

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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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, February 3, 1927

DURHAM'S PAVED STREET

The County Council made short shrift of the resolution of Reeve Bell of Durham last week that the County pave the county connecting link running through this town.

Unfortunately, the former county highway through the town, at least as far as Garafraxa street, is now under the control of the Provincial Department of Highways, and naturally the County Council sat on the proposition hard and refused to do anything in the matter.

It was an easy and perfectly legitimate loophole for the county to slip through, was this thing of the Province taking over this piece of connecting link, but it is not very likely that the resolution would have met with any more favor had last year's conditions obtained. The rural members of the County Council are to a unit against any paving being done in urban municipalities at the expense of the County and we can't say that we blame them very much. Pavements come high, and while the time may not be far off when pavements through towns will be quite the thing, that time has not yet arrived. Taxes are high enough now, and the rural residents of the county no doubt feel that they are doing well when they emerge from last year's operations with a clear sheet without adding anything more to their burden.

As this paper has said before, we would like to see paved streets all over Durham. We would also like to see a good waterworks system installed, and while there are some who will doubtless disagree with us we are firmly of the opinion that the waterworks should come first. We are certainly not in favor of putting down pavement for the benefit of motor car owners and tourists and then, in the course of a few years find it necessary to rip up the pavements and put in the waterworks. As we have also said before in these columns, we would favor going ahead with both paving and waterworks, but if one of them is to be let go by the board, by all means let it be the pavement. We can do without this for a good long time. The waterworks, to us, is a very pressing present need.

And talking about pavements, we have previously made the statement that Durham's streets could be made practically as good as pavement with the expenditure of a good deal less money. What Garafraxa and Lambton streets need is drainage. Let the ratepayers vote to put in adequate storm sewers, grade the roadways down to what they should be, and it would be found there would be little trouble in maintaining a good street especially in our business section.

The trouble with Durham's streets is that they are built on the same principle as ninety per cent of the streets in towns similar in size. The principal part of the construction is forgotten—drainage. It isn't the traffic that ruins our streets, it is the absence of proper drainage facilities. Storm sewers properly constructed, with catch basins to collect the mud and other sediment washed off the roadways, would solve seventy-five per cent of our troubles. Following a heavy rain the water has no place to go. It lies in the centre of the road, on the side of the road, and anywhere else that a low spot appears. It is this water lying in the roadway, combined with the motor and other traffic, that is the ruin of the streets, and we think any competent engineer will tell anyone else the same, if they care to ask. Anyway, it was a road engineer who gave us the information.

Paved streets are all right in Listowel, Brampton and similar towns where the soil is mostly clay and navigation in the fall and spring is practically impossible. But in a country like that in which Durham is situated, where the very best of gravel can be obtained for the asking, we doubt very much if any engineer will say we are wise in going ahead with any paving proposition. They say that curiosity was what killed the cat, and from the arguments we have heard we are of the opinion that this keeping up with the Joneses in street paving propositions is going to very nearly bankrupt a good many of the small-

er towns of Ontario, especially where a good gravel road is easily obtainable.

Personally, we would like to see Durham have everything that any other town has—fine opera house, pagements, waterworks, street cleaning department and a four- or five-man police department—but who is going to pay for it?

We would like to give Reeve Bell credit, however, for trying to get us the pavement, and no doubt it would have been a feather in his cap had he succeeded, but on the other hand we don't fault the hard-fisted old farmer members of the County Council when they refuse to be a party to paving streets of Hanover, Durham, and other towns and villages in the county. Anyone who does fault them should ramble round a water-soaked manure pile with them in the fall and spring as they try to pick their way in to the stable to feed the stock, or bounce with them over some of the back roads in the county when they choose to come to town to do their shopping.

Pavements are nice things, but we must be fair about the question. If they are a necessity in any town, then that town should build them. This of course is only our own private opinion; we are not attempting to force anyone to think differently. While we are fully in sympathy with the building of improved highways through the country, and have little sympathy with those who apparently wish to keep the money and let the roads go hang, the matter of pavements for the smaller places is as yet a debatable question and one that should be approached with caution. It is either a matter for handling by the municipalities interested, or one for the Provincial Government to deal with. By no stretch of the imagination can we see where counties should have to furnish paved roads for urban municipalities, at least until there is more money in the county than there is at present.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

If old Mother Eve could but come back to earth once more she might find it necessary to trim the fig leaf a bit to conform with modern styles.

