

Nominations Monday Were Interesting

Annual Nominations For Mayor, Reeve, Councillors, Trustees, and Member of Hydro Board, While Not Exactly Love Feast, Caused Only Temporary Ripples of Excitement For Electors Attending.—Bell Gets Reeveship by Acclamation.

There was some fireworks at the nominations here on Monday, but after the smoke had cleared away and the net result accomplished had been reviewed, it was a rather tame meeting. One thing was gratifying, the large attendance of ratepayers, the largest, we believe, in a good many years, and if this interest could but be kept up during the year at the various deliberations of the Council it would be a good thing for the municipal life of the town.

The nominations opened at 7.30 p.m. and were in charge of Mr. H. Allen, clerk, pro tem. At the close of the hour devoted to the proposal of candidates for the different positions on the various boards, Mr. W. Laidlaw was voted to the chair and the speaking commenced. One feature referred to by the speakers was the regret felt at the absence from his accustomed place of the late Clerk, Mr. W. B. Vollett. For the past 28 years he had been in charge of all nomination proceedings in Durham and to the majority of the younger and middle-aged voters, the meeting did not seem altogether right without his presence as returning officer.

Treasurer's Report Came First
This year an innovation was sprung on the audience in that Treasurer Ramage was requested to read his own report, as he was more familiar with it than anyone else. This was done and proved entirely satisfactory and it is altogether likely that the practice will be continued in the future.

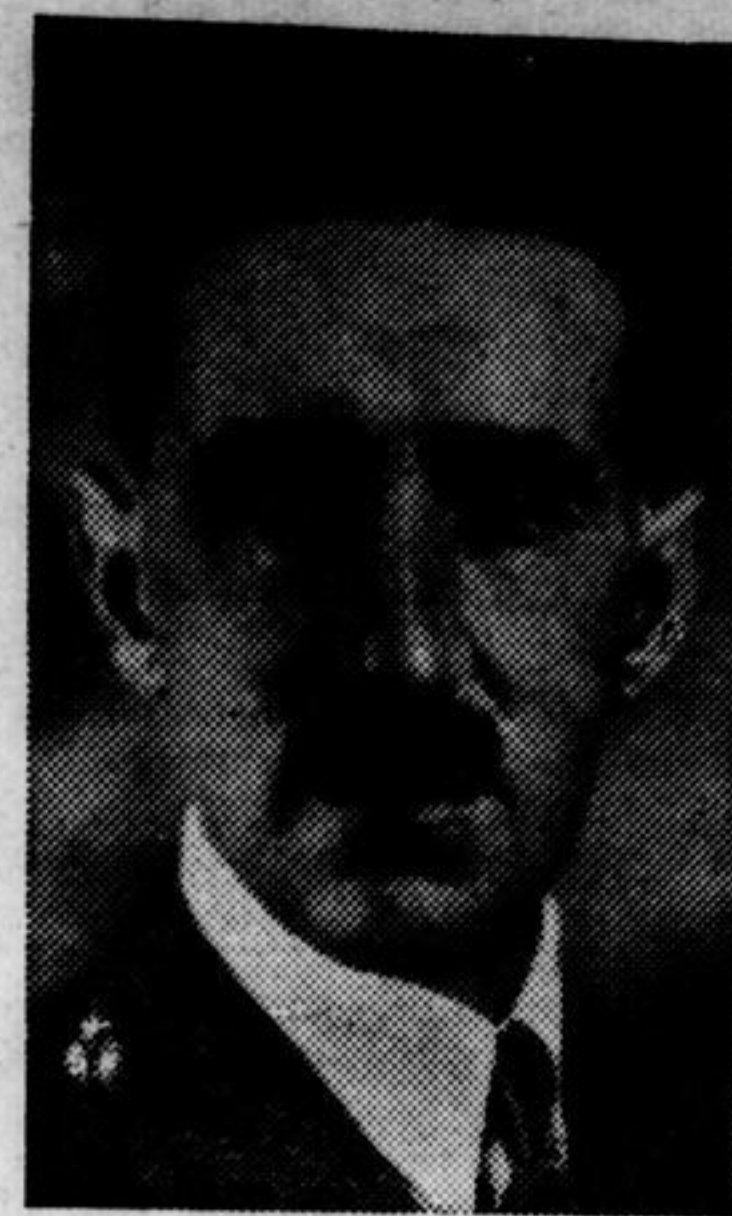
This report showed that there was at December 15 approximately \$3,500 of last year's taxes unpaid, a matter of \$400 more than last year. There was also some of 1928 and earlier years that had not been paid and the speaker warned any present who were behind in this important item that more drastic steps were to be taken for their collection.

