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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.

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Editorials

NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS

The Chronicle subscription lists are at present carrying several subscribers who are in arrears for a considerable time for their copy of this paper, and we would again respectfully ask that they either call at this office and settle or send the money by postal note or in other manner. Some of these subscribers have been notified by account previously rendered, and others will be sent the amount of their indebtedness immediately. After the first of January we are going to give our lists a thorough housecleaning and must insist on a settlement of all our outstanding accounts that have been running for any length of time.

We are loathe to call attention to this state of affairs through these columns, but the personal billings we have done in the past few months has not had particularly good results and if settlement is not made in a reasonable time after these accounts are rendered after the first of the year, we will be forced to place them in other hands for collection.

Like any other business The Chronicle cannot run without money. We must have payment of accounts in order that we may pay our own, and in asking for remittance from those who owe us we are but demanding what belongs to us, and what courts will award us if our delinquents force us to place the matter there for final settlement.

The above does not refer to any of the smaller amounts due us, but for good substantial amounts which should have been paid long ago and which, apparently, have been overlooked either intentionally or otherwise. Frankly, we have come to the conclusion that any man who does not pay is anything but an asset, and while drastic methods of collection may reduce our subscription lists considerably, we have made up our mind that it is a much better way to conduct a business than allowing accounts to run for years and lose them eventually.

Another matter that has been having our consideration has to do with the numbers of "free" copies of The Chronicle that have been mailed from this office. In the past all correspondents and others from whom we received items of news from time to time, have been supplied with a copy of the paper. These copies cannot be regarded as free so long as there is a reasonable amount of co-operation, but we have on our lists too many from whom we have had no correspondence or news for months. As we feel that this is rather unfair to ourselves, this "free" list for correspondents who send in no news, will be discontinued after the first of the year unless we hear from them. The Chronicle has a big list of good correspondents who send us the news regularly and we feel it is hardly honest on our part to continue on our lists other one-time correspondents who have for some reason ceased to function.

THE MUNICIPAL OUTLOOK
Little has been heard, so far, of the municipal election, only slightly more than two weeks away, but this is no reason why there will not be a lot of excitement before Durham's 1928 Council has been selected. The nominations this year will be held on Monday, the 26th inst., and if nothing transpires before that date, there is little likelihood that the evening will be allowed to pass without some fireworks.

So far we have not even heard the customary threats of resignation from the members of last year's Council, neither have we heard any



FRANCO-AMERICAN TARIFFS
Marianne of France: "And why should you pay at the lower rates?"
Uncle Sam: "Because I am the richest."
—L'Oeuvre, Paris.

criticisms of that body from any of the citizens.

The 1927 Council has been an active one, at any rate, and have done considerable work around town, the improvements to the Town Hall being without question the largest item on their program. In our opinion, if any criticism is to be levied at them this year, the expenditures made on this historic pile will come within range of the guns of the heavy artillery.

Just what exception will be taken to the actions of the Council, however, we are not in a position to say. Personally, we think it might possibly have been a mistake to spend so much money on this class of building, but what else was there to be done? It is a foregone conclusion that the ratepayers were not prepared to sink from twenty to thirty thousand dollars in a new opera house, but it is also a well-known fact that the old building was the butt of all the jokes in town from nearly every citizen. No matter what exception may be taken to the spending of the money in improvements, there is, we think, no argument to the fact that the Town Hall, when completed, will be one hundred per cent better for the purpose for which it is intended than it was this time last year.

Generally speaking, this year's Council have been diligent in their duties. They have done what they could regarding local improvements, have kept our streets in as good a condition as could be expected with the money expended, and with the possible exception of the Town Hall, have expended very little money needlessly.

Rather than find fault with this year's Council, The Chronicle is more inclined to give them credit. It is true that our Town Hall may not be what we would like, but it is all we can afford, and while the Council may not have done all that may have been expected of them, we are frank to admit that they have been guided wholly in their actions with one eye on our requirements and the other on our finances. We make this statement after a regular attendance at all their meetings save one throughout the year.