We received our first 1927 seed catalogue this week. Three months hence we'll try and raise vegetables and flowers like the ones printed on the cover.

A report from Los Angeles says: "One man is knocked down by an automobile every twenty minutes in Los Angeles." That fellow must bear a charmed life.

The girls argue that when stockings cost \$3, and up, why hide them. They might at least go easy on the "up".

There is a lot of good advice in the following from one of our exchanges: "Don't spend all your time now gadding about to farm sales and then have to leave your hay-ing next summer to saw wood for dinner."

Referring to the recent Montreal theatre tragedy, last week's Flesher-ton Advance wonders why children of such tender years are left to shift for themselves at night. That's easy. It's no picnic looking after a bunch of kids at a bridge party.

The finest optical instrument in the world is an ultra-microscope which makes photographs of objects 1-200,000th of an inch in diameter. It is owned by the Rockefeller Foundation. Flappers should have one of these to help them find their street apparel.

Despite the fines imposed recently on merchants in Ontario for having soft machines and punch boards in operation on their premises, others persist in taking a chance. These two things are against the law and anyone permitting them on his premises is going to be picked up sooner or later and fined.

Hanover talked of pulling out of the county because the County Council would not agree to help pave their front street. Now that the Provincial Highways department has control and will likely also stand pat on the question Hanover may threaten to leave the province. With Durham in the same fix, we shudder to think of the outcome should both towns kick up their heels and start a minor revolution. Ontario is surely ruined now!

NEW SERIES OF SERMONS NEXT WEEK AT-KNOX

Next Sunday evening in Knox church, Rev. W. H. Smith expects to begin a new series of sermons on "The Fundamental Faith of Our Church, or What We Believe and Why We Believe It."

The first sermon will be on "Doubt it make any difference what we believe?" Some people say creeds are outworn and no one really believes them. Some say it does not make any difference what a man believes as long as he does the right thing. What do you think about it?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Mayor and People of Durham Having seen in the Durham papers where William Kelly had shown his appreciation to the people in Durham, and especially to the Mayor, Mr. Murdoch, for being so kind to him, as to collect for him money and pay his fine a few weeks ago, I am quite aware that if Mr. Murdoch, Mayor, and the people in Durham had known the situation of his wife and three little children, who are stopping with her father and are keeping the children and are badly in need as he is not supporting them, they would absolutely refuse to donate to him and pay his fine; a young man who is keeping no one but himself and sporting around and letting his family want. I can rest assured there are other families in Durham more entitled to a collection than Mr. Kelly, and he should show his appreciation to Mr. Laidlaw, who is letting him off so easy and is not making him support his family. (Signed) Wife and Family, Mrs. William Kelly.

PRICEVILLE MAN KILLED BY TREE

(Continued from page 1) ance. He was unmarried and lived with his father, Mr. John Burnett, on the South Line, who, with his brothers, Archie and William, and his five sisters, will have the sympathy of all in their loss. The mother, Mrs. Burnett, died over a year ago.

A Terrible Accident The accident was one of the worst that has ever occurred in the vicinity of Priceville. When the tree lodged, the two men attempted to cut it loose, it being the intention that the deceased man would trim it up while his brother was away with the load of wood. When the tree bounced off the stump, the younger brother, Archie, stepped to one side, but Arthur ran in the opposite direction to that in which the tree was falling. When it left the stump, it followed him and pinned him to the ground. A pair of overalls, his corduroy trousers and his underwear were cut as if by a knife, and his leg was broken in two places, above and below the knee, the break near the thigh being a very bad one, the bone sticking out through the flesh. In the torments of his suffering he directed his brother in tying up the wound with a shoe lace in an endeavor to stop the flow of blood, but shortly afterward lapsed into unconsciousness. To further delay getting the injured man home, the tree had fallen across the road and the lone brother had to throw off the load and make a new roadway around the tree before he could remove the injured man to the house and summon a doctor from Priceville. When the doctor arrived it was seen that he would have to have assistance and a call was sent in for one of the Flesher-ton doctors. Nothing, however, could be done to save his life, even had there been a hospital in the neighborhood, so badly was he injured, and he passed away without regaining consciousness.

