

CARS CRASHED IN PECULIAR MANNER

Magistrate Laidlaw's Chariot Got Away From Him Friday Morning and Ran Into Coupe in Front of Hahn House.

Last Friday morning Police Magistrate Laidlaw parked his car in front of Barrister McQuarrie's office on Lambton street, but evidently did not take sufficient precaution when he left it on the grade at this point, for when he was inside it started to back down the hill, and crossing the road, crashed into a coupe owned by an Owen Sound man which was parked in front of the Hahn House. The result was that the coupe came out second best with a large dent in the body and a damaged fender, while the Laidlaw car was not even scratched. In the mix-up the "Stop" sign at the corner was knocked down and bent, but fortunately no other damage was done.

The runaway has caused a lot of us to wonder what would have happened had the coupe not been there. Most certainly Magistrate Laidlaw's car would have gone out on to the "through" highway without coming to a full stop, and the question now arises, would it have been guilty of a misdemeanor? and would our principal law-enforcement officer and fine distributor have been forced to chalk up a "ten and costs" against his wandering chariot?

The law is the law, you know, and the Act distinctly tells us that a man is responsible for his car while on the highway. Besides breaking the "stop" street bylaw, the car could also be pinched for being out on the highway in charge of a driver under 18 years of age, and one, too, who did not possess a driver's permit. If all these law infractions are enforced we feel that our P.M. will possibly have a heart the next time we are up in front of him for inadvertently breaking one of the many departmental regulations, or else be so mad that he will want to sentence us to hanging to get even.

GREY COUNTY ROADS WERE INSPECTED

Good Roads Committee Made Annual Inspection Last Week and Were Well Satisfied With Year's Work.

The annual fall inspection of the county roads was made Thursday and Friday of last week by the Good Roads Committee, when this body made a tour over both the north and south sections of the county and at the completion expressed themselves as very well satisfied with the condition of the roads, the work done this year, and with the many new bridges and culverts erected. This committee consists of Warden Holm, Reeves Pringle, chairman, and Reeves Calder, Lembke and Taylor.

The inspection of the southern part of the county was made on Thursday, and on Friday the northern portion was gone over. During the tour the new Hanover and Neustadt bridges were looked over, as well as several culverts and approaches, over thirty culverts having been built this year in different parts of the county.

On Friday the new bridge at Thornbury was inspected, which, now that it has been built, is the property of the province. Accompanying the committee were Road Superintendent Johnston and County Engineer McKnight.

FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN STATES

Mrs. Elizabeth Hurley Was Sister of Late Nicholas Fagan and Will Be Remembered by Older Residents.

Word has been received here by Mrs. Nicholas Fagan of the death recently at Rochester, N.Y., of Mrs. Elizabeth Hurley. There are still left in the vicinity some of the older residents who will remember her, and who will sympathize with the family in their loss.

Mrs. Hurley before her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Fagan, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fagan, and sister of the late Nicholas Fagan. She spent the earlier years of her life in Durham, where she grew to young womanhood, but left this locality over 50 years ago for Rochester, N. Y., where she was subsequently married and spent the remainder of her life. Her sister, Miss Jane Fagan, of Rochester, is the only survivor of a family of five sons and seven daughters, five of whom passed away during the past four years.

Referring to her death a Rochester paper says: "Mrs. Elizabeth Hurley, wife of John Hurley, pastor mother of Rev. Victor Hurley, pastor of the Church of Good Shepherd, died at her home, at 299 Emerson street. Besides her husband and son, Mrs. Hurley leaves two daughters, Marie Hurley and Mrs. George Kohlman; four grandchildren, and a sister, Miss Jane Fagan, all of this city.

"Funeral services will take place Monday at 9:30 o'clock at the home and at 10 o'clock at Holy Rosary Church. Interment will be made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery."

DISASTROUS FIRE AT CHATSWORTH

Three Business Places and Residences Wiped Out in Early Morning Blaze in Northern Village.—Barn Burned at Allan Park.

