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Monday's Session Was One of Woe

Petitions and Deficits Faced Town Council at Monthly Session, Which Sat Till Nearly Midnight Listening Patiently While Commissions and Citizens Recited Tale of Horrors.

"Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you" is a good slogan and one the town usually observes. At the regular session held on Monday night the whole sitting was one of trouble not of the council's choosing, and it started right at the commencement after the minutes had been read.

When Mayor Murdoch called for the deputations present to present themselves, the first on the list was H. W. Wilson, who, with G. S. Keerney and C. C. Elvidge, the secretary, laid the financial conditions of the waterworks department of the Public Utilities Commission before the board. They had no money and knew of no way in which they were to get it. The waterworks had been handed to them with a deficit and, with extensions and repairs to be attended to this had not got any smaller. The deficit altogether amounted to something like \$9,000, and Mr. Wilson gave the council some figures to show that this was a real deficit and not one on paper, either. Briefly, while the water services would take care of the greater bulk of the outlay, there would be the pumping and other charges that could not be met. He advocated that the town issue debentures to cover this and suggested as one remedy the taxing of the general rate for hydrant service. From information received from other towns this rate ran from \$20 to \$120 per hydrant for fire protection purposes.

It was brought to the attention of the council that drastic action was to be taken by the commission in the case of citizens who did not use the service securing water from those who did. This was in direct violation of the Act and was going to be looked after.

There were at present 32 hydrants in town and two or three more would be required this coming summer, with the necessary extension of the mains. This would be a good year to go ahead with the work and would furnish employment for those who needed it. It was suggested that the Act provided for an assessment of from two to four mills against those who have, but do not take advantage of the privilege of using town water.

The matter was laid over for the present but will be taken over at next meeting or before, although the majority thought the issuing of debentures the only way out.

Deputation Wants Sidewalk
J. P. Smith headed a deputation from Elgin street asking that a sidewalk be laid on the east side of that thoroughfare. It was a necessity, the residents were all favorable, and as the properties could not be properly finished up and beautified until the walks were put in, the deputation thought they should get some action.

The matter was fully discussed. It was brought out that there was a lot on this street upon which no building was erected, and as the taxes were in arrears and the property likely to fall back on the town, this was one argument for not building in front of this property, especially as in the opinion of some of the councillors a satisfactory walk could be put down without the expense of one in front of this lot. Then the matter of a "fill" was brought up. Members of the council thought this should be allowed to settle; others thought this not necessary, and one member stated that the ratepayers wanted the sidewalk down the whole side of the street. There was a merry argument for a time, with the referee, Mayor Murdoch, declaring the battle a draw. The petition was accepted, however, and the matter will be looked into.

The Streamless Stream
C. E. Watson was on hand with his semi-annual complaint about the drainage in the west end of the town not functioning properly, with the result that his barn was even now flooded out. He had heard of the babbling brook that went on forever, but this wasn't the brook he was referring to. The big trouble with him was that the brook that was supposed to run and carry off the overflow from the town drain had gone on strike and as a result of the plugging of the natural waterway the land in the vicinity of his property instead of being tillable was more like a morass and unfit to put a horse on. The council was to look at the drain this week.

May Have Night Patrol
The question of a night patrol for Durham caused a lot of discussion. While no vote was taken, of the seven members present, four were opposed to any change, apparently, while three

SMALL FIRE IN TOWN EARLY MONDAY MORN

Oil Stove in McLachlan's Store Got Out of Control, But Damage Was Slight.—Loss Fully Covered by Insurance.

The McLachlan store in one of the main business blocks of the town was visited by a small fire Monday morning shortly after 8 o'clock which did only slight damage, but which, had it not been discovered, might have caused serious loss.

J. A. McLachlan had come down to open up and, needing some warm water, started the coal oil stove. It was apparently working all right, as it did on many previous occasions, and Mr. McLachlan stepped up to the bridge to try his luck at a big trout he saw there a half hour previously. In the meantime the stove went out of control and set fire to some nearby boxes and was blazing merrily when Mr. Bryson Morlock went into the store. On seeing the fire he let out a whoop that would have put an electric siren to shame, and assistance was soon on hand that extinguished the blaze without the aid of the fire department. The loss, which was small, is covered by insurance.

Weather Too Cold For Big Catches

Fishing Season Opened Sunday, But Chilly Weather Has Resulted in Few Good Catches Being Reported.—Only Few Good Fish Landed.