The funeral was held Monday to McNeil's cemetery, Priceville, and was largely attended by sympathizing friends and neighbors, who were thrown into a shadow of gloom by the tragic death of one whom they esteemed so highly. The deceased was a cousin of Mr. William Burnett, blacksmith, of this place.

REMARKABLE CAST FOR UNUSUAL FILM

Story of "The Road to Yesterday" Demanded Finest Screen Talent. Firmly convinced that neither cast nor story should be emphasized at the expense of the other, Cecil B. De Mille selected a group of celebrated screen players for his first independent, personally directed production, "The Road to Yesterday" fully capable of equalling in quality the remarkable story.

This screen version, a Producers Distributing Corporation release, will appear on the screen at the Veteran Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5.

The story is a stage success of twenty years ago, adapted by Jeanie Macpherson and Beulah Marie Dix. It has long been a much-sought piece of material, but until recently has been unavailable for picture production because of legal red-tape.

In the leading male role is Joseph Schildkraut, whose dramatic portrayal of the hero in "The Firebrand" has been one of the stage sensations of New York. Opposite this finished Thespian is colorful Jetta Goudal, a prominent member of De Mille's cinema stock company while Vera Reynolds and William Boyd, also under contract to De Mille, fill the juvenile leads.

Julia Faye, Trixie Friganza and Casson Ferguson complete the list of featured players collected for this spectacle, which is a daring drama of reincarnation.

Fleeting is fame. The other day a paper referred to "Jack Dempsey, husband of Estelle Taylor."—Montreal Star.

LISTOWEL WON IN FIRST O.H.A. GAME

Defeated Locals in Fast Game Here Last Night by 2-1 Score.—Return Game in Listowel Tomorrow.

The first game in the play-off for the championship of sections A and B in this district took place at the local arena last night and resulted in a win for the winners of Section A, who defeated the locals 3-2.

It was a hard game to lose, and while outscored, the Durham team had just as much of the puck as the Listowel fellows but could not work in close enough to tally. At that they tallied the nicest counter of the game in the final frame when McGirr and Elvidge got through the Listowel defence to beat Johnston, who all night played a wonderful game and stopped more shots than McDonald, in the nets for the locals.

Referee Earl Hicks of Owen Sound was in charge and while there can not be much said against his work, it is unfortunate that the second Listowel counter in the second period was offside by feet.

The game started promptly on time, with Listowel scoring in one minute with a shot from outside the defence that McDonald had no chance in the world of stopping. At the face-off Creighton captured the puck and the whole Listowel forward line were a few feet back of the blue line when Kemp shot. The puck sizzled through the whole defence and was on top of McDonald before he knew it had been shot and landed in the net. At that, he nearly stopped it. Two minutes afterward Elvidge scored for Durham, tying the game up 1-1. This ended the scoring for the period. Hicks, handling the bell started off in the proper fashion and both Kelly and Kemp were sent to the fence for holding, and Buschlen also was banished for a minor infraction of the playing rules.

In the initial period Durham had two shots to one on the Listowel net and only the worst of hard luck kept them from breaking into the lead. Listowel grabbed off the only score in the second, but it never should have counted. It was offside by feet, but the referee did not see it and faced off in centre ice. Previous to this Kelly also scored, but it, too, was offside and did not count.

The final period was the fastest of the game, though both teams were showing signs of fatigue. Both teams rushed well, but both defences were working smoothly and the forward lines were turned back time and again. First Listowel would carry the puck down on the opposing goal, only to be stopped by the Durham defence and borne by the local forwards down on the Listowel nets.

With the score at 2-1, with Durham lagging, the crowd nearly blew the roof off when McGirr and Elvidge got through in the prettiest play of the evening and tied up the score. The tie stood until within about four minutes of play when Creighton split the Durham defence, shooting the puck ahead of him. With nobody between him and the goal there was nothing else for McDonald to do but come out and try to save. The distance was too great, however, and the winning goal, while not a fluke, was certainly a hard luck counter so far as Durham was concerned, but put the visitors up one goal for the return game at Listowel tomorrow night.

With an even percentage of the breaks in the game the locals would have won, but this is one of the points in the game that cannot be controlled. Had the referee seen the offside for Listowel's second score, things also would be different, but he didn't and the score stands.