The second disastrous fire in eighteen months to visit the village of Chatsworth, 19 miles north of here, occurred about 4 o'clock on Thursday morning when the drug and grocery store of G. W. Collins, the implement shop of George Currie and the wagon repair shop of James McTeer were totally destroyed by fire. At the previous fire a year and a half ago a gasoline station was consumed, with a couple of other buildings, and an aged man burned to death.

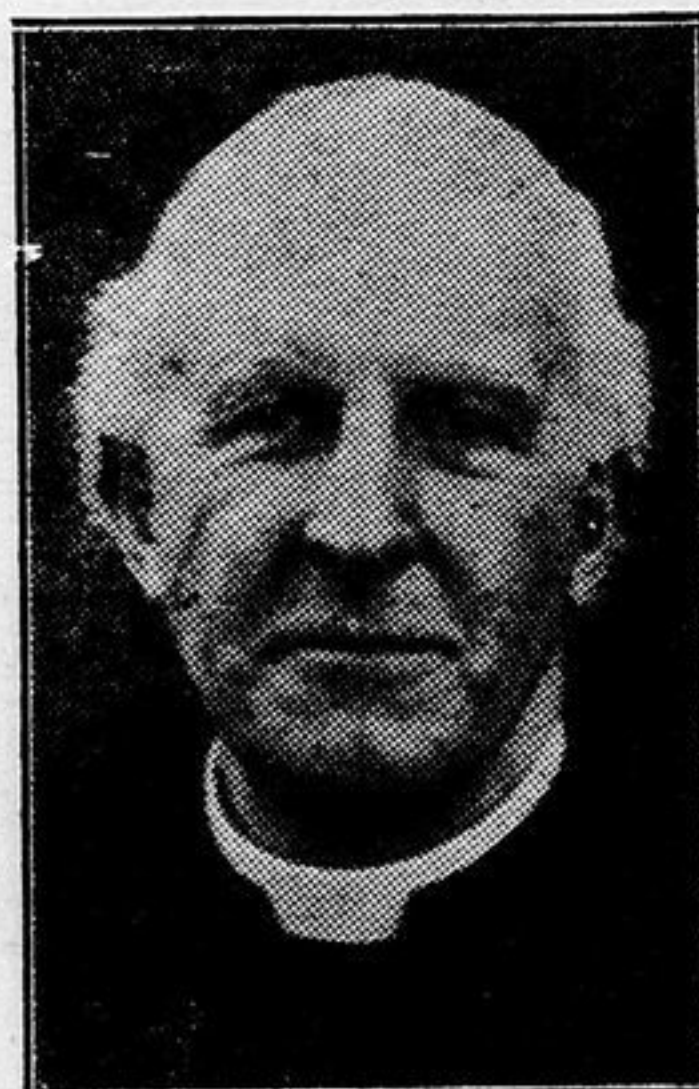
Thursday morning's fire started in the McTeer wagon shop and for a time it was thought the whole west side of the village would go, but the Owen Sound fire department, which responded to the call, and a bucket brigade of villagers and farmers from the surrounding district, confined the flames to the three buildings. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery as there had been no fire in the McTeer building for three days. Besides the loss of their business stock, Messrs. Collins and Currie also lost their household effects, as they lived over their places of business. The loss is quite heavy, with comparatively little insurance.

About 4:30 o'clock Messrs. W. S. Hunter and Dr. Pickering of this place received a telephone call from the former's sister, Mrs. G. C. MacDonald, and went up to the scene of the conflagration, but the fire was under control when they arrived.

Barn Burned at Park

About midnight on Thursday a fire of mysterious origin destroyed the barn of Douglas Smith at Allan Park. This barn was a comparatively new one and was erected by Mr. Wm. Brigham, now in business in town, and was in good repair. There is no inkling of how the fire started as the barn suddenly burst into flames and was soon consumed. It was first seen by Mr. Archie Park, who roused the neighborhood, but the residents of the vicinity were unable to check the flames.

In the barn was a large quantity of hay, and this, fortunately, was the only loss, with the exception of a few hens, the stock being out in the fields. Spontaneous combustion seems the only solution, as the family had left for Kitchener early Thursday afternoon.



