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Editorials

AS OWEN SOUND SEES IT

It is said that an untruthful rumor travels faster than one of the simon-pure variety and this was brought home to us this week when we read a news article in the Tuesday's issue of the Owen Sound Sun-Times.

We would not for a minute accuse the Sun-Times of deliberately falsifying its news reports, but the article to which we refer is most certainly misleading and decidedly at variance with the real facts. The Sun-Times says:

"There is a new post office in the town of Durham, erected during the last year by the Dominion government. It is completely equipped with all of the apparatus required to carry on the work in the most approved fashion, but up to the present time it has been of but little use to the people of the town and community.

"It is said that the difficulty in connection with the inauguraton of the new servce has arisen over the question of an official opening. An effort was made to have Hon. J. C. Elliott, Minister of Public Works, under whose department the building was erected, come to Durham and officially open the building, this suggestion being made by Miss Agnes Macphail, M. P., for Southeast Grey, but word was received that Hon. Mr. Elliott could not make it convenient to come to Durham, but suggested that the new post office be opened for the use of the public without ceremony of any kind, and this suggestion suited the officials of the town, who are averse to spending any of the citizen's money for any entertainment which might be entailed in connection with the proposed visit of the Minister, and were willing to open up the new building without fuss or feathers of any kind.

"Miss Macphail, however, according, to the stories which come from Durham, is determined to have an official opening if they have to wait all summer for the event to be held, and has made up her mind to have Hon. Mr. Elliott come to Durham, and thus the matter stands, and the citizens are clamoring for the opening up of the building. The whole thing has got to be quite a joke among the people there, and they are hoping that the difficulty will be smoothed out in a short time."

The article infers that the information given comes from Durham. Perhaps it does, but if such be the case, then the newspaper's informant is not acquainted with the real facts of the case, or else wishes to place the town in a wrong position with the public generally.

It is true that there has been some difficulty in having the new post office opened, but when it is stated that the Hon. J. C. Elliott Minister of Public Works, has said that he could not make it convenient to come to Durham, this is wrong. We have never heard that Mr. Elliott ever made such a statement; rather we have been informed that he is anxious to come. Neither did Mr. Elliott suggest that the building be opened without ceremony of any kind.

So far as we can learn there is no authority for the statement that Miss Macphail is "determined to have an official opening if they have to wait all summer for the event to be held". As was stated last week in these columns, the whole affair seems to have been a case of misunderstanding all round, the Council here not being well enough informed as to the proper procedure in order to have the building officially opened.

In a word, we might say that the report in the Tuesday issue of the Sun-Times, and which is given in full above so that all our readers may see, is decidedly wrong and an injustice not only to Durham, but to Hon. Mr. Elliott and Miss Macphail as well.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

We have heard so much recently about the strict manner in which the traffic laws are being enforced in Durham that we were almost inclined to the opinion that this was the only town in the province bothering about it. It is refreshing to learn that there are other towns "just as bad as Durham."

A Toronto visitor to Durham was recently returning to his home in the city and on the road this side of Fergus found he had a flat tire. He got out to change it and found that his spare was also flat, and when he went to inflate it found that his pump was broken. He drove slowly into Fergus to have the repairs made and pulled up at a garage with his car on the wrong side of the street. Result, a summons and a fine of $2.50.

We are not going to say very much about the case. The Fergus police chief was within his rights when he laid the information. The motorist was wrong when he left his car in front of the garage. The point we want to make is that the law is being enforced in other places as well as Durham, and we cannot ever remember any outside tourist passing through Durham being summonsed on so trivial a charge.

THAT FIXED CALENDAR

We may be old-fashioned, and a monkey-wrench in the machinery of progress, but we haven't much sympathy with this "fixed" calendar movement which at the present time is getting so much publicity. The arguments, at least some of them, that are advanced for its adoption do not appeal to us at all.

We simply don't want Sunday or Monday or any other day to be the first of the month continuously; neither do we want Christmas day to always come on Wednesday. Half the joy of life seems to be in turning over the calendar sheets to see what day of the week the next holiday comes on and learn whether or not we will be able to celebrate.

Monotony is one of the greatest killers of interest that we know of and we can picture nothing more monotonous than the fact that the twenty-fourth of May, the first of July, Christmas and some other holidays must always come on a fixed day of the week.

If a change is as good as a rest, then the changing calendar should be the proper thing. The new-fangled calendar idea is sponsored by only a few as yet; so far as the majority are concerned, they are perfectly satisfied with the one we have now and we doubt if the new idea would be acceptable.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Well, here's hoping the Leafs win an odd ball game once in a while anyway.

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A Yale University scientist says that Mars is inhabited, but not in the way we think. The inhabitants "may be" creatures with no heads. How perfectly at home these would feel with some of us right here on Mother Earth!