Hicks, however, was fair, and a referee cannot get everything, and at that it must be admitted that the Listowel bunch, who are a heavy team, have also a little better finish than the locals, which stands them in good stead in the pinches.

Just what the outcome will be tomorrow night we will not attempt to predict, but as the locals play better away from home, there is a possibility that they may yet bring home the district bacon. If they do not, well, they have given us a good season's sport, and that counts for something.

There were in all seven penalties, in which Listowel drew five, with the noted Kelly decorating the penalty box no less than three times. For Durham, Buschlen and Wilson were the offenders, both going off for minor infractions.

The line-ups: Listowel (3)—Goal, Johnston; defence, Kelly and Roher; centre, Creighton; wings, N. Peppler and J. Peppler. Subs.—Kemp and Robbie. Durham (2)—Goal, McDonald; defence, Clements and Wilson; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen and Elvidge. Subs.—Kress and Rowe. Referee—Earl Hicks, Owen Sound.

WON FROM CHESLEY

Durham cinched their position at the top of the local Northern League district when they defeated Chesley here last week 8 goals to 3. The regular Chesley line-up was not on hand but the Durhams were not there with their usual brand of hockey either, and the game was a

rather loose one compared with some of the others. The ice was soft and held the puck, and while both teams skated fast they could not carry the puck and the referee was busy at times ringing the bell for offsidings and kicking the puck.

Chesley relied a lot on the individual stuff and though the locals tried to get their combination working the slow ice prevented any spectacular playing.

The first period ended 1-0 for Durham, the second 5-2 and the final frame 8-3.

The line-ups: Chesley (3)—Goal, Ross; defence, Wright and Blohm; centre, Hetherington; wings, Wettlaufer and Fry. Durham (8)—Goal, McDonald; defence, Clements and Buschlen; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen and Elvidge; Subs.—Kress and Rowe. Referee—R. L. Saunders, Durham.

Walkerton Won 7-0

Walkerton earned the most decisive victory in the local Northern district last Monday when they trimmed the Durham seniors 7-0 in a game on Hanover ice. The game had no bearing on the district and, with some of the regulars on the sick list, and saving the forward line for the Listowel-Durham game, the regular line-up was conspicuous by its absence.

FREE TREES FOR FARMERS

The Grey County Branch, Department of Agriculture have just been notified that farmers can secure free trees again this year. These may be used for (1) Planting in the waste places (2) Plant Wind Breaks (3) Shelter Belts.

The following trees are listed:— Forest Planting:— Conifers, White, Red and Jack Pine, European Larch, White Spruce and White Cedar.

Hardwoods:— Elm, White Ash, Hard Maple, Soft Maple, Manitoba Maple, Basswood, Birch, Sweet Chestnut, Honey Locust, Walnut, Butternut, Red Oak.

White Spruce, Norway Spruce and White Cedar. A large number of orders are now going forward so that it is advisable to send in all orders at once. A letter to T. Stewart Cooper, Markdale will bring an order form. Be sure to order your wants now or you may be disappointed.

Free Test on Seed Grain

Never have Grey County farmers been so hard hit by the loss sustained in the rusting of their oat crops as that of 1926. The result will be high prices for seed in the spring.

Undoubtedly however, a large number of farmers believe they have oats which can be used for seed. This spring if there are any such, they would be advised to send some of these to the Grey County Branch, Department of Agriculture, Markdale, the officials of which will send them to Toronto for vitality tests. These tests cost nothing, therefore every farmer should avail themselves of the offer.

Mr. W. J. W. Lennox, director of Federal Seed Branch, advises that the Vitality tests will give every farmer a true estimate of the value of his oats for seed. Get your one pound samples in at once to T. Stewart Cooper, Markdale where they will be forwarded to proper place or if desired send to Mr. W. J. W. Lennox, 86 Collier Street, Toronto, Director, Ontario Federal Seed Department.

BORN

Bunce—In Toronto, on January 29, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunce, a son, (Thomas).

Marshall—In Norramby, on January 31, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marshall, a daughter.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Thomas Soper of Chesley was in town Thursday last in attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. Hugh McDonald.

Mrs. E. Burnett Jr., of Hanover, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Hugh McDonald last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. L. Rogers and daughter of Buffalo are visiting her mother, Mrs. Currie, and aunt, Miss T. Rose.