MOST REV. COSMOS GORDON LANG

Archbishop of York, who criticized Bishop Barnes of Birmingham for what he refers to as "a meagre and strangely narrow conception of the relation of the material and spiritual, out of accord with the new trend even of scientific thought."

EGG MARKED LIKE MAP LEFT IN THIS OFFICE

Peculiarly Marked Egg Would Indicate that Some Hen in Vicinity Is Studying Geography.

For some months past the southeast corner of The Toronto Globe has been filled with many things peculiar, interesting and unbelievable, but a few days ago there was left in The Chronicle office an ordinary hen's egg that would show some real adeptness in map-drawing, and that such an animal was speaking terms with Europe, Asia and Africa. Had the egg been laid by one of the Mediterranean breed of fowl there might be some reason to it, but it was the product of the American brand, and we cannot bring ourselves to think this bird ever toured Europe or studied geography.

The egg in question, which is brown in shell, had a deeper shade etched or made, or however it was done, on one side, which, with very little alteration could easily be made to resemble the map of Europe, Africa, and part of Asia, even the Mediterranean sea being displayed, but not in true form.

We do not know who owns the map-drawing hen as it was purchased with others in one of the local stores by Mrs. T. G. Goodchild, who noticed the peculiarity and sent it up to our sanctum as a curio.



WELL-KNOWN CANADIAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER WEDS

Mr. Irving E. Robertson (left), publisher of the Toronto Evening Telegram, and only surviving son of the late John Ross Robertson, founder of that paper, has married Miss Barbara Mackenzie (right), daughter of a prominent New Zealand family.

DECISION SOON ON MOTOR TAXATION

Lower License Fee and Higher Gasoline Levy Probable.—Question Being Considered by Ontario Government.

An announcement is expected soon from the Provincial Government of a reduction in motor vehicle license fees, to take effect with the coming year. Lest such a prospect should raise too pleasurable anticipation upon the part of automobile owners, it should be added that the announcement will be accompanied by a companion, proclaiming an increase in the gasoline tax rate.

The idea for a lower vehicle license fee and a higher gasoline tax has been shared for some time by both Hon. George S. Henry, minister of highways, and Premier Ferguson. While stating today that no formal move had been made as yet to put the idea into application, Mr. Henry stated that a decision must be made at an early date, since, by about seven weeks from now, the Government commences to sell next year's license plates.

Permits Profitable
Figures which Mr. Henry has furnished to him by his department show that the collection of motor vehicle permits at a fee of \$1 each has meant a revenue of close to half a million dollars for the government. The exact total of drivers' licenses issued to date is given as 424,231.

Notable increases in the number of vehicles licensed in the province during the first nine months of this year over the whole of last year are revealed by departmental figures. The number of passenger machines is given as 381,648 for the nine-month period of this year and as 343,992 for the whole of last year. The comparative figures for commercial vehicles are 48,537 and 39,012; for trailers 1,984 and 1,398; for motor cycles, 3,203 and 3,345; for chauffeurs, 60,706 and 39,513, and dealers, 2,060 and 2,019.

WINTER WEATHER COMING FROM WEST

Saskatchewan Reports Snow, While in Manitoba Rain Was General First of Week.

It is generally admitted here that the West is a barometer for the East, and if this be true, some real winter weather may be expected in Ontario shortly. This will be quite in contrast to what we have been enjoying for the past two or three weeks, and a perusal of the thermometer readings on our front page is indicative that we have passed through one of the mildest Octobers in a good many years.

A dispatch from Winnipeg on Monday predicted a chilly setting for hallowe'en merrymakers in Western Canada, as winter had already descended upon Saskatchewan, a blanket of snow covering the southern and central portions of the Province. Rain was fairly general in Manitoba over the week-end, and showery weather prevailed in Alberta.

Despite the sudden change in weather, it has caused no anxiety as the most of the 1927 crop of the three prairie provinces has been garnered. In isolated districts where overworked crews were unable to complete threshing, farmers were stacking their grain in an effort to save it from further deterioration.

About an inch of snow fell in the Regina district in Saskatchewan, while Foremost and Shaunavon reported half an inch.

