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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, May 6, 1926.

NOTED PHYSICIAN HAD RELATIVES HERE

Dr. Watson Was Cousin of Mr. J. A. Aldred, Durham, and Mrs. J. W. Blyth, Varney, Both of Whom Are in Attendance at His Funeral in Toronto Today.

Tuesday's Toronto papers had notice of the death on Monday at his home in that city of Dr. A. D. Watson, one of the city's prominent physicians, who passed away from heart disease in his 68th year. Dr. Watson was a cousin of Mr. J. A. Aldred of Durham, and Mrs. J. W. Blyth of Varney, both of whom left for Toronto Wednesday afternoon to be present at the funeral today. Referring to his death, The Globe of Tuesday says:

Dr. Albert Durant Watson, prominent in psychical research, medicine, science and literature, died early yesterday morning at his home, 10 Euclid Avenue, of heart disease, aged 67 years. Some years ago Dr. Watson became widely known through his "Twenty-first Plane" researches and a series of seances held at his home. In these researches, Dr. Watson was associated with Louis Benjamin, who still carries on Sunday meetings in halls of Toronto. Even after his break with Louis Benjamin, Dr. Watson maintained his interest in spiritualism and was continually engaged in correspondence with world-renowned celebrities.

Some years ago, before he became interested in psychical research, he conducted a very large Bible class in connection with Euclid Avenue Methodist church, now Queen street United church. He was at one time active in the work of Methodist Missions and the Methodist Social Union. Dr. Watson was a past president of the Royal Astronomical Society and the Purity Educational Association. A native of Dixie, he was educated at the Normal school, Victoria University, afterward taking a post-graduate course in medicine in Edinburgh, where he received the degree of F. R. C. P. He had been a school teacher prior to beginning the practice of his profession.

Dr. Watson was greatly interested in literature and wrote in prose and verse for scientific and literary magazines. Some of his hymns are included in the United Church of Canada Hymnal. Dr. Watson is survived by his widow and five children.

KNOX Y. W. A. GAVE CROKINOLE PARTY

Last Monday Evening in Church Basement, When Big Crowd Was Present and Pleasant Time Spent

The Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox church held a most pleasant evening in the basement of the church Monday when upwards of one hundred members of the auxiliary and their friends gathered to engage in progressive crokinole. Play commenced shortly after 8 o'clock and continued up to 10:30, when lunch was served. The ladies' prize for winning the greatest number of games went to Miss Ruth Scarf, who was tied with Miss Florence Macdonald, but won out in the draw. Mr. Arthur Derby won the men's prize. Messrs. Charles Lang and Joe Crutchley were the two worst players amongst the men, and had to draw for the prize Mr. Lang winning it. Misses Margaret McGinn and Ellen Marshall were low in the ladies' class and had to draw also, Miss McGinn getting the prize.

Following the crokinole, a short program was given consisting of a piano instrumental by Miss Bessie Smith, and solos by Mrs. Charles Lang and Miss Winnie Blyth. Miss Ramage was accompanist.

The evening was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and the affair was most pleasant and enjoyable in every way, over 20 tables being engaged in the play and a big crowd present. The proceeds at the door amounted to \$19.00.

FORMER DURHAM RESIDENT DIED AT HANOVER

Friday's dailies contained an account of the death at Hanover on Thursday of last week of Mr. Moses Walls, a former resident of this town, but who has been living in Hanover for many years. Mr. Walls had been at work as usual during the afternoon and retired in apparent good health. He is survived by his widow and two sons and one daughter, John and James Walls, and Mrs. Wendorff, all living in Hanover.

The funeral was held Saturday to Hanover cemetery.

ANNE WHAT'S HER NAME WAS WELL RECEIVED

Play Put On by Anglican Young People Pronounced the Best Yet—Eighteen Characters in Cast, Which Carried Itself Well.

The A. Y. P. A. Players achieved another success last Thursday night in the Town Hall in the comedy, "Anne-What's-Her-Name," many of the patrons being of the opinion that this year's production was possibly the best yet presented by this good company of stage artists.

For one thing, it was the funniest play yet attempted and furnished a lot of ludicrous situations that were well carried by the cast, the portrayal of the various characters being exceedingly clever, the manner of the presentation making more for the success of the production than many of the lines supplied by the author.

The story was a rather mixed one. Anthony Wheat (J. H. Robinson) was a young bachelor who had become badly entangled in the supposed suicide of a dancer, and in his efforts to elude the police, who believed she had been murdered, and that he was the murderer, he had hidden himself in Judge Bumby's (Harry Kress) residence. While here he donned the judge's clothes and, overhearing a conversation between members of the household about the visit of a cousin, Ebenezer Whittle (J. Lloyd) from Idaho, he impersonated this young man, whom the family had never seen, and was subsequently married to "Anne," without knowing what her other name was. His inquiry, "Anne What's her name?" is where the play derived its name. Anne (Majory Pickering) happily turned out to be his real sweetheart, and all was well. Anne was the heiress to a fortune, and Ebenezer Whittle was to have married her in order to receive part of his fortune. Otherwise, the whole money reverted to Anne, Ebenezer, however, turned up at last as a married man, a fact which Ebenezer had tried to explain previously but was interrupted, his wife (Mrs. H. Elvidge), appearing with her two children (Mary Firth and Arthur Allan). As the suicide of the dancer turned out to be an advertising stunt, everything of course ended happily.

Those in the cast not already mentioned were C. Elvidge, valet to Anthony Wheat; Miss R. Lawrence, a modern young lady; Miss M. Calder, "Aunt Julia," the judge's sister-in-law, and head of his house;

Mrs. J. H. Whealen, the temperamental maid with nerves; H. Elvidge, as Willie Peabody, the boy next door; E. Schutz, a plain clothes detective; Mrs. R. Moorhead, a swift old lady of 82; Miss R. Willis, Grandma's companion; L. Hunt, as Dr. Aked, a friend of the family.

As a comedy, the play must be seen to be appreciated, and it is not our intention to attempt to explain its intricacies here. While all the artists were good, the brunt of the whole production fell on J. H. Robinson, and the manner in which he rose to the various occasions stamped him in our mind as the heavyweight of the production and the one whose portrayal of the part assigned to him kept things in motion and was responsible for the greater part of success the play obtained.

Mrs. Whealen, too, had a heavy part cleverly executed, and Mrs. Moorhead, as a grandmother of 82, could not have been improved upon. Miss M. Calder, too, in her premiere appearance, made a favorable impression and handled her difficult character as an austere society lady efficiently and creditably. In the lighter role of a flapper, Miss Elsie Willis was well suited to her part, and her portrayal of the character of a modern girl of tender years was really clever.

The cast was well balanced, and their selection was a matter of prime importance to the successful presentation of the production.

NO CHANGE YET FOR LOCAL TRAINMEN

Contemplated Upset in Personnel of C. N. R. Employees Here Not Enforced.

Last week we reported the rumor that drastic changes in the local trainmen staff on the C. N. R. would likely take place after the first of the month, but so far nothing has happened, with the exception that Engineer Moophead of the Durham-Guelph freight retains his present run for another six months at least.

The other crews, the passenger in particular, are the same as formerly and will remain so for another week at least. There is every possibility, however, that some change will be made, but whether it will mean two passenger crews in Durham, or that the Durham crew will spend four nights a week away from home, is not yet decided. The contemplated change on this branch is being held up owing to the fact that the Diesel car to go on the Kincardine-Palmerston run is out of commission and is not expected to be placed in operation for another week or ten days.

Anything Else

Some mouths look like peaches and cream, and some like a hole chopped into a brick wall to admit a new door or a window. The mouth is a hotbed of toothaches, the bumblebee of oratory, and a baby's crowning glory. It is patriotism's fountain and the tool chest for the pie. Without it the politician would be a wanderer on the face of the earth and the cornetist would go down to an unhonored grave. It is the baker's friend, the orator's pride and the dentist's hope.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

I. O. D. E. MAY MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY

Mrs. James Williams (nee Maggie Gadd), Vancouver, B.C., arrived in town Thursday of last week and is waiting on her mother, Mrs. Adam Wilson, Lambton street, who has been ill, but who, we are pleased to report, is recovering. Mrs. Watson spent some time in Toronto with her daughter, but returned to town some time ago and entered Durham Hospital. She returned to her home on Lambton street ten days ago.

Mrs. C. W. Rutledge visited with friends in Durham last week.—Markdale Standard.

Mrs. George Everett, who has been visiting her daughter at Newark, N.J., for the past five months, returned to town Wednesday night of last week and will remain for the summer. Mrs. Everett reports the weather at Newark this spring as very backward, and when she left it was very cold for this time of the year. While on her way home, she visited relatives at Syracuse, N.Y., for a few days.

Mrs. F. W. Clemas, London, and Mrs. W. Forester, Guelph, visited for a few days since last issue with their mother, Mrs. George Watt, who fell and broke her arm a week ago. Despite her great age, of over 80 years, Mrs. Watt is now able to be up and about and recovering nicely.

Mrs. Thomas McGinn went to Shelburne yesterday afternoon to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper and family of Paisley spent over the weekend with the latter's father, Mr. H. Burnett.

Mr. Thomas Barker of Toronto visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cook last week. His son, Thomas, who has been visiting here for some time, returned to Toronto with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watt of Southampton were in town Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. George Watt, is recovering from a recent accident.

Mr. W. P. Paterson, who has spent the past winter with relatives at Kingsville, returned to town Tuesday night, and for the next few days will be busy shaking hands with old acquaintances here, who were pleased to see him return.

Mr. William R. Alder, Provincial Highways engineer here, is in Prescott attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Robert Alder, who died Monday following an illness of over two years and a half.

Mr. James McDonald, recently of Disley, Sask., has, we understand, purchased the Ed. Kress bungalow on Countess street and moved in this week.

MRS. H. SCHRIENERT DIED IN BENTINCK

Survived by Her Husband and Seven Children—Was in Her 37th Year.

Following an illness of about 10 days the death occurred at an early hour on Sunday morning of Mrs. Henry Schriener at her late residence, in the 8th concession of the Township of Bentinck. She has been in failing health for some time, but her illness was not serious until a short time previous to her death. Her maiden name was Mary Weindorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weindorf of Bentinck, and she was 36 years and 4 months old. She was married 17 years ago to Henry Schriener, and is survived by her husband and seven children, Norman, Edward, Annie, Dorothy, Elmer and Herman, all at home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Henry Lorenz of Hanover, and Mrs. J. H. Ahrens of Bentinck, and she was married 17 years ago to Henry Schriener, and is survived by her husband and seven children, Norman, Edward, Annie, Dorothy, Elmer and Herman, all at home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Henry Lorenz of Hanover, and Mrs. J. H. 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