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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.

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Editorials

TORONTO'S NEW CHIEF

The appointment of Brig.-Gen. D. C. Draper as chief of the Toronto police force is not meeting with the approval of a good many of the citizens of Ontario's chief city. There is little doubt that those responsible for the appointment neither seek nor want any outside advice in the appointment of this important official, but from the talk that went across the board previous to filling the position, General Draper's appointment will no doubt come as quite a surprise to a good many of us.

When the matter was under discussion it was said that the new man would have to fill certain residence qualifications, and another important requirement was that he would have to be a young man as the city officials intimated that they did not want to be under the necessity of appointing a successor for some years to come.

General Draper is a man 54 years of age and a resident of Quebec, and his appointment is styled by Mayor McBride as an insult to the intelligence of the people of Toronto. The Mayor quite naturally, and we think, rightly, says that a resident of Toronto should have been appointed. Surely there must have been some one on the present force capable of taking up the duties as well as an outsider who knows nothing of Toronto conditions and with no previous police experience. The appointment will not make for any better efficiency and most certainly will clearly show present members of the force that strict attention to duty has little influence in promotion to the highest position on the force.

CANADIAN JUSTICE

The commutation of the sentence of Doris McDonald, the Valleyfield murderer, from hanging to life imprisonment, has received very favorable comment from the New York American, one of the Hearst publications. Coming from this quarter, we are almost convinced that the Canadian authorities were wrong. The American says that "the Canadian Government did itself honor by listening to the protests and appeals of Americans against the execution of a woman and a wife." The American refers to the recent execution in New York State of Ruth Snyder as a horror and a shame and hopes that New York State may soon show itself as civilized as Canada.

We cannot agree with the opinions expressed in The American at all. We have a sympathy with those who oppose capital punishment in any form, but it is evident that this New York newspaper is merely opposed to the execution of women. It has nothing whatever to say about the execution of the husband of Doris.

If Canadian law is to continue to be justice, and our courts continue to rid society of its felons, then the law must be enforced. Whether a murderer be a man or a woman, according to our present law he must pay the penalty, and we see little sense in allowing a lot of this sort of stuff to enter into the enforcement of our laws.

If it is wrong to hang a woman, it is wrong to hang a man, and the whole system of capital punishment is at fault. We cannot say that we are in favor of stringing

up murderers on the gibbet; neither can we see that even a legal murder of this kind is right, but what are we going to do about it? The increased crime in the State of Michigan shows that the life imprisonment term for murder has done nothing to reduce crime, as compared with the records of other states or countries where capital punishment is enforced.

Until something better is found we see little use in finding fault with our present system, and so long as punishment by hanging is the penalty for murder in this country we think the law should be enforced regardless of sex.

A GOOD HISTORY

We have received from the author, Mr. A. W. Wright of the Mount Forest Representative, a copy of his book, "Memories of Mount Forest," just recently off the press. The book has been published in connection with the diamond jubilee year of The Confederation, and, incidentally of the Dominion of Canada. While we have not yet had the opportunity of closely reading the book, we have looked through its pages on several occasions and must say that it seems to contain a wealth of matter that should be of much interest to the residents of Mount Forest and vicinity who are at all interested in the early life of their community. Not only the town of Mount Forest but also the townships surrounding are well written up with historically correct news of the early and later days. The book is well arranged, well printed and well bound, and at the modest price asked should find a good sale amongst the residents. We congratulate Mr. Wright on his effort and know as only a newspaperman can the amount of effort and hard work it must have cost him to collect his material for this excellent volume.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A Montreal woman is dead from being bitten in a fight with a man. There is a moral in this for married men. Don't bite your wife and save funeral expenses.

A Thomas Sawyer who died recently at Tucson, Arizona, was not the original Tom Sawyer in Mark Twain's famous novel, according to a cousin of America's greatest humorist. Which matters little, Tom Sawyer was a reality to many of us when we were boys, and that reality still lingers.

Three Germans, attempting an airplane transatlantic flight, are said to have nothing with them but a revolver. There may be real sense in this, too. A revolver, if dropped in midatlantic, would be of greater assistance in relieving suffering than all the parachutes and life belts that could be carried.

A fire broke out last week in the press gallery at the Parliament buildings, Toronto. It died out itself. It is quite possible it started from some of the "hot stuff" the Globe press gallery reporter was writing. It, too, dies out of itself.

HELD CROKINOLE PARTY

The Young Ladies Auxiliary of the Knox United church held a crokinole party Tuesday night. A good crowd was present.