Locally, a heavy rain fell early Wednesday morning, but again farmed up about 8 o'clock, though turning colder.

HAD TONSILS REMOVED
A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wilson of Egremont was admitted to Durham hospital and underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils.

BARN AND CONTENTS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Malcolm McKechnie of Glenelg Suffered Heavy Loss When His Barn Caught Fire From Threshing Engine and Was Totally Consumed.

A disastrous fire, supposed to have been caused by a spark from the threshing engine, occurred on the farm of Mr. Malcolm McKechnie, about four miles north of town about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when his fine big barn, together with the season's crop, were destroyed by fire. With barn and contents, two horses, seven hogs, a calf, two cars, belonging to Messrs. Elgin Weber and Earl Vessie, and quite a lot of machinery, as well as considerable spruce lumber, went up in flames.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. McKechnie himself, and had gained a start in a sheep pen adjoining the barn. Notwithstanding that he immediately gave the alarm, it was soon out of control and spread rapidly to all parts of the building, and despite the frantic efforts of those at the threshing very little was saved. Luckily there was time to get the separator out of the main barn.

When it was seen that the fire was getting ahead of them, Mr. McKechnie and William Hill ran into the horse stable to release four animals that had been left there, one team belonging to McKechnie and the other to Walter Clark. They succeeded in getting one animal from each team outside, but two could not be rescued and perished. Beside the barn proper, which was 40x85 feet and one of the best in the section, a piggy, henhouse and drive shed were burned.

For a time it was thought the residence would go also and a telephone call was sent to town and a number of the members of the fire brigade with the chemical engine went up to stand by but were not needed.

The loss is particularly heavy one at this season of the year and we understand that there was only a light insurance. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. McKechnie in his misfortune.

NORTHERN & O.H.A. TEAMS THIS WINTER

Reorganization Meeting of Durham Hockey Club Was Held Tuesday Evening, and Two Teams Will Compete.

There will be two teams representing Durham on the ice this coming winter, one in the Junior Northern, and one in both Senior Northern and Intermediate O. H. A. This was the decision at Tuesday night's meeting in the Hahn House, when last year's officers were re-elected. They are H. W. Wilson, president; J. N. Murdoch, vice-president; and C. M. Steinacher, secretary-treasurer. The appointment of a manager was left for the players to decide, but there is every probability that Lance McGill, last year's pilot, will again handle the rudder and direct the crew.

Durham this year should have two good teams as there seems plenty of material around to chase the elusive rubber up and down the glossy surface. In the Senior Northern especially, the locals have always been well up in the semi-finals and finals each season and as the outlook this year is better than for some seasons past it is confidently hoped that they may win the championship trophy which has slipped out of their hands in the past by a matter of only one or two goals.

FAIRBAIRN CHURCH HAD BIG CROWD

Anniversary Services Were Well Attended on Sunday and Monday, and Fowl Supper Was Much Enjoyed.

The congregation of Fairbairn Presbyterian church had another successful anniversary service on Sunday and Monday of this week, large congregations being present at both services on Sunday and a full house at the fowl supper on Monday evening. The special preacher for the Sunday services was the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie of Palmerston, whose sermons were much enjoyed by all present.

As is usual, the supper put up by the ladies of the church on Monday was an excellent one, roast fowl and all the trimmings being there in abundance, with a plentiful supply of cakes, pies and other delicacies. The church building was jammed to capacity and when the editor of this paper expressed his inability to be present owing to various causes, he was told it was just as well—there wasn't any room left, anyway. The programme was an excellent one, being composed of the best local talent, and also the pick of Dundalk Mount Forest and other places.

Rev. W. Johnston, the pastor of Fairbairn and Holstein churches, occupied the chair and has expressed himself as very well pleased with the success of the two days which were red letter days in the history of the congregation.

LAUDER MAKING GOOD WITH BOSTON BRUINS

Martin Lauder Went Great Guns in Practice and Is Almost Assured Place on Regular Line-up.

A dispatch from Boston on Tuesday of this week has the following to say of Martin Lauder, the Durham boy, who makes his professional debut this year with the Boston Bruin team:

"The management of the Boston Bruins were impressed in the latest workout by the play of Martin Lauder, of last season's Owen Sound Dominion junior champions, who is endeavoring to make the jump to the big league.