The fishing season is on again, but to date nothing marvellous has happened. When we say this we are speaking generally. Of course there was the odd good catch, but until this chilly weather has disappeared and a few warm days and warm rains have passed not much success is looked for in the fishing line. Perhaps the fish, too, are suffering from the depression.

So far we have heard of only two good catches. Howard McDonald secured fifteen nice ones, the largest weighing in the neighborhood of a pound. It was one of the very few good catches recorded. As this is being written Cam. McLachlan holds the record for big ones, landing one Monday morning that weighed a pound and four ounces and getting three or four good ones later in the day.

There may have been other catches that we did not hear from, but these are the outstanding ones reported.

RECEIVED PRIZE MONEY

A couple of weeks ago we told of Mr. Roy Matthews of town winning a Plymouth automobile in a contest held at Port Arthur recently. This week he received a cheque for \$700 in lieu of the car.

Those favoring the change argued that the constable did little work in town in the daytime, anyway, his time being taken up with other duties. Numerous complaints had been heard of the antics of certain citizens in the wee sma' hours when they should have been at rest, and it was felt a night cop would solve this trouble. One member of the audience told of pilfering that had been going on, and thought the business men should have some protection.

The opponents argued that in the first place any change in the present system would have to be done by by-law, in the second place it was up to the individual business men to supply their own night guard if one were necessary, while a third councillor thought all anyone would have to do would be to watch the cop and do the devilment when he was in another part of the town. "Who will boss the work gangs this summer?" one councillor wanted to know, while others maintained we should go along as usual if we did not wish to raise the taxes. It was a good natured argument, but a merry one while it lasted and nothing was done.

Among other business transacted was the passing of accounts amounting to \$455.60, the receipt of a cheque from R. A. Blyth, the amount overpaid him in constructing the pump house, and the passing of the request of the Imperial Oil Co. to lower the curb in front of their service station. This work was to be done under the supervision of the board of works and local labor used.

The opinion was expressed that the town should supply free water for the soldiers' monument grounds, and the town hall was granted free of charge to the softball association for organization purposes. The Dunlop and Dominion tire companies were each paid \$150 for fire hose purchased.

Durham Girls Win At Musical Festival

Held Tuesday at Stratford, With Heavy Competition, Vera Lauder Tied for First Place, and Jean McGirr Came Fourth.

Entering the annual Stratford Musical Festival competition held in the Classic City on Tuesday of this week, two of Durham's juvenile musicians are receiving the congratulations of the citizens on the excellent standing obtained. This competition is open to all and naturally the competition is keen. In the festival there is something for everybody, piano, violin and other instruments, and vocal competition. The Durham girls competed in the piano class.

In the class for pupils under 9 years, Vera Lauder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Lauder, was tied for first place, and in the class for pupils under 12 years Jean McGirr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGirr, took fourth position, lacking only two points to tie with her next nearest competitor. When it is considered that there were entrants from Toronto, Stratford, and other large centres, as well as numerous places similar to Durham, the standing of these two young Durham musicians is remarkable and highly satisfactory to the parents, and their teacher, Mrs. G. R. Padfield. The test piece in the class under 9 years was "Le Petit Rien" by Couperin, and in the class under 12 years "Tarantella," by Gasto Borch.

We congratulate these young pupils and trust they will continue their studies with the expectation of competing again next year when they may be even more successful.

A dispatch from Stratford in yesterday's dailies reported Hazel Hyde, Stratford, first, and Vera Lauder, Durham, second, but this was an error. Both young ladies were tied for first position.

CELEBRATED 80TH BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

J. P. Hunter Passed Four-score Mark and Event Was Celebrated With Gathering at Chatsworth.

The Chronicle extends congratulations to Mr. J. P. Hunter of town on having passed his 80th birthday on Tuesday, the event being fittingly observed by a gathering of the family at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. MacDonald at Chatsworth. Present from here were Mr. W. S. Hunter and daughter, Miss Elsie, Mrs. H. W. Cross, Dr. and Mrs. Pickering and family, Mrs. A. H. Jackson, and Mr. J. H. Hunter, who for the past several weeks has been a patient at Durham hospital, but is now recovering. With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinnon of Bassano, Alberta, all the members of the family were present.

The afternoon and evening was spent quietly, a birthday dinner being served by Mrs. MacDonald to the company. Mr. Hunter received remembrances from members of the family and a most pleasant time was spent.