After having progressive crokinole for a large part of the evening Misses F. Milligan and E. Derby gave a piano duet followed by selections by a quartette of George and Thomas Bell and Misses Jessie Bell and Winnie Blyth.

The prizes for the crokinole were awarded, for the men, to Mr. J. C. Hamilton and the ladies to Miss Florence Macdonald. Lunch was served at the close of the evening by the members of the Auxiliary.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

On Friday evening, March 23, there gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vessie, their friends and neighbors of the Rocky Saugeen to show their their hospitality. — Mr. Joe Crutchley called on Mr. and Mrs. Vessie to come forward and the following address was read by Mrs. R. Lawson:

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vessie Dear Friends,— Having learned that you have given up farming and moved from our midst to be citizens of Durham, we, your friends and neighbors take this opportunity to spend a few pleasant hours with you and to express our regret that you have gone from amongst us.

You have always proven yourselves obliging neighbors, always ready and willing to give a helping hand wherever and whenever necessary.

We would ask you to accept these gifts (dining table and chairs) as a slight token of remembrance of our good wishes toward you.

Signed on behalf of the neighborhood—Abe Crutchley, Thomas Turnbull.

Mr. Vessie responded with a few words and thanked them for their kindness and gave the house to the guests to enjoy themselves to the best of their ability.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Treasurer of the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives desires gratefully to acknowledge the following contributions received in Durham by the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association:

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SOCIETY

Mrs. J. F. Wright spent the week-end in Brampton, visiting her brother, Capt. Alex. Firth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Catton, who visited relatives in town for a few days last week, returned to their home in Grimsby on Saturday.

Mrs. H. McLean of Toronto, returned home Saturday after several days in this vicinity attending to the affairs of her grandfather, the late Mr. Henry Sealey. Mrs. McLean has asked us to express her thanks to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness of her grandparent, which is very much appreciated by herself and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reay of Bentinck, are now in town and occupying the residence of the latter's father, Mr. J. A. Heugan. Mr. Reay has rented his farm at Ebenzer to his cousin, Mr. George Reay for a period of three years.

Mr. Hugh C. Rose, poet laureate of North Western Ontario, left Saturday afternoon for Toronto and other points, but expects to return in the course of a month or so.

Mrs. David Jamieson, who has been occupying Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Walker's house during the winter, leaves on April 15 for her home in Durham. The Hon. Dr. Jamieson will stay at the Albany Club—Globe.

Mrs. W. H. Wright (formerly Miss Iva M. Gerow, of Brockville) wife of Hon. Justice Wright, received yesterday for the first time since her marriage at her residence in Parkwood Avenue. The bride wore a smart Paris model of beige lace and diamond ornaments, and carried a bouquet of roses. Mrs. Robert Wright of Hanover had on a lovely confection of lace and chiffon, with bouquet of orchids. The tea table, lovely with daffodils and rose tulips, was in charge of Mrs. F. S. Mallory and Mrs. Ernest McGirr of Oshawa, assisted by Misses Martha Wright, Emma Wright, Nan MacDermott, Eva Bedford and Helen Dalrymple.—Globe.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hunt of Ceylon, spent the week-end visiting their friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawson.

Mr and Mrs. J. P. Whelan, Hamilton, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Norma Olive Mary, to Mr. Edward Coleman, B. A., Toronto, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman, Hamilton, the marriage to take place the latter part of April.

Mrs. G. H. Stinson, who has spent the past two months with her mother, Mrs. Charles Brown, returned Saturday to her home at Indian Head, Sask.

Mrs. Arch. Ferguson of Swinton Park is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Brown.

Mr. R. McCabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCabe of Varney, who has been employed with the Universal

Coolers Co. at Windsor, for the past three years, has been promoted to foreman with the firm. Old friends here will be pleased to learn of his advancement with his company.

Mr. George Hahn of Upper Canada College, Toronto, was home over the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hahn.

Miss Eva Morrison left last week to go to Welland to enter training as a nurse in Welland Hospital.

Mr. Andrew Hunter of Holstein spent the first of the week in town visiting his sister, Mrs. James Mather.

Mrs. William Brown of Holstein spent a few days in town with relatives and friends.

EASTER MILLINERY SHOWING AT PRICEVILLE

Misses Truax of Durham are having a display of millinery on Tuesday, April 3rd at Mr. McVicar's Hotel, and invite the ladies of Priceville and vicinity to see the new hats for Easter.

