

# The Durham Chronicle

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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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## THANKS A LITTLE—BUT NOT TOO MUCH

Residents of Durham and vicinity have no doubt noticed that during the past week or so our morning papers have been arriving at the C. N. R. station "on time". For this we would like to extend our thanks to those responsible, but at that think we are entitled to a better mail service. The speeding up of the mail service, however, makes it a lot better than it has been during the past two years. Even one o'clock, and arriving here on time, is a lot better than one o'clock and meandering in any time between half-past one and two, and often later.

To speed up this service has caused quite a change in the original idea of the railway authorities, and the methods that have been called into play prove beyond any shadow of doubt that the mixed train cannot single-handed bring the morning mail into town on time or anything near it. As things are at present a "special" train running on a way freight schedule does the freight work. This train leaves Palmerston at nine o'clock each morning with empties for the Stone Plant, does the work the mixed used to do and, arriving in Durham around eleven o'clock, returns to Palmerston as a "special" with a full train load of stone. The mixed follows after the arrival of the passenger trains from the south, does little or no work on the trip up, and returns at two-thirty-five. Instead of stopping at the "Y" on the northbound journey, our mail train now comes in to the station and returns later to turn around, something that should have been done all the time.

If Durham has to put up with a morning and afternoon mixed train on the C. N. R. it would seem to us that the running schedule is about as fast as it can be made, but will no doubt return to the old unsatisfactory conditions once the demand for empties at the Stone Plant ceases.

## THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION

We simply cannot agree with those who advocate that countries like Britain, the United States and France, and latterly Canada, should lead the way in disarmament.

We are opposed to war, big navies, top-heavy standing armies and all that, and with three campaigns stowed under our belt may be pardoned when we say that we think we know a little about it, but despite all this cannot see that there would be anything gained were the foremost nations of the world to call a halt in their military preparedness. Of course it would be all well and good if all nations were to adopt this principle, but all of them will do no such thing. Human nature is too suspicious, and this disarmament question is but one more of those things which are theoretically correct but which will not work out in the reality.

In business life even neighbors do not trust each other. This is the reason for mortgages and certain legal forms when business is done on any other than the "cash down" principle. Theoretically, if a man borrows a thousand dollars from his neighbor he should pay it. In the reality a large number will not until forced to do so. Why should we expect nations to do something that we as individuals will not? Theoretically, no man should take that which is not his, but we still have our police force, our vaults and other safety devices. We cannot hope to change the tactics of the bandit and the lawbreaker by refusing to lock our doors, discharging our law enforcement officers, and resorting to pacifist methods. We must be prepared for him.

And so with nations. We dare say none of the leading nations of the world would object to some scheme that would do away with the expense entailed in keeping up its army and navy and policing its borders. They all know that war is wrong, but even in our present-day civilization we cannot get away from the law of the forest which says that the strong shall survive and the weak fall.

And anyway, why should the "peaceful" nations of the world be expected to lead in the disarmament scheme? Why not try out some of this disarmament argument on those whose past record has shown that they are not to be trusted with too much power? Disarmament and world peace is a lofty ideal. Of that there can be no doubt. But the time is yet afar off when peaceful nations are to scrap their defence and place themselves at the mercy of others who may not be so particular.

We have all of us seen the man who loses his head and starts to "clean up" on someone. But did you ever see one of these fellows swinging his arms and squaring off at someone he knew full well could mop up the street with him? So it is with nations. The nation with the big army and navy and peaceably inclined is the best guarantee of peace we know of. Disarmament and guaranteed world peace may come some day but it is so far in the future that we do not expect to be here when it arrives.

## DEFERRED PAYMENTS

The change in the methods of doing business during the past few years is little short of revolutionary. While the general run of businessmen, especially the smaller storekeepers, condemn the credit system, it can be noted that more and more of the larger firms, including our mail order houses, now blatantly advise prospective customers of their "deferred payment" plan—and go so far, even, as to recommend it.