Miss Winnie Mitchell of Mount Forest spent the week end with her sister, Miss Carrie Mitchell.

Mrs. J. B. Duffield visited for a few days at her parental home at Owen Sound.

The many friends of Mrs. Benj. Coutts of Bentinck are glad to see her able to be out again after her lengthy illness. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Coutts.

Mrs. J. B. Duffield was visiting in Owen Sound the first of the week.

Mr. E. T. McClockie left for Toronto last week where he will be in attendance at Queen's Park during the session.

Mrs. C. E. Dillane and two children, Audrey and Joan, of Toronto, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moorhead.

Misses Merle Blair, R. N., of Guelph and Eva Blair of Palmerston are visiting with Mrs. R. J. Moorhead.

Among those present from a distance at the funeral of the late Mr. Dan C. McDonald on Tuesday were Mrs. S. D. Croft, daughter Lulu, and mother, Mrs. Campbell, of Goderich, Mr. D. C. MacKenzie of Montreal, Mr. John MacKenzie of Milton, Miss A. C. MacKenzie of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Heywood of Toronto.

LADIES' MISSION CIRCLE HELD SNOWSHOE PARTY

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of Queen Street church held an enjoyable snowshoe party on Thursday evening of last week. The celebrants left the church in two parties, returning shortly before 10 o'clock, when they engaged in crokinole and other games. Afterwards lunch was served, the crowd breaking up about 11 o'clock.

DURHAM MARKET Corrected February 3, 1927

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Chickens.

This Week's BARGAINS

Ladies' Silk and Wool Hose, all colors, regular \$1.00 per pair for 59c. Electric light bulbs, 40 and 60 watt, .5 for \$1.00. Special sale of Stamped goods, all kinds at half-price. Blue lined Envelopes, 100 for 25c. Large size Lined Writing Tablet, regular 25c, for 15c.

The Variety Store R. L. SAUNDERS, Prop.

Advertisement for The Royal Bank of Canada, featuring a globe and text: "A Bank with 900 Branches" and listing various international branches like London, Paris, Havana, etc.

The Royal Bank of Canada Durham Branch J. A. Rowland, Manager

SCHOOL HO

Crawford S. S. denotes present Sr. IV—Nellie White.

Jr. IV—Florence Jr. III—Albert Jr. Sr. II—Irene S. ence McDonald Sr. II—Vera S. McGregor, Steven Haug, Charlie S. Nighton.

Jr. I—Fred H. Gregor, Edith Donald, Henry Donald, Sr. Pr.—Alice S. Casin Violet Schlorff, George S. ton.

S. S. No. 3 Sr. IV—Gladys Coutts, Wilbur M. don Counts, equal James McDonald.

Sr. III—Joan M. Coutts, Russell J. Park, Emily Barlow, Jr. III—Charles Reay, George Barlow, Jr. II—A. B. Clifford Brown, Herbert Wells.

Jr. I—Jean Reay Pr.—Bernice W. Present every day Irvin.

S. S. No. 9 Sr. IV—Grace H. Inson, Bertha McK. Brown.

III—Clara Jacques son, Eddie Lawrence, Irene Collins, nee Ruby Lawrence, Susie Green McNally.

Sr. II—James V. Greenwood, John Aljoe, Albie McGir rison.

Jr. II—Margaret Sr. I—Geoff Brown Jr. I—Victor J. Lawrence, Harry J. Pr.—Avid J. Lawrence, Arthur Lindsay, Murray G. Average attendance

S. S. No. 10 Sr. IV—Russell D. Lamont 187, Gordon Donald McEachern Jr. IV—Lorne Kellar Henderson J. Iton 189, Margaret Sr. III—Ruby W. Drimble 221.

Jr. III—Earl Nelson 154. Sr. II—Roger Mc Jr. II—Gordon H. Henderson 251, M. Viola Loue 108.

Jr. I—Mary Mc raine Henderson 8 Primer—Estelle Lloyd Long 35. Number on roll, Mary M.

U. S. S. No. 2, Ben IV—Margaret Mc Lean, Corinne Law III—Muriel Brown Rena Clark, Claret ter Miller.

II—Johnny Vess I—Georgina Mire nce, Ewen Sr. Pr.—Jor jorie Vessie Jr. Pr.—Milton Kathleen

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