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Are women "persons" is a question that is to be decided by the parliamentarians at Ottawa. Perhaps they're not, but the editor of this paper is not the one that's going to break the news. We'll leave that to Jiggs.

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If Tom Heeney beats Gene Tunney this summer for the heavyweight title, United States sports writers will no doubt acclaim him an "American" subject. If he loses, it's back to the Antipodes for Tom.

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"Preach hell, but do not give them hell," was the advice given at the Canadian Conference of the Evangelical church, meeting at Kitchener last week. Perhaps it wouldn't hurt to try a little of both on some of us.

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Our linotype operator in composing an article in this issue about the "woollen" industry, made it read the "woodden" industry. A typographical error, but how truthful. That is about what some of the present-day wool feels like.

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There may be nothing, or anything, in it, but we were interested in a news item in last week's Winchester Press. The Press asks: "Now just what did Mrs. Houlehan of Chesterville mean, when, on Wednesday night last week at the big banquet, she stated that Miss Agnes Macphail, M. P. for South-East Grey, might soon become a resident of Dundas County?"

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnett and family moved last week to Hamilton where the latter has secured a position. Mr. and Mrs. Arnett have been residents of town and vcinity nearly all their lives and the community wishes them success in the Ambitious City.

Mrs. J. A. Wannamaker and family moved last week to Madoc to join Mr. Wannamaker, now permanently located at that place with the Hydro.

Mrs. F. MacPherson and Mrs J. M. Burgess are visiting for a few days with Toronto friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Morrison, who last week disposed of their home here to Mr. John McCoskery, leave this week to take up residence in Harriston. We regret to see this estimable couple leaving town, but wish them every nappiness in their new home.

Dr. and Mrs. Park and daughter, Helen, of Hamilton, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Park of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne McKay and daughter, Marjorie, of Inwood, have returned to their home after spending the Easter vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barber of Durham.

Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder and Mrs. A. Derby are attending the Provincial Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society convention at Guelph this week.

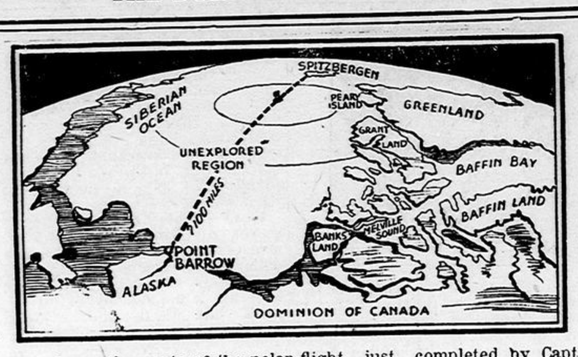
Mrs. Thomas C. Morton and daughter, Norma, of Cedoux, Sask., are spending a few weeks with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barber, of Durham.

Dr. D. B. Jamieson was in Elmwood Tuesday and, assisted by Dr. Stevens of that village, performed operations for the removal of tonsils.

Mrs. (Dr.) Farewell and daughter, Miss Farewell, of Walkerton, attended the I.O.D.E. concert here on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. T. A. Cook is visiting with relatives in Toronto for a week.

Mrs. William Gray and family have returned from visiting with relatives at Fort William.



Map shows the route of the polar flight just completed by Captain George Wilkins.

CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S.

The April meeting of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian church was held on Friday the 20th at the home of Mrs. J. H. McFadyen with a good attendance. Mrs. A Derby, president, presided. The meeting opened with singing and prayer and reading from Psalm 95. The members responded to the roll call with a verse on "Worship". The visitors' report and various items of business and correspondence were attended to. Several of the ladies led in prayer. Mrs. N. McCannel had the topic from the study book which dealt with many phases of the work of the church at home and overseas. After singing a hymn the meeting closed by all repeating the Lord's prayer.

QUEEN STREET MISSION CIRCLE

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of Queen Street United Church, were entertained by Mrs. H. S. Fiddes at the parsonage for their monthly meeting held on April 19th. Mrs. Kinnee, president, presided as usual. The meeting commenced by singing "Take My Life and Let It Be", which was followed by prayer. The devotional reading "Enthusiastic Workers for Christ" was read by Miss Eunice Moon. Miss Mamie Storrey read the 34th Psalm. All joined in singing "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy".

The Watchtower was read by the Heralds, Ada Metcalfe and Irene Elliott. The next chapter of the study book "Christian Missions in Modern Industry" was then taken by Mrs. R. Padfield. This dealt chiefly with the youthful American workers in such modern industries as beet pulling, tobacco and cotton picking as well as mining and lumbering. These young workers receive poor pay and when the long day is over they have neither time nor energy for educational nor religious pursuits.

Mrs. Padfield very skilfully drew several comparisons between the conditions of American workers and those existing in Oriental countries. She also outlined one method in which we may help them, namely, through the owner of the industry who is usually unaware of the actual conditions existing and is often glad to give his support and co-operation in behalf of his workers.