The "deferred payment" plan is not a new scheme by any means, though a perusal of some of the advertisements would lead one to believe so. Since business began there has been the "deferred" or "time" payment method of purchasing. Until very recently this method has been confined mostly to the purchase of machinery, shop equipment and

the like, but now a person may buy anything from a linoleum for the floor to a motor car, and a large number of people are naturally taking advantage of it.

Personally, we are not in favor of extending the principle too far. Without the deferred payment plan many of our present successful businesses would still be working with obsolete machinery, but when it comes to a promiscuous adoption of this principle we believe a mistake is being made.

A man is justified in going into debt in order to install machinery or equipment in his business, but it is another matter entirely when he anticipates the purchase of something he could do without or which in his case might be placed in the luxury class.

Human nature is funny. You can sell some people anything at almost any price providing you make pay-day far enough away.

## LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENTS

According to reports received by the Railway Commission from the railway companies, the death toll at level crossings is increasing and the Commission finds that if accidents are to be lessened the sane motorist must educate the negligent ones. The Commission further finds that in many cases level crossing accidents are the direct result of negligence on the part of motorists. Stop signs are disregarded, crossing gates are crashed, and altogether too many chances taken.

Up here in Durham where the traffic is not so heavy as farther south in the province, accidents, fortunately, are not numerous, but at that a good many of them could be avoided with care. There are some people who, when behind the steering wheel of a motor car and judging by the manner in which they drive, must imagine they are the only travellers on the road and if they come through without accident it is more attributable to good luck than carefulness.

Only last Monday morning we saw a car going through town at too high a rate of speed for safety. When it passed the main corner it was travelling, we would say, at the full limit allowed by law in the open country instead of the ten miles an hour provided for intersections in town. Others on the street at the time remarked at the speed, but like ourselves, none of us wants to get the other fellow in trouble. We have little sympathy with the traffic officer who splits hairs over speed on the open highway but we do think that it is up to motorists to observe caution passing through towns. With four-wheel brakes it may be perfectly safe to travel thirty-five miles an hour along the main street of the ordinary small town, but it looks bad, and should an accident occur there is little likelihood of much sympathy being expended on the guilty motorist. This class of motorist not only suffers himself, but makes it hard for those who try to be careful.

## POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE

The political independence of the electorate during the past few years has been a matter of concern, but it would seem that newspapers, too, are adopting this same policy. The Toronto GLOBE is an outstanding example of where a metropolitan daily, and long known as "Canada's National Newspaper" and supporter of the Liberal party, has "chucked" the politics and now claims to be independent. The latest is the Port Hope GUIDE, which since 1881, has been an exponent of Liberalism and now joins the ranks of the independents. In announcing the change THE GUIDE states that in the future it will be "an independent town newspaper" and concludes by asking: "Why should a newspaper be the one and only example of business foolishness?"

In the small town, especially, the weekly newspaper mars its influence as a news medium by becoming embroiled in the heated political arguments of the day. It always makes enemies, and if this were accompanied by results it might not be so bad; but we have our doubts if a weekly newspaper in the average large rural riding, turns many voters to its way of thinking by the arguments advanced.

The editor of a weekly newspaper should demand the same right as other citizens—to use his franchise as he sees fit—and from our observations invariably insists on this privilege. In any other business we see the hard-boiled Tories, Grits, United Farmers and others, but how many of them are prepared to back up their convictions to the tune of losing customers? Newspapers today are not the party organs they were a few years ago. They have become organized into disseminators of news and as such eschew that which causes useless discord. Their subscription list and their advertising are their bread and butter and they would be foolish to sacrifice their living in order to promote the interests of any party or individual. The editor may be a strong party man, direct the activities of his party at election time, attend committee meetings and all that, but this he does as a private citizen and on the same level as other men. Nobody expects the merchant to drive his customers away with political argument; why should it be expected of the newspaper?