There is no doubt at all that Lauder has broken away to a sensational start. The future that leading hockey critics have predicted for him appears to have been justified. (Continued on page 5)

ARMISTICE DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Local I. O. O. E. Chapter Will Be Assisted by War Veterans at Friday Evening's Service in Front of Monument.

In addition to the regular church services of Monday, which has been set aside by the Government as Thanksgiving Day, and Armistice Day combined, there will also be an Armistice Day service on Friday, November 11, the latter to be in charge of the I. O. O. E. Chapter, assisted by ex-service men of the town and vicinity.

The service this year will be unique in that, in addition to the regular service held each year by the Daughters of the Empire, this will be the official unveiling of the recently installed electric lights which have been placed around the monument and which will be lighted each night hereafter. The lights were installed at the expense of Mr. H. W. Wilson and the current used is to be paid for by the town.

Though the installation has been made for the past two weeks, it was felt that as Armistice Day was so near at hand it would be the proper thing to have the lights first turned on on the anniversary of the declaration of peace, and to be the more effective this ceremony would of necessity have to take place after dark.

The occasion is a most solemn one and it is to be hoped that everybody in town and from the surrounding country will be present to take part in the ceremony which will last not more than half an hour at the most.

The service will commence sharp at 8 o'clock and the Chapter requests all who have wreaths or anything of that nature to be placed on the monument, to keep them for the evening of November 11, when an opportunity will be given during the service for the placing of them.

The I. O. O. E. will also sell poppies this year as usual, the proceeds to go to the invalid veterans of the Great War.

MRS. JOHN HORNSBY DIED YESTERDAY

Funeral Takes Place Tomorrow Afternoon to Maplewood Cemetery.—Was Resident of Egremont Since 1880.

After an illness of two years from the effects of an attack of influenza, with a subsequent stroke of paralysis, Mrs. John Hornsby of the 21st concession of Egremont passed away yesterday, November 2, in her 77th year. For the past five weeks she had been bedfast, and despite the best of care and attention lavished on her by her daughter, Miss Miriam, and step-daughter, Mrs. Jones, of Owen Sound, as well as the best of medical aid, she continued growing weaker until she finally passed away.

The late Mrs. Hornsby was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1851. Leaving Ireland in 1880 when she was 29 years of age, the family came to Canada and first settled in the vicinity of Orchard, where the deceased remained until 1894, when she was married to the late John Hornsby, who died 12 years ago. Since her marriage the deceased has lived on the farm on which she died, lot 15, concession 21, Egremont.

Surviving to mourn the death of a kind mother are one daughter, Miss Miriam, her step-daughter, Mrs. E. Jones of Owen Sound, and a stepson, Thomas Hornsby, now seriously ill and bedfast for the past several months. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Messrs. Joseph and John Acheson, of Portage La Prairie and MacGregor, Manitoba, respectively, Mrs. Joseph Patterson of Edwin, Man., and Mrs. Cunningham Moore of Glenelg, who will have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The funeral is being held tomorrow afternoon from her late residence, the services being in charge of Revs. McCormack of Priceville and Purnell of Dromore. Interment is being made in Maplewood cemetery.

HELD WIENER ROST

The members of the A. Y. P. A. held a roaster at Dr. McGillivray's cottage at Aberdeen on Thursday evening of last week, when upwards of 25 were present.

Owens, Elmwood, Bentinck tp., 605; Gordon Ardiel, Heathcote, Collingwood tp., 603; Elmer Ward, Warton, Keppel tp., 602.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours.

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	48	71	46
Friday	57	60	55
Saturday	45	52	44
Sunday	39	52	36
Monday	50	69	44
Tuesday	56	66	55
Wednesday	41	46	41

Rainfall for Week

Thurs., fine and warm	0.00
Fri., fine and warm	0.00
Sat., fine and warm	0.00
Sun., fine and warm	0.00
Mon., fine and warm	0.00
Tues., cooler	0.07
Wed., warm, cloudy	0.38