The hymn "Abide With Me" and the mizpah closed the meeting.

Mrs. Fiddes served light refreshments and a social half hour was spent.

When you are young you long for things to happen. You are growing old if you hope they won't.

A FINE EARLY TOMATO

After many years of careful selection a variety of the tomato has been developed that possesses first rate quality and ripens in the open in from 95 to 100 days. The development of this tomato began twenty-eight years ago when the variety Earliana was recognized to possess considerable merit. It was seen, however, to produce plants and fruit showing considerable variation. Mr. W. T. Macoun the Dominion Horticulturist, taking advantage of these variations, started making selections of plants showing early maturity and heavy yield. After several generations had been grown and seed saved from early maturing desirable plants, it was found that this method of selection had so altered the type of the plants and fruit from the original Earliana that it was decided to call the segregation Alacrity. To growers particularly in northern districts this variety has been a great boon, as it has made it possible for them to grow tomatoes almost as well as those living in more favorable districts. Further improvement is, however, still looked for in considerable blocks of plants grown on trial grounds. A record of performance is being kept of each plant showing the yield of ripe fruit for the first two weeks, month, and total season besides noting the amount of rough fruit produced. This study of the performance of individual plants reveals the desirable strain to use for further selection work. In addition to this a strain test is conducted to ascertain the segregate of greatest merit by actually growing plants from the selected strain side by side with strains of other varieties.

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Limburger Cheese, 6 oz. jars, each	.25	Large Boxes Pine Tree Matches, each	.28
Pie Crust pastry flour, 24 lb. bag	.95	3-minute Rolled Oats, per pkg.	.30
Five Roses Flour, cwt.	4.40		
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That one of the most aggravating problems confronting the egg trade at the present time is the far too frequent marketing of dirty eggs, is the opinion of Mr. W. A. Brown, Chief of the Poultry Division of the Dominion Live Stock Branch. Farmers should realize, states Mr. Brown, that they can do much towards improving the egg industry by taking steps to prevent the production and marketing of dirty eggs and by discontinuing the very undesirable practice of washing eggs before marketing.

Under any circumstances, it is inevitable that a few slightly dirty or stained eggs will appear. But the farmer who consistently produces and markets large numbers of dirty eggs surely does not realize the bad effect of this practice on his market. These eggs are unpopular with consumers and in many cities it is almost impossible to sell them at any price. Washed eggs are even more dangerous to the poultry industry than dirty ones. Washing destroys the natural protective bloom of the egg shell and, the shell being damp, mould spores often enter causing the egg to become unfit for food.

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The youthful bride, who wa given away by her father, will radiant picture in her bea gown of white georgette Chantilly lace. Made for specially by the noted P couturier, Marliac, the bridal is distinguished by the rich plicity of line and material. H a petalled skirt, longer in the than in front, the top layer o als being formed of Chantilly Chantilly lace and georgette pose the bodice, and the close-fitting sleeves are o An ornament of diamante the waist. The long train is ed of a broad silver ribbon, from the waist, and edge orange blossoms, while the veil of Duchesse lace and d'esprit will be attached close-fitting lace cap, have each side sprays of orange soms. With this lovely costu bride will wear gossamer stockings and white satin sl Her shower bouquet will pink roses and lily of the v

The bride will be atten Mrs. Ruth Griffith, as mai honor, and by her young Master Douglas Kilgour as Mrs. Griffith will wear a frock of shaded silk net, in ranging in palest pink made with tight bodice, and ced skirt over georgette. A ed ornament is placed at the Her picture hat is of softly net, in shades harmonizing her gown, and having at the modish bow of powder blue from which streamers under the chin, and fall o left shoulder. Rose satin s and a nosegay of roses and me-nots complete this at costume. The handsome litt who will carry the bride will wear a suit of whit Mr. George Coleman, brother bridegroom, will be the best and the ushers will be Mr Wilkinson, Toronto; Mr. Kellar, Rochester, N.Y.; Mr. Snyder, Kitchener; Mr. John and Mr. Charles Henderson.

While the register is being Mr H. A. Mann will sing "I the Night." After the concl the church ceremony, a re will be held at the residence bride's parents, 3 Turner the spacious rooms of whic be decorated with masses o pink snapdragon, blue lup palms and ferns. Dr. an Frank Coleman will assist M Mrs. Whelan in receiv guests. The hostess will very handsome gown of crepe, with boxpleated sk embroideries of midnight the bodice. Her becoming be a small, close-fitting h white mohair, trimmed with appliqued white flower mo having an underbrim o corded silk. She will corsage bouquet of pin Mrs. Coleman, mother of the will be gowned in green with gold embroideries, a wear a small green hat t and corsage bouquet of ros

Later, the bride and gr leave by motor for Quebec the western states, the bride away in a smart ensemble of beige kasha tweed, fur-

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