The day is not far off, indeed, it is here, when the "prominent citizen" aspiring for political honors, must state his case through the advertising columns of the press the same as any other business man. A man with political aspirations and wishing to represent his community in Parliament, has, with his party, something to sell. Then let them advertise what they have got and pay for it. That is what party campaign funds are for, and to which the newspaper can contribute the same as any other business. The time has passed when the local newspaper will consent to be the goat for the whole political party, and, in lost business, wasted energy and free space, pay for that which should have been paid for by the party as a whole.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Owen Sound evidently believes in the saying that if you don't make yourself heard you'll get nothing. Now the Sun-Times wants an air-port. Durham has both these things already. We have our own air and get the port at Walkerton.

Not all the "bulls" are made in Ireland. Last Saturday we heard a lady radio announcer from Toronto, giving a talk on shoes and hose over CFCA, say that one of the remarkable things in spring styles was that "the shoes and hose went hand in hand together." We're glad she wasn't talking about shirts.



## U. S. TRADE COMMISSION AROUSED

Although the official plans are withheld, it is thought that the Federal Trade Commission's investigation into power trust propaganda will be extended to include the alleged buying up of two Boston, Mass. papers. Senator G. W. Norris (left) of Nebraska and David I. Walsh (right) of Massachusetts, have been particularly outspoken in their condemnation of what they term an attempt on the part of the power trust to influence the press of the entire country.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Chickens Don't Like Oats  
Scientific tests conducted at the School of Agriculture at Cambridge, England, have shown that fowls digest oats much less completely than they do wheat. The chief difficulty seems to be with the hulls, which horses apparently delight to chew, but which are apparently just so much unnecessary impediment to digestion in the gizzard of a chicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allan of Toronto, accompanied by Mrs. (Capt.) E. McElroy and two children, Fort William, motored to town Saturday, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. Allan. Mr. and Mrs. Allan returned to Toronto the same day, but Mrs. McElroy and children intend spending some time with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rodenberg of Long Beach, Calif., visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Storey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and little daughter, and Miss Orma Burnett, of Listowel, accompanied by Mr. Cecil Johnston of Holstein, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Burnett.

Messrs. Blaine McFarlane and Walter Renwick have gone to Wingham, where they have accepted positions.

Mr. John Bryon of Owen Sound spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mrs. Ed. Burnett of Hanover was in town for a few hours yesterday and gave us a call. Her daughter, Miss May, known to many of the younger people here, is about to graduate as a trained nurse from the hospital at Oshawa.

## SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

S. S. 3, Bentinck  
Sr. IV—Lillian Park 73, Joe McCulloch 71, Jean Coutts 68, Russell Bartman 60. Jr. IV—Charlie Mighton 62, Claren Reay 56, George Bailey 55. Jr. III—Albert Reay 59, Myrtle Bartman 57, Grace Reay 57, Clifford Brown 46, Herbert Wells 34. Sr. II—Jean Reay 70, Pearl Bartman 47. Jr. II—Ruth Bartman 50, Bernice Wise 37. Sr. Pr.—Howard Bailey. Jr. Pr.—Edith Bartman, Marjory Brown, Ada Reay, Arthur Wise.

—Irvin Sharpe, Teacher.

S. S. 2, Egremont  
Jr. IV—Norma Ferguson, Vera Johnson, Sadie Davis. Sr. III—Norman Jordan, Douglas Johnson. Jr. III—Jimmy Ferguson, Willie Campbell. Jr. II—Percy Gordon, Viola Pollock, Ivan Johnson. Sr. I—Bert Marshall, Bobbie Webber. Sr. Pr. A—Clarence Gordon, (Lenore Davis and Clifford Gordon, equal) George Webber. Sr. Pr. B—Helen Lindsay. Jr. Pr. A—Bobbie Mighton. E—Norma Lindsay, Wanda Stephenson, Orvin Pollock. C—Vernon Campbell, Vincent Campbell, Minetta Webber.

Number on roll 24.  
—Reta L. Barbour, Teacher.

## TRAFFIC SHUT OFF AT WASAGA BEACH

High Water Interferes With Fine Motor Drive Along the Shore at Resort.