Mayor Murdock
Mayor Murdock was the first speaker from amongst the nominees. He spoke of the lack of interest taken generally through the year with the work of the Council and thought the people were making a mistake in not attending the meetings each month. Were they to do this it would clear up a lot of the misunderstanding that mostly always arose at nomination time. As the Treasurer had given the financial statement the speaker was relieved from this part of his duty and dwelt at considerable length on the paving question, the big question of the past year. He explained what had been done, and which has so often before been told in these columns following the different meetings of Council and closed the subject by saying that in his opinion Durham had as good a pavement and trunk sewer system as any town of its size in Ontario.

Mayor Murdock told of the advances the town had made during the past five years during which he had occupied the mayor's chair. With the assistance of the I. O. D. E. the town hall had been repaired until it was a credit to the place. He and his Council had been instrumental in waiting on Miss Macphail, M.P., and had secured the post office in 1926. They had interviewed the Railway Commission and were instrumental in having the wig-wag signal erected at the C. P. R. crossing at the foot of the hill, and had opposed and won out the original plan whereby the town would have had to pay a share of the erection and operation of the signal. The signal cost \$1450 to erect and the maintenance charge would amount to around \$400. This was making the town nothing. He was asking arrangements with the Ontario Motor League to have signs erected in different parts of the vicinity to advertise the town. He had been criticized for spending some \$80 for trips to Toronto with members of the Council, but for this \$80 had secured grants from the Government totalling something over \$1,800. He himself had received \$40 for the use of his car for three trips to Toronto and one to Owen Sound and was not ashamed of the reimbursement he had received. He thought the town had been treated quite fairly in the matter.

In closing his address he said that he had been in the Council for a good many years now, and that the honor was no good to him from a financial standpoint. He was satisfied to retire but thought probably this was the wrong year to do so as there was still considerable work to do in cleaning up the fragments of last summer's work. The illness and death of Clerk W. B. Vollett had been a serious blow and handicap to the Council, and it was at the solicitation of numerous friends and ratepayers that he was in the field and intended to remain and await the decision of the ratepayers next Monday.

Denounced Last Year's Council
Mr. O. S. Hunter, a candidate for the mayoralty, said he was in the field for election and thought it was time for a change. He offered no serious consideration for the Council as a whole, but directed his attack at the chief executive, Mayor Murdock. The mayor, he said, should be the chairman of the various particular committees. He should be a supervisor over all committees, should know municipal law and contracts, and should be able and willing to guide the Council through their various deliberations. He denounced



CANADA'S WHEAT KING
Joseph H. B. Smith, of Wolf Creek, Alberta, who won the world's wheat championship at the 1929 International Grain and Hay Show at Chicago. He is considered one of the most progressive mixed farmers in the Wolf Creek district.

wrong in principle and thought the ratepayers as a whole should have had the opportunity of saying whether or not there should be a pavement built in the municipality. He scored the method of installing the connections in the main sewer and said that instead of making a hole in the main pipe with a pick and cementing around the joint that the proper junctions and fittings should have been used. He criticized the Council for not holding the money owing to the Standard Pavings Company instead of taking their bond, which he described as a worthless piece of paper, or words to that effect. Supposing the Council did have to pay five per cent on the money, they would have to pay more than when their bonds were floated. He thought it would have been good business to have held the money and paid the interest. Mr. Hunter stated he was in the field to stay and if elected would give his every interest to the industrial development of the town.

Explained County Matters
Reeve Bell said on rising that he would not touch on town matters at all, these having been well covered by the treasurer and the preceding candidates. His remarks were to be confined to the County Council. He referred to the two mills increase in the County Rate, but said he was not responsible for this. This rate had been increased from eight to ten mills and the good roads system and advanced education was wholly responsible. If we wanted these things we would have to pay for them. There were at the present time 260 miles of county road, 11 miles of which had been built this year. In addition the Hanover, Durham and Neustadt pavements had been constructed. The county's total road cost was \$137,000. There were 105 miles of provincial roads in the county.