BORN

Cuff—At Durham Hospital on Sunday, March 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cuff, Glenelg, a daughter.

Noble—In Durham Hospital, on March 23, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. George Noble, Bentinck, a son.

Seth—At Castor, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seth (nee Katie McFarlane, Bunessan), a daughter.

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ROLL SHOWS GAIN IN DURHAM, 1927

Population Slightly Increased Over Last Figures Available.

According to Assessor McIlraith the population of Durham has increased during the past year, the roll just completed giving a population of 1,703. The assessment of the town is \$630,188.00.

During 1927 there were 25 births and 23 deaths, a net gain of two. Last year's figures are not to hand as we write, but the gain in population during the year just closed was in the neighborhood of 25 to 30.



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Estelle Taylor Dempsey, Wife of Former Champion, Puts Price at \$500,000, According to San Diego California, Staff Correspondent of Collier's Referee.

Bert Collyer's Chicago Referee leading sports paper in the United States, has consistently argued that Dempsey and Tunney will meet again for the world's heavy weight championship. The reason for the Referee's stand is simply a matter of finance. Promoter Rickard is not running the matches for his health, and the recent elimination contests held in New York have failed utterly to produce a contender for Tunney's throne. These showings have proved that they are not in Tunney's class, and this, of course, means that they will not draw the money. Rickard wants the money. Last Saturday's issue of The Referee says:

"Despite the fact that Joe Dempsey has informed all his close friends that he does not intend to fight again the 'insiders' are willing to wager a tidy sum that he will be opposing Gene Tunney again.

"The 'insiders' are Estelle Taylor Dempsey and some of her intimate friends among the movie colony. When Miss Taylor became Mrs. Dempsey she did not think much of the fighting business, but experience has taught her that there is big money in the game.

"Jack will fight again," said Estelle. "He is the only suitable opponent for Tunney and Brother Rickard will have to fork over half-million in cold cash before my 'baby' signs up. Jack will be there with bells on and that \$500,000 will be in real money."

"Estelle Taylor Dempsey may not be wearing the pants in the Dempsey family, but she is the one that is going to send Jack into the ring for a third battle. And as she says 'the bout will be short and sweet'.

"According to the views of Mrs. Dempsey, friend husband will win quickly or collapse from exhaustion about the third round. Dempsey is going to shoot the works in grand, old fashioned barrel house fashion. If he doesn't win, he will thrill 'em to the marrow and make a \$40 customer feel proud—even if he is so far from the ring-side that he is unable to see a punch.

"Regardless of the result Dempsey will pull down at least \$500,000 which will be hard to take. Dempsey will demand a square deal of the rules and will not stand for Dave Barry as the referee.

"After the battle Dempsey will be able to say 'Estelle, old girl you made me the champion again or perhaps it will be 'Honey, you led me to the slaughter, but we got the money'.

"Estelle may even insist upon being appointed the official time keeper, in which event there will be no 'long count'."

Rickard and His Decoy

Discussing the heavyweight situation editorially The Referee continues:

"It looks as if Tex Rickard is using the New York boxing commission as a decoy to induce Gene Tunney to fight for him and at figure somewhat under those that the champion compelled the promoter to give him. When it seemed that Tunney was going to slip by without making a gesture at fighting because there wasn't much of a gate in sight with the non-descript that were left to pit against him the commission comes along and announces that Gene must accept a challenge within a few days or lose his title under the six-months' rule. The commission offered him Sharkey, Risko or Heeney for his choices. It is to laugh. Of course it is impossible for Rickard to pay Tunney \$750,000 to meet any one of this trio—but that is what he would be compelled to pay if he lived up to his contract. With Tunney in the middle now, however, Rickard figures he will listen to reason, accept a smaller cut in the first fight with the eventual promise that Dempsey and the big money of will appear on the boards later. Nothing could be sweeter."

With arrangements of this kind being pulled off continually, it is little wonder that the dear old American public is at last awakening to the fact that they are being horns-woggled right and left though just why they have stood for this kind of thing so long is hard to see.

IN MEMORIAM

Wise—In ever loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Sophia Wise, who departed this life four years ago, March 27, 1924.

The evening star shines o'er the grave

Of one we loved but could not save God called her home, it was His will But in our hearts she liveth still.

A loving mother, true and kind No friend on earth like her we find.

For all of us she did her best And God gave her eternal rest.

Sadly missed by Husband and Family.