I. O. D. E. MONTHLY MEETING

Canadian Greys Chapter I. O. D. E. held their May meeting on Tuesday evening, May 3 at the home of Mrs. S. F. Robins. The Regent, Miss Margaret Hunter, occupied the chair. Miss A. Ramage gave the secretary's report, and Miss J. Weir the treasurer's report. The monument grounds committee gave their report regarding the arrangements they had made for work to be done on the grounds this spring. Committees were appointed and plans made for the Chapter's annual birthday tea to take place the last week in May or the first week in June. The date is undecided owing to the Chapter waiting to set the date, when it will be convenient for Mrs. A. Collins, of Walkerton, to come and give one of her musical programs.

Mrs. D. C. Town gave a pleasing instrumental. Miss Margaret Hunter gave a splendid and interesting report of the provincial convention held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, the week of April 12. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Hunter for this report.

Mrs. Grant will be a delegate to the National Convention held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, the week of May 23.

The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

James Pollock, aged eight years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock of the 18th of Egremont, is a patient in Durham hospital, where, on Monday, he underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

Prominent Citizen Passed in Death Of Late John Kelly

Identified with Business Life of Town and Surrounding Country for Over 50 Years, His Death, Though Not Unexpected, Came Suddenly Last Saturday.—Funeral Held Tuesday Under Masonic Auspices.

Mr. John Kelly, one of the town's prominent business men for over half a century, died at his home on Queen street last Saturday noon after an illness of over a year from heart trouble, and a confinement to his bed since early last December. Mr. Kelly took a turn for the worse about two weeks ago and while his death was not unexpected by the members of his family and close friends many in the neighborhood not acquainted with the facts of his condition were shocked to learn he had passed away. He was in his 75th year.

The late Mr. Kelly was a native of Durham, where he was born on the 16th of September, 1857, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, early pioneers of Durham, the former the proprietor of the famous Kelly's Mills, so well known by the earlier settlers, and still spoken of by the older residents of the vicinity. With the exception of a few years Mr. Kelly had lived his whole life in his native community, where he held the respect of all as an honorable business man, at all times took a deep interest in his community, and in his long business career as a bank manager enjoyed the confidence of the heads of the Standard Bank, with which practically all his business life was spent.

In 1875 at the age of 18 years he entered the employ of the old St. Lawrence Bank at Newcastle. That same year the St. Lawrence was absorbed by the Standard Bank. In 1888 Mr. Kelly was appointed manager of the Durham branch and remained here until his retirement in June, 1926. In February of that year Mr. Kelly was the honored guest of the Bank at its annual meeting in Toronto, the dean of the Bank's employees, and at the banquet was called upon for an address, which he gave most interestingly, outlining his banking experiences for the previous 50 years. During this period he noted the many changes that had taken place in the service, and referred to the fact that during that time the entire personnel from management down had undergone many changes, so many, in fact, that at the banquet he was the only remaining member of the "Old Guard."

That Mr. Kelly enjoyed the utmost confidence of his superiors in office is well known, but perhaps the best tribute we heard of this was from one of the succeeding managers after his retirement in 1926. One of these men visited head office before coming to Durham for the purpose of receiving fuller instructions. They were few and short. He was told to go to Durham, and that anything John Kelly told him was all right. During his managership here, Mr. Kelly was even more than manager. He was the whole bank! He always had many loans scattered about the country that, perhaps, were not altogether in accordance with the bank's rules. This made no difference. He knew his people, and this knowledge was sufficient for head office. There are many of the older residents who could tell tales of the friendly interest Mr. Kelly took in their business, how he helped them out in their difficulties, and while perhaps gruff outwardly, he at all times was sympathetic and many a man and institution today will bear testimony that he owes what he has to this sympathetic interest. His passing will bring up remembrances of earlier days to many of our older citizens. Mr. Kelly was the last of a family of four brothers and one sister.

The late Mr. Kelly was married 49 years ago to Miss Lucy Bingham of Bradford, who survives, and with an only daughter, Miss Amy, ministered to him faithfully during his last illness and will miss him more than any other members of the family. Two sons, Eric Kelly, in Toronto, and Fred Kelly, in North Battleford, Sask., also survive, the latter being unable to be present at the funeral. A son, Reginald, died some years ago.

Mr. Kelly was a lifelong member of the Anglican church here, held many offices, and took much interest in its success. He received his primary education in Durham schools, attended Upper Canada College, in Toronto, and was identified with the business life of the town, its industries, its schools, and anything that made for the betterment of the community.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence on

OBITUARY

MRS. ANDREW RITCHIE

An esteemed resident of Durham for the past 25 years passed away at her home in Upper Town yesterday afternoon, the 4th inst., in the person of Mrs. Andrew Ritchie, in her 72nd year. Death followed an illness of some months from anaemia. Mrs. Ritchie had been ill since early winter and two months ago became bedfast.