In the matter of education alone the cost of this had risen greatly in the past few years. From \$8,000 it had jumped to \$80,000, and this year the Durham school alone had received \$6,459 as its share of the county grant. Referring to the Children's Shelter at Owen Sound, there had been a change in the manner of collecting maintenance fees, a change which Reeve Bell said he had supported and also believed in. As a county institution it should be supported by the county as a whole and not by a few of the citizens who were canvassed annually through the towns and rural school sections. Under the present arrangement the county made an annual grant of \$1,500 and the city of Owen Sound \$1,000.

The House of Refuge was next referred to. There had been a movement on hand to enlarge this institution but the speaker had opposed it on the ground that the Old Age Pensions Act would take care of many who were now inmates of the county institution. As a result of opposition the building had been withheld and at the present time the action of those who opposed it was justified. There are 180 pensioners in Grey county and it is thought that the House of Refuge will have ample accommodation and the only extension will likely be the changes made in the attic of the building and which will not cost more than \$2,000. The Pensions Act, the Mothers' Allowances Act, and the act that provides for the municipalities paying for the keep of indigent patients in hospitals, all cost the county money but they were a good thing and made necessary under the existing conditions. But these things would raise the taxes.

Dr. Grant, also nominated for the reeveship, backed up the statements of Mr. Bell regarding the school here and stated that the large amount received from the county was directly the result of the improved conditions here since the new wing of the school had been opened. At the present time 47.7 per cent of the pupils attending were rural and for each of these the county made a grant. The Durham school had the best science laboratory in this inspectorate, according to Inspector Levan. He had no intention of contesting the reeveship and advised everybody to vote for Mr. Bell.

Councillors Stonehouse, Noble, Whitmore, W. S. Hunter, and J. C. Howell also spoke for a short time and all were of the opinion that the 1929 Council had done good work, though possibly some mistakes had been made.

Senior Hockey Team Won Two This Week

Defeated Owen Sound 4 to 0 and Markdale 10 to 5 in Ontario Association Games.—Locals Have Not Yet Struck Their Stride and Good Games in Prospect As Season Advances.

The past week has been very successful for the local O. H. A. intermediates as during that period they have won two away from home games in a decisive manner, though while they outclassed their opponents in these first contests of the season it does not mean that they are to have an easy victory in this section of the Ontario Association grouping. Both Owen Sound and Markdale teams are bound to improve considerably when they get working and with the advance of the season and the locals in better condition some real hockey is sure to be the result.

Won in Owen Sound
The locals lived up to their former reputation as a good road team when they took the Owen Sound team into camp at Owen Sound last Friday night 4 to 0. The ice, with the exception of the first period, was in anything but condition, and in the initial session Elvidge scored three goals before the homesters had wakened up. This was all the scoring of the period, but in the second session Elvidge and McGirr went through the Owen Sound defence in a combined effort, the latter scoring on a pass from his team mate in front of the Owen Sound net.

In the second and third periods the ice had softened up considerably and made the going rather tough for the lighter Durham team, but the air-tight defence of the locals kept the Sounders owing to any close-in shots and the Durham goaler had little difficulty in handling the long ones that were fired at him.

In reporting the game the Owen Sound Sun-Times admits that the better team won and that the experience of the locals was too much for the home team.

The line-up:
Owen Sound (0)—Goal, Pointon and Silverthorn; defence, Whinfield, Beattie; centre, J. Coutre; wings, Cameron, C. Coutre; subs, Lenahan, Dault, Kreutzweiser.

Durham (4)—Goal, McDonald; defence, Kress, Wilson; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen, Elvidge; subs, Dean, McIlraith, Rowe.

Referee, Ashley, Wiarton.
Beat Markdale 10-5.

The Markdale intermediates were the dark horses so far as the locals were concerned, and while they had been defeated by Owen Sound in their first game, the locals had no line on them and went into the game on Monday night with the idea that they were to have a hard struggle, a supposition that was not far wrong. The final score of 10-5 does not indicate the play, as both teams are apparently hard ice ones and almost anything may happen in their next meeting if cold weather prevails. The ice on Monday was soft and no real good hockey could be played, but the result was highly satisfactory to the locals.

