for a few days since last issue and attended the funeral of her uncle, the late Mr. Hugh McKechnie, to Trinity church cemetery, last Friday. We were pleased to have a short call from her on Monday afternoon.

Miss Marjorie Firth of Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital staff, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Firth.

Mrs. J. Van Wie of Toronto is visiting her sister, Miss Laura McKenzie, who is somewhat indisposed at present.

Miss Vera Bailey spent over the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Mark Mervyn, in Durham. — Walkerston Times.

Mrs. R. Taylor and Miss Bessie Drummie of Dromore visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atchison on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. G. Love of Egremont also visited Mr. and Mrs. Atchison last week-end.

Mrs. William Aljoe and daughter, Miss Lena Aljoe, are visiting with their son, Mr. William Aljoe, and other friends at St. Marys.

Mr. William Anderson of Owen Sound spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Evans.

Mr. C. W. Arnett, who has been visiting his sons, John in Durham and Wes in Glenelg, left Saturday for his home in the West.

Mr. Ezra Schenck is off duty for a day or two, the result of being thrown out of his cutter and getting his shoulder injured. At first it was thought he had fractured his collar bone, but this fortunately was not the case.

Miss Ruby Mills of St. Catharines is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Town.

Mr. J. Wannamaker visited his family in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brigham left yesterday afternoon for Winnipeg Man., where they will remain for a few months, possibly longer until Mr. Brigham disposes of some of his Western holdings. Since coming to Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Brigham have been among our first citizens, and it will be good news to residents to know that there is a possibility of their returning to Durham some time in the early summer.

Mr. Robert Wilson, who was operated on for appendicitis a month ago in Durham Red Cross Hospital, returned to his home