The late Mrs. Ritchie was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Dunsmoor, and she was born at the Rocky Saugeen. Her maiden name was Clarissa Adeline Dunsmoor. She was married 47 years ago last January to Mr. Andrew Ritchie, who predeceased her eight years ago, and her whole life was spent in Durham and vicinity. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie engaged at farming on the Ritchie homestead at No. 9 Glenelg, remaining there until upwards of 25 years ago when they moved to Durham. The late Mrs. Ritchie was a woman held in high regard and the news of her passing will be received with regret.

Surviving are her son, Arthur, at whose home she died, and a daughter, Mrs. J. Vessie (Annie), St. Marys. Another daughter, Mrs. Merklinger (Mary), died 13 years ago. Nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. William Vessie and Mrs. William Wright, Owen Sound, also survive.

The funeral is being held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon from Durham Presbyterian church to Durham cemetery, the pastor, Rev. B. D. Armstrong, taking the service.

JOHN T. SKALES

John T. Skales died very suddenly in Mount Forest on Sunday in his 44th year from acute indigestion. Deceased was a member of J. T. Skales and Company, Jewellers, in business in Mount Forest for over 50 years. He was a member of Wellington street United church and also of St. Alban's Masonic Lodge, No. 200. In sport he was an active curler, bowler and golfer, and until some years ago was a member of the Mount Forest Hockey Club. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Robert Neilson and one brother, Howard, both of Mount Forest. Dr. W. C. Pickering, of Durham, is a cousin and attended the funeral on Tuesday.

WILLIAM PETTY

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. William Petty at his home in Bentinck, who passed away suddenly this Thursday morning from a stroke of paralysis and a heart attack. Though he had been ailing for some time his sudden passing was not looked for. He was 77 years of age and is survived by Mrs. Petty, two daughters, Mrs. Alfred Vollett (Annie), in Bentinck, Mrs. Robert Walker (Elsie), Owen Sound, one son, John, at home, and two brothers, Charles of Bentinck, and Thomas in Durham. Funeral arrangements have not been made at time of going to press but the funeral will likely be held Saturday afternoon.

Queen street, and was under Masonic auspices, of which society he had been a member and officer for many years. The service was taken by Rev. E. Hayes, former rector of Trinity church, now of Wingham, and Rev. B. D. Armstrong of the Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. A. McLachlan, R. Burnett, R. Hughes, J. A. Rowland, G. C. Webster and Dr. J. F. Grant. Honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. J. P. Hunter, J. A. Graham, A. W. H. Lauder, G. McKechnie, T. M. McFadden, W. J. McFarlane, T. P. Thornton, the latter from Toronto. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including those from the Masons, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Royal Bank, Trinity Church, the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, the Rushholme Bowling Club and the Thornton-Smith Co., Toronto, the Bowlers Hardware Co., North Battleford, Sask., and many others from local citizens and residents elsewhere.

Friends from a distance in attendance at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Grant, Betty and John, T. P. Thornton, Miss Berry, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller, A. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kelly, Toronto; Mrs. Boddy, Miss Kathleen Boddy and Philip Boddy, Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, Flesherton.

Interment was in the family plot in Trinity church cemetery.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	41	62	31	—
Friday	49	73	39	—
Saturday	53	63	51	—
Sunday	50	57	46	.04
Monday	36	50	35	—
Tuesday	40	66	28	—
Wednesday	49	58	48	.05

Grey Presbytery Met At Owen Sound

Dr. W. A. MacTaggart of Toronto Addressed Meeting and Various Reports Were Satisfactory.—Over Seventy Delegates Present.

The regular spring meeting of Grey Presbytery of the United Church was held at Division Street United Church, Owen Sound, on Tuesday with over seventy delegates, ministers and laymen, present. The feature of the day's proceedings was the address delivered at the morning session by Dr. W. A. MacTaggart, president of the Toronto Conference of the United Church. A number of committee reports were presented during the course of the day and much routine business was dealt with but nothing of an outstanding nature occurred. Rev. Edward Baker of Dundalk, president of the Presbytery, occupied the chair, while the secretary, Rev. John E. Peters of Meaford, performed his duties.

Dr. MacTaggart's address at the morning session was given at 11 o'clock, the meeting opened at ten. Dr. MacTaggart's address was on