The Durhams went over to Markdale on the afternoon train, driving home after the game. It was a heart-breaking trip. Securing teams at Markdale they got as far as Priceville when the animals played out. Teams were then sent out from town. The night was a stormy one and a steady fall of snow and rain descended over the whole journey. At Priceville they were entertained by Mine Host McVicar, and as no let-up of the storm was in sight they remained in the hotel until about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning before they started out on the return trip, taking over two hours to make the return trip.

The line-up for the Markdale game was as follows:

Markdale (5)—Goal, A. Wright; defence, Dudgeon, Nunn; centre, Kidd; wings, Symington, Johnston; subs, McCutcheon, P. Wright, Kelly.

Durham (10)—Goal, McDonald; defence, Snell, Wilson; centre, McGirr; wings, Elvidge, Buschlen; subs, R. McGirr, Rowe, Kress, Lavelle (goal).

Referee, Saunders, Durham.

Northern League Schedule
Following are the Senior and Junior schedules in the Northern League series as it affects Durham:

Senior
Section A—
Jan. 10—Walkerton at Durham
Jan. 23—Durham at Walkerton
Section B—
Jan. 14—Southampton at Paisley
Jan. 23—Paisley at Southampton
Junior
Dec. 31—Durham at Hanover
Jan. 8—Walkerton at Hanover
Jan. 14—Hanover at Durham
Jan. 22—Durham at Walkerton
Jan. 24—Hanover at Walkerton
Jan. 29—Walkerton at Durham.

The game scheduled for Tuesday night at Hanover has been postponed, so that future announcements should be looked for in the completion of this schedule, which has been disarranged by failure to play the first game.

O. H. A. Game Here Friday
The first appearance of the Owen Sound Greys here is scheduled for this Friday night when they meet the local juniors in an Ontario Association fixture.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	24	34	24	—
Friday	32	34	24	—
Saturday	32	38	22	—
Sunday	28	35	26	2
Monday	28	32	24	—



OBITUARY

C. W. ARNETT

Word was received here Sunday of the death that day in the hospital at Edmonton, Alberta, of Mr. C. W. Arnett, who passed away after several months' illness from stomach trouble. Mr. Arnett had been ailing for some two or three years and last fall was taken worse, subsequently being taken to the hospital at Edmonton, where he passed away last Sunday.

The late Mr. Arnett, who was 75 years of age, was born at Stoneham, Quebec, and when a young man came to Proton Township, where he resided for a time, subsequently moving to Glenelg, to the 2nd concession, N. D. R., where he lived for some 35 years. He was a well-known resident of the township and was held in the very highest regard. While engaged principally in farming, he also engaged extensively in timbering in the early days.

Over 50 years ago the deceased was married to Miss Annie McLaren of Proton. Twenty-five years ago they moved West to Edmonton, where the subject of this sketch followed mining and lumbering for some years, his activities taking him up into the Lesser Slave Lake country and into British Columbia. For the past few years he had been living retired, though he conducted a market gardening business as a remunerative sideline as well as a hobby.

The death of Mr. Arnett is the first break in the family. He is survived by his widow, and five sons and two daughters as follows: William in Viking, Alberta; Wesley, in Glenelg; Thomas, in Orangeville; John in Hamilton; George, in Detroit; Mrs. John Winegarden (May), Hamilton, and Miss Emma Arnett, Vancouver, B.C.

Though no definite particulars have been received at time of writing it is thought by the members of the family here that interment will be made at Edmonton where the deceased, with Mrs. Arnett, have spent the past quarter century of their lives.

PETER COUTTS

Peter Coutts, a well-known and highly respected resident of West Luthar, near Conn, died December 26, and interment was made on Sunday, the 29th, in Mount Forest cemetery. The deceased was not well known here though he had visited in this vicinity on different occasions, and was the father of Mr. Gordon Coutts, husband of the former Miss M. MacArthur of Bentinck. Mr. E. S. MacArthur and mother, Mrs. D. MacArthur, attended the funeral from here on Sunday.