It would scarcely be chivalrous, with so much reference to the Town Hall, not to include the ladies of the I. O. D. E., who have taken such a tangible interest in its repair and who, originally, were the principal

reason why we are not now blessed with an opera house that was a disgrace not only to the whole town but to the immediate vicinity.

Edge Hill

(Our Own Correspondent)

Readers of last week's Chronicle might think Edge Hill had moved, but it is still in the same old place. Mr. Clarence Robinson was in Toronto last week as a delegate from the Rocky U. F. Y. P. O., to the annual convention. The Community Club are holding a debate in the school on Wednesday evening when Howard Ritchie and Archie Greenwood will oppose Herb Edge and Cameron Robson in a debate as to whether the farmer or the mechanic is the most advantageous to the community.

Mr. Ernie Greenwood cut a year's supply of fuel for Mr. Robert Ector on Tuesday.

Mr. E. A. Weppeler is employed with Mr. J. D. McFayden since the latter had his wrist broken cranking his car.

A crokinole party under the auspices of the Edge Hill Community Club was held in the Grange Hall on Monday evening. Ten tables were in use. Mrs. W. J. Ritchie won the ladies' prize and the ladies' consolation prize went to Mrs. Arthur Edge. For the gentlemen E. A. Weppeler and Arthur McClocklin tied the latter winning the draw for first place. The consolation prize went to Mr. Ernie Greenwood. Home made candy was passed around and it proved a very enjoyable evening.

Ebenezer

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edmonds have moved into their new home, recently purchased from Mr. John Reay.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Ben Coultis is laid up with a severe attack of grippe but under the care of Dr. Smith we hope she will soon be her usual self again.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Noble and children of Mulock spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reay.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kennedy visited recently with their daughter, Messrs. Rupert and Melville Johnston spent Friday evening with Messrs. Elmer and Royden Reay, North Line. Mr. George Reay is at present drawing hay home that he

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purchased from G. H. Torry. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Hopkins and daughter Marjory spent an afternoon recently with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnston.

TRAFFIC OFFICER OFF AT END OF MONTH

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fore them erstwhile motorists usually take the train whenever possible.

Mr. Culp was offered a transfer to some of the southern highways for the winter, but has decided that for the sake of the three months or so he will be off duty he can very conveniently spend the time at home enjoying the comforts of his own fireside rather than the inconveniences of daily trips on a motor cycle inspecting snowflakes and high winds.

Next year Mr. Culp expects to be placed in the vicinity of Brampton on the Port Credit-Owen Sound system. Since taking up his residence in Durham, Officer Culp has been very fair with all motorists using the highway and at the same time has looked after his territory well.

Mrs. George Everett left ten days ago for North Arlington, New Jersey, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Lamerson.

Mrs. Alex. Richardson of Proton visited over the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Ray, at Dornoch.

BORN

McAuliffe—In Durham Hospital, December 10, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McAuliffe, Durham, a daughter (Marie Teresa).

Read The Chronicle Ads. on Page 9.

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Christmas, the Festive and Gift Offering season is approaching and is now only a few days off. We are all ready to supply the requirements of all in good things to eat and wear.

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| Kiddies' Box Handkerchiefs, each \$.25 | Ladies' Fancy Garters .29 & .49 |
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| Ladies' Fancy Box Handkerchiefs69 | Fancy Bath Towels .25 to 1.19 |
| Ladies' Best Silk & Wool Hose, all popular shades .98 | Ladies' Fancy Gloves, pr. .99 |
| Ladies' Guaranteed Silk Vests, all shades99 | Misses' Wool Gloves, pr. .49 |
| | Fancy Eiderdown Blankets each \$2.19 |
| | Ladies' Fancy House Slippers, per pair 1.19 |

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| Men's Fancy Handkerchiefs 15c. and 25c. | Men's Fancy Hose 49c. to 85c. |
| Men's Fancy Braces, pair 49c. | Boys' Sweaters, each \$1.39 |
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