The broad expanse of sand beach at Wasaga has been claimed again by the sea. The lake level is much higher than usual and the blue waters of old Georgian Bay have pushed themselves up on the sandy playground and have effectively shut off the traffic down the beach.

The motor drive along the six miles of beautiful sand beach at Wasaga is one of the most attractive in this part of Ontario. The motorist has been able to skirt the bay along the broad, hard sand beach at a high rate of speed.

It would be very unfortunate if this condition were to continue, but it is fully expected that the lake will regain normal proportions and leave the beach about as wide as usual.

IN MEMORIAM  
Brown.—In loving memory of Marjory H. Brown, who passed away 2 years ago today, May 12, 1927.

Three little words, "forget-me-not". They don't seem much, but they mean a lot. Just a memory fond and true To show, dear Marjory, we still think of you.

—Ever remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Storey.

IN MEMORIAM  
Boyce.—In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, who passed away May 14th, 1927, at her residence, Crawford, Ont.

A loving mother, true and kind No friend on earth like her we'll find. For all of us she did her best And God gave her eternal rest.

—Sadly mourned by Husband and Family.

## U. F. W. O. CLUB ORGANIZED

The women of the Ebenezer district met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull, Bentinck, on Friday last, and organized a U. F. W. O. Club. In spite of the storm there was a splendid attendance and the meeting was most interesting throughout. Following the opening singing was indulged in and the creed repeated in unison. Mrs. Arthur Edge, president of the Rocky Club, read an excellent paper on "Essentials on Farm Women's Organization," and at the close the gathering extended a very hearty vote of thanks. The ladies were pleased to have with them Mrs. E. Lawson, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull and Mrs. T. Milligan, members of the Rocky Club. Following are the officers elected:

President, Mrs. G. Turnbull; Vice-President, Mrs. F. Torry; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. Reay; Directors, Ms. B. Coutts, Mrs. J. Porter, Mrs. G. Alexander; Press Reporter, Mrs. W. Fulton.

The meeting closed, a social hour was spent, during which refreshments were served by the hostess and assistants, Mesdames B. Coutts, G. Reay and F. Torry. The June meeting of this newly-organized club will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Reay.

Coming! May 16, 17, 18

The World's Greatest Show

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Sunday is Mother's Day

Here you will find an array of suitable gifts for the occasion including:

Silk Scarves, Silk Gloves, Kid Gloves, Silk Hose, Umbrellas, Hand Satchels and Purses, Toilet Articles, Writing Paper, Necklaces, Handkerchiefs.

The Sweetest Gift of All

A box of Smiles 'n' Chuckles or Neilson's Chocolates in all sizes, specially wrapped for the day.

CUT FLOWERS

Carnations, Roses, Sweet Peas, Tulips, Etc.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY!

Come in and see our special displays.

Candy Specials for this week-end:

5c. Chocolate Bars, 3 for 10c. Scotch Peppermints, lb. 25c. Peppermint Humbugs, lb. 25c. Fresh Salted Peanuts, lb. 25c. Licorice, Allsorts, lb. 25c. Chocolate Caramels, lb. 35c. Chocolate peppermint patties 35c. Assorted Cream Bon Bons, 35c.

The Variety Store

R. L. Saunders, Prop. PHONE 4 DURHAM

You will gasp at the GREAT CIRCUS!

You will marvel at the CHARIOT RACE!

You will cheer the SEA FIGHT!

You will tingle at the LOVE ROMANCE!

You will thrill at the GALLEY SCENES!

Prices 35c. and 25c.

Star Theatre

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture



Stock Up For the Winter!

Spring Coal Delivery is now solicited

ATTRACTIVE PRICES FOR EARLY BUYERS

April and May delivery prices are as follows:

Nut and Egg...\$14.75  
Stove...\$15.00  
Coke, per ton...\$11.50

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M. Grieg Calder, Manager PHONE 29 OR LEAVE ORDERS AT CENTRAL DRUG STORE.

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