MRS. GEORGE NEAL

Mrs. George Neal, a pioneer resident of Egremont, but for the past ten years residing in other parts of the Dominion with members of her family, passed away on Christmas day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cheyne, at Hamilton, and the funeral was held Monday from the residence of her brother, Mr. R. G. Morrison, Egremont. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

The late Mrs. Neal was 74 years of age and was born in Egremont near Barber's Corners. She lived here until a young woman and 51 years ago was married to Mr. George Neal, who died ten years ago. They lived on the present site of the Barber farm in Egremont for some 16 years, removing later to Mount Forest, where they resided until the death of Mr. Neal. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Neal went West and spent some years with the members of her family there, subsequently moving to Hamilton to be with her daughter, Mrs. Cheyne. She was taken ill two years ago but her condition was not considered serious until last August, since which time she continued to fall in health and passed away on Christmas day. The remains were brought to Varney on Saturday last and interment was made Monday in Maplewood cemetery, the services being taken by Rev. B. D. Armstrong of Durham Presbyterian church in the absence of Rev. Mr. Hayes of the Anglican church here, who was confined to his home through illness. The deceased, who was a true Christian character, was a member of the Anglican church all her life and was most highly esteemed by everyone of her acquaintance. Before leaving for Varney a service was held at the home of her daughter at Hamilton at which the Revs. Carson, Samuel and Canon Spencer officiated. Many floral tributes were laid on the casket by the family, former neighbors here, and acquaintances at Hamilton.

Surviving Mrs. Neal is a family of five daughters and four sons: Mrs. F. C. D. Smith (Rachel), Regina, Sask.; Mrs. W. E. Poole (Annie), and Mrs. N. Dexter (Lavina), Ogema, Sask.; Mrs. F. A. Jones (Edna), Headlands, Sask.; Mrs. A. E. Cheyne (Bella), Hamilton, at whose home she died; Albert Neal, Toronto; Calvin and Edward, Calgary, Alberta; and Robert G. Hamilton. Surviving also are one sister, Mrs. George Hepburn of Durham, and three brothers, James, of Grenfell, Sask.; George of Medicine Hat, Alberta; and Richard G. of Egremont, near Varney.

MRS. C. PATTERSON

Early Friday morning there passed away in Dundalk, Mrs. Coverdale Patterson, in her 38th year. For a number of years she had been a patient sufferer and doctors gave little hope of her recovery.

Mrs. Patterson was born in Bado, Norway, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnston. She came to Canada about 20 years ago and at Davidson, Sask., 13 years ago, married her now bereaved husband. After spending 7 years in Alberta the family moved to Dundalk, where they have since resided.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS

Neighbors and Friends Gather on Christmas Day to Congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Gillen Boyd on Golden Anniversary of Their Wedding.—Sent in by Glenroadin Correspondent.

A most delightful and unique event took place at Glenroadin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gillen Boyd on Christmas Day when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Neighbors and friends enjoyed the Christmas festivities with the delightful old couple. Mrs. Boyd has lived in this district since she was a small girl, when she came from Galt with her parents to the farm now owned by Mr. Hill on the highway. She was formerly Miss Marion Boyd.

Mr. Boyd has always lived in this community. He was born and raised on the farm now owned by Mr. L. McLean at the Rocky.

Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were married by Rev. Mr. McDermond at Dornoch Presbyterian church. For the last forty years they have lived on the farm now owned by them at Glenroadin. To them was born one son, Allan, who lives in Saskatchewan, but due to his wife's serious illness he was unable to be with his parents. There are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have always been prominent workers in Burns Presbyterian church. Many beautiful gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd among them being several pieces of gold china ware and a beautiful mahogany chime clock. Friends and neighbors join in wishing them continued health and happiness.

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN ADLAM CASE

Plaintiff Awarded \$450 and Costs in Action Against Walkerton Garage-man.—Accident Happened Over Year Ago.

The case of Adlam vs Lettner, tried at Owen Sound on December 16, before His Honor Judge Sutherland, resulted in the plaintiff being awarded \$450 and costs, the decision having been reserved at the time of trial.

The action arose from a motor accident west of Hutton Hill a year ago last October in which Lettner was alleged to have run into a car driven by William Adlam of Bentinck, who claimed Lettner was on his wrong side of the road. Quite a number of witnesses were called by both sides those from this vicinity being A. Noble of town, C. Lawrence and D. Donnelly of Bentinck, and T. A. Lauder of Elmwood.

