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VETERAN MERCHANT SUCCUMBED MONDAY

Mr. C. L. Grant, Ailing for Past Six Weeks From Influenza, Passed Away Late Monday Night.—Was One of Town's Oldest Business Men and Last Survivor of Charter Members of Durham Masonic Lodge.

We regret very much this week to be called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. Charles L. Grant, who passed away at his home here following an attack of influenza six weeks ago and from which he never fully recovered, although for the past two weeks he was able to leave his home and come down to business every day. Mr. Grant was in his eightieth year, he having been born in Tallyho House, County Down, Ireland, on July 8, 1846.

About six weeks ago, Mr. Grant, who for his years, enjoyed remarkably good health, was taken down with influenza, and for a time his life was despaired of. He rallied, however, and two weeks ago, was able to leave his home and come over town to his place of business, though not strong enough to take any active part in the running of it. While it cannot be said that his recuperation was particularly noticeable, it was thought that with the return of spring and his wonderful vitality, he would soon be his old self again, but on Friday evening last while in his home, he was seized with a slight stroke of paralysis which, apparently, passed off, but left him in such a weakened condition that hope for his recovery was given up Monday morning, his death occurring about 11 o'clock Monday night, the 24th of May.

During the past couple of weeks, Mr. Grant, though not strong by any means, was in exceptionally good spirits, and even on Friday afternoon, was joking with customers in the store, who were naturally greatly shocked when they learned of his sudden turn for the worse, followed by his death Monday evening.

As one of the town's leading merchants, Mr. Grant was held in the highest esteem. An active member of Knox church, of which he had been an elder for the past 27 years, he was a warm advocate of prohibition, and other issues of a similar nature which he regarded to be for the betterment of the country. (Continued on Page 3)



C. T. CRAMP
President of the National Union of Railwaymen in Great Britain, who, just before the general strike was called off, warned that it might be necessary to "take further steps" to gain that for which they were fighting.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE DRAWN LAST WEEK

Big Summer's Sport Predicted When Teams Get Working.—Forty Games in All to Be Played.

As intimated in our last issue, the league schedule for softball was drawn up last Wednesday night, which we give below in full. Clip it out, paste it in your hat, and don't get the dates mixed. There are forty games in all, mostly three a week, and that there will be a lot of good sport in town this summer is a foregone conclusion. Instead of the twelve players allowed the teams, as decided on last week, the executive in session decided to increase the number to fifteen. The 1926 softball rules are to govern all games.

With the material to pick from, there should be some good teams in the running, and as there are several old-time baseball players in town, they should take to the new sport like a duck takes to water. The teams are not going to be confined to the young sports entirely, but will take in everybody who feels like cavorting around the bases. If reports are true, there is a lot of old-timers whose avoirdupois has prevented them seeing their toes for many moons who have ambitions to become the Walter Johnstons and Grover Cleveland Alexanders of the Durham circuit, and now that they have taken the plunge, go into the game with a determination to win, and with a vim that will allow of their doing away with their "daily dozen" to work off a double chin. As the season advances and they get into practice, it is expected they will develop unthoughtful dexterity and show a few of the youngsters, who up to date seem to think they have the championship cinched that there is life in the old man yet, and just enough of it to heat them out in the final inning after kidding. (Continued on page 6)

QUEEN STREET W. M. S. HELD MAY MEETING

Entertained Thursday of Last Week at Home of Mrs. W. A. Glass, When Considerable Business Was Completed.

The May meeting of the W. M. S. of Queen Street United church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Glass.

The meeting opened by singing and prayer bearing on the study lesson of "Christian Stewardship," which was taken by Mrs. Sparling. The Bible reading, also taken from 2 Cor., 9 chapter, presented the thought that we should be liberal to God as His stewards, for his many gifts to us. Several of the ladies contributed readings on "Christian Stewardship," emphasizing first, its meaning. We must establish His Kingdom on earth; Second, its requirements, those to whom much is given, much will be required; Third, What it involves. Our time, our talents, and our money. Mrs. Knechtel read a vivid story illustrating how missionary giving develops a spirit of sympathy for the unfortunate and thankfulness for our mercies.

The members of the Watchtower gave encouraging reports from which Mrs. Gagnon delighted the ladies with her excellent detailed report of the first annual meeting of the Presbyterian of Grey County held at Owen Sound on April 27.

In closing, Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. McCrae led in prayer.

GREY COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET ON JUNE 21

The regular session of the Grey County Council, originally set for Monday, June 14, has been changed and will be held during the following week, commencing on Monday, June 21. The change was made owing to the fact that the damage suit being brought against the city by Miss Susie McQueen is set for a hearing commencing on Monday, June 14, and is expected to occupy several days.



MAY HANDLE FINANCES OF UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Peter Bryce of Toronto, it is rumored, may be chosen by the General Council of the United Church, which meets in Montreal next month, to be Finance Commissioner of the church in Canada. It would be his duty to organize for the raising of the yearly budget, which this year is to be \$3,400,000.

STREET OILING TO START TODAY

Gang of Men Busy for Past Week Making Roads in Condition to Receive Season's Supply of Oil.—Lambton Street Bridge Also Being Covered.

For the past ten days or so the Board of Works has had a gang of men at work making the streets ready for oiling and, with the grading of the front street, expect to commence putting the oil on today. The oil is already at the station, but the roadway was not in proper shape to receive it. We understand that this year the same surface that has been treated in the past will again be gone over, though the Council feel that they will be unable to go up the hill at present.

Work on the county connecting link has also been under way for the past couple of weeks under the supervision of Reeve Bell. This too, will be oil treated as in former years.

The Lambton street bridge is being repaired this week with the placing of a new cover, and as a consequence, the road to the C. N. R. station is closed, and traffic has to detour around by Queen and George streets. It was expected that the bridge would be open for traffic this morning, but it was found necessary to order three new eye-beams to take the place of others that had been rusted through, and while not in too bad condition, it was thought better not to take any chances. These have been ordered but are not yet here, and it is problematical if the bridge will be opened for traffic before Saturday, if then. The steel-work, too, has been treated to a coat of paint as a rust preventive. Other improvements noted near the bridge include a new wall being erected in front of the Queen street church property. The old stone-work is being torn down and rebuilt, and when finished will be capped with a cement top which will greatly improve its appearance. Mr. Hugh McDonald has the contract.

Besides making the main street ready for oiling, the Board of Works has repaired the storm sewers in the business section, and it is to be hoped the nuisance of having standing water in the gutters in front of the stores will be eliminated.

TREE PLANTING NOW GENERAL

Mr. Herb. Murdock Latest to Take Advantage of Government's Reforestation Scheme.

This spring Mr. Herb. Murdock, south of town, has planted out 3,000 young trees comprising 2,000 pines, 500 black walnuts and 500 spruce on his 25-acre farm.

Dr. Jamieson, too, the man who started it all in this part of Ontario, has also planted out 3,500, making his total over 40,000 trees put out on his farm of 350 acres at Wilder's Lake.

That the planting of these trees is, however, not all pleasure, was the information handed out to us last week by Mr. Murdock who said that already there had been parties on his premises who had taken some and destroyed others, and that it was his intention to take legal proceedings against any found so doing.

Tree planting is, from a provincial standpoint, a most important part of the government's reforestation scheme, and it is too bad that some people so far forget themselves as to want to destroy that which in a few years will be of value to the province. It is to be hoped that the depredations will not continue and that those citizens who have taken an interest in the matter will not be troubled with others whose whole ambition seems to be to destroy.

WILL BUILD CHURCH ON BURNETT PROPERTY

Presbyterian Congregation at Meeting Tuesday Sanction Purchase of Lot at Corner of Lambton and Albert Streets.

The new Presbyterian church to be erected here this summer will occupy the corner lot at Lambton and Albert streets. This was definitely decided on at the congregational meeting held in the Town Hall Tuesday evening, and which was well attended. The meeting was unanimous that the building committee, which had secured an option on the property some days ago from the owner, Mr. Robert Burnett, would go ahead and close the deal so that the building operations could be commenced without delay. The lot is one of the best locations in town, is 60x130 feet and of ample size to allow for the erection of a suitable edifice, and the congregation is to be congratulated on securing so admirable a site.

The plans of Architect James of Walkerton were also accepted by the meeting, and now, with the lot secured, and the plans accepted, it is the intention of the building committee to go right ahead with the erection of the building which, we understand, will be let by tender. Read the Classified Ads. on Page 7



THE LATE CHARLES L. GRANT
Prominent merchant of Durham for past fifty years and last surviving charter member of Durham Lodge No. 306, A. F. & A. M., who passed away at his home here Monday night in his 80th year.

J. A. DARLING ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Taken to Durham Red Cross Hospital This Morning in Serious Condition.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Mr. J. A. Darling, who was yesterday morning taken to Durham Red Cross Hospital, suffering from a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Darling, whose home is in Simcoe, but who was a few years ago a well-known business man here, came to Durham a couple of weeks ago on an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. George Gagnon, and son, Mr. C. H. Darling. He was taken slightly ill Sunday evening and the doctor summoned Monday morning. His condition became worse, however, and he was removed to the hospital yesterday morning.

This morning his son, Mr. C. H. Darling, left by motor for Brantford for his sister, Miss Norma Darling, a trained nurse now on the staff of the Brantford Hospital, who will attend her father during his illness. Mr. Darling's condition is quite serious, and he may have a hard fight to recover, but it is to be hoped he will weather the storm and in a few weeks be again in his usual health.

PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S. MET LAST WEEK

Pleasant and Profitable Afternoon Spent at Home of Mrs. (Dr.) J. F. Grant.

The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) J. F. Grant on Thursday, May 20, with an excellent attendance. Mrs. (Rev.) Armstrong presided, the president, Mrs. A. Derby, being unable to attend. After prayer and singing, the ladies discussed plans for providing clothing for a boy.

Mrs. J. H. Harding gave a splendid paper on "Prayer," after which Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder, who was delegate to Presbyterial in Toronto, gave a report of these meetings, telling of the wonderful achievements the missionary societies are accomplishing. Mrs. McKechnie read a very interesting story of Gwallior Mission in India. The meeting was closed by singing and prayer.

SAWMILL COMMENCED OPERATIONS LAST WEEK

Plant of Durham Furniture Company Now Running at Full Speed.—Plants at Rock Mills and Maynooth Also in Operation.

The annual spring cut of logs at the Durham Furniture Company's sawmill was started last week and will continue for the next two months or so until the supply purchased last winter is converted into lumber. This year approximately one million feet will be cut at the Durham plant.

At the Rock Mills plant, also owned by the company, operations have also begun, and it is estimated that there will be over a million and a half feet of lumber when the last log is put through the mill. At

SUMMER CONCERTS STARTED LAST NIGHT

Will Be Continued During Half-holiday Season, Weather Permitting.—May Be an Exchange Among Bands This Summer.

The first band concert of the season was given by the local Citizens' Band last evening and was much appreciated by the citizens of the town and surrounding territory. These concerts will be continued up to the end of September, the band appearing Wednesday evenings of each week.

This summer there may be a change in the arrangements, as it is expected that an exchange of programs will be arranged between the bands at Walkerton, Chesley, Hanover and Durham. This almost became a reality last summer, but owing to some hitch fell through. This year, however, it is expected that the exchange will be made, and then instead of having the Durham Band play each Wednesday night, they will appear only once a month, the remaining concerts being given by an outside band.

This form of band concert is very popular in some parts of the country, the citizens being thus enabled to listen to a number of band concerts from various bands without leaving their own town. Full arrangements have not yet been made, however, and nothing definite can yet be announced.



AGAIN GERMAN CHANCELLOR
Dr. Wilhelm Marx has accepted the Chancellorship from the hands of President Von Hindenburg, retaining both the Luther Cabinet and Luther policies.

Maynooth, just south of Algonquin Park, where the company owns another timber limit, over half a million feet will be cut this spring, in addition to what has already been turned out.

All this lumber is to be shipped to the factory here, to be converted into the well-known furniture products for which the factory is famous.

An Unpopular Act
Western exchange: "I sneezed a sneeze into the air, it fell to earth I knew not where; but hard and cold were the looks of those in whose vicinity I snore."

HIGH SCHOOL WON OPENING GAME

Defeated Anglicans in First Game of Season by Score of 12-7.—Mayor Murdock and Reeve Bell Officially Opened Game.

The die is cast, and the old softball game is on for the summer, for on Tuesday night of this week, the High School and A. Y. P. A. teams battled to a 12-7 score in seven innings, the knowledge box athletes coming out at the top end of the score against the clerics in what has been reported to us as a snappy game that kept the crowd on its toes from the commencement. Royden Gomer was the heaviest for the High School, Clarence Noble doing the receiving. Horace Elvidge was the pill-tosser for the A. Y. P. A., and Erben Schutz the backstop. Both batteries worked well, though the youngsters of Castle Robb displayed more agility on the bases and had it over their older opponents in base throwing and other fine points of the game.

This, however, was to be expected, as the youngsters have been doing quite a lot of baseball playing this season, while a good many on the Anglican team have not been engaged in this sort of contest since long before their hair began to turn gray. As a consequence, some of them were a bit slow in rounding the bases, and a home-run looked as long to them as a return trip to San Francisco.

It was a good game, however, and quite a large crowd gathered to witness the opener. While the High School had a distinct advantage, the A. Y. P. A.'s toward the end of the game showed that they will take some heating before the season is over and may yet turn the tables on their younger opponents.

The game was officially opened by Mayor Murdock and Reeve Bell, the former pitching the first ball, and the latter donning the catcher's outfit. We were going to say that Reeve Bell caught the first ball, but this would have been impossible. Following a neat speech, Mayor Murdock wound up for the first in-shoot of the season, while Reeve Bell dug his heels in so as not to be bowled over by the flying missile. The Mayor, however, was somewhat "out of control" on his first effort, and the ball was feet wide of the mark and also felt high. The second effort, however, was more successful, and the game was got under way.

The teams:

A. Y. P. A.	R	H	E
Elvidge, E. ss	2	2	1
Moorhead, 2b	2	2	0
Elvidge, G. rf	1	2	0
Schutz, E. c	0	0	0
Elvidge, H. p	0	0	2
Lloyd, John, 1b	0	0	2
Stedman, 3b	0	0	0
Hunt, cf	1	1	2
Lloyd, James, lf	1	0	0
	7	7	7

High School	R	H	E
McGirr, 3b	2	1	1
McFadden, N. 1b	0	1	0
McFadden, ss	1	0	2
Noble, c	0	1	0
Ritchie, 2b	2	1	2
McFadden, S. cf	1	1	0
Vollett, lf	1	1	2
Keller, rf	3	2	0
Connor, p	2	2	0
	12	10	7

BOWLERS' CLUB HOUSE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Expected That Work Will Be Completed Some Time Next Week.

The contract for the erection of the new club house at the bowling green was awarded to Mr. D. McLean some days ago, and since then he has been busy erecting the structure. The building is now pretty well erected, and it is expected that it will be completed not later than the last of next week.

MEETING AT EBENEZER TO ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL

A meeting of all those interested in the formation of a Sunday school will be held in the school house at Ebenezer on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Revs. Smith and Peters of Durham will be present.

It is getting harder and harder to know what not to look at.

Smilin' Charlie Says—



'There's gonna be a lot o' men at sea this summer, if th' bathin' suits pan out as th' fashion experts are predictin'--