Campbell Grant of Walkerton for plaintiff, O. E. Klein, Walkerton, for defendant.

SAYS NEW TYPE OF POLICE NEEDED

Old-Fashioned Kind of Policeman to Be Supplanted.—More Training Needed.

The passing of the old fashioned policeman and the coming of a successor, a specialist as highly trained as a doctor or lawyer was predicted recently at the opening meeting of the American Sociological Society.

Describing this age as extremely complex socially, Prof. A. G. Berry, of the University of Wisconsin, said that a policeman should be a specialist, and added that the idea was gradually being developed from police schools and departments of a few universities. He qualified this, however, by saying that the process was only at its beginning.

As an example of the need for the new type of officer, he gave the multiplicity of traffic laws and the changes brought about in crime detection through the use of the microscope, the chemical test tube and other scientific inventions.

Election Monday For Members of Council

Murdock and Hunter in Battle for Mayoralty, With Nine Candidates in Running For Six Places on Council.—Big Slate of Officials for Egremont.

Those who anticipated an acclamation for the Council Board this year had these hopes dashed to earth when the time for filing qualifications Tuesday night had expired and it was found that no less than nine candidates were in the running for seats on the 1930 Council. This is in direct opposition to the experience of other towns around here where it was found necessary to buttonhole councillors, or, in some cases hold another nomination for candidates. The slate before the electors of Durham this year is:

For Mayor—J. N. Murdock, O. S. Hunter.

For Council—C. H. Moffat, W. S. Hunter, C. Howell, B. Stonehouse, R. Whitmore, Albert Noble, J. P. Smith, F. J. McLean and M. G. Calder.

For the other offices in town Reeve Bell was returned by acclamation. Messrs. J. S. McIlraith, G. S. Kearney and J. McGowan received an acclamation to the Trustee Board, and H. W. Wilson was returned unopposed as a member of the Hydro Commission.

It is predicted that the battle this year will be a hot and merry one and there is no one who will care to predict the result when the final vote is counted next Monday night.

Election in Egremont

The nominations for Egremont held in Holstein on Monday brought out a number of candidates for all positions. For the Reeveship last year's head, W. H. Hunter, is battling it out with J. McArthur, a former reeve, while for deputy three are in the field, Irwin Robb, W. J. Philip and J. A. Ferguson. These two positions at the head of the council are being fought out on the "road straightening programme of last year. Reeve Hunter and ex-Councillor Philip favor the running of the county-provincial highway from Dundalk straight across the township, it is said. Mr. McArthur is opposed to the straightening of the road and hopes to draw the entire vote of the southern part of the township to his banner. Mr. Ferguson, too, as the father of the deviating roadway quite naturally opposes the straightening and will expect to get a majority from those also opposed. It seems to be a straight fight of the south against the north. In the Council Neil McEachern is the only candidate with municipal experience. Also running are Hugh McEachern, Wm. J. Watson, Fred Holliday and David Long, all making their first try. Like Durham, it is to be an interesting contest and the result will be watched with interest.

Holstein Police Trustees were all elected by acclamation, last year's board being returned without opposition as follows: Messrs. C. Drumm, Joseph Bilton and R. Christie.

Of last year's council in Egremont, Deputy Reeve Mack is the only absentee, he feeling that he did not have the time to devote to municipal politics, his position requiring absence from home for days at a time. Mr. Robb and Mr. Philip of last year's council are both in the running for deputy reeve, and as both cannot win, the Council for 1930 is in either case losing a good man.

HEADED POLL AT UNITY

From a recent issue of the Unity, Sask., Courier, we learn that Mr. W. Sirrs, a former resident of Durham and a native of Egremont, was elected to the town council of that progressive Western municipality, heading the poll in the largest vote polled in many years. Mr. Sirrs' nearest opponent was 38 votes behind. We congratulate our former townsman on the trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens.



HEADS INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE AGENCY

Mrs. Elsie Weisart, Los Angeles, has been indicted by the Federal grand jury as the alleged head of an "international" fraudulent marriage agency. The technical charge lodged against her is that of using the mails in a swindling scheme. Scores of middle-aged Germans, for the most part ranchers and cattlemen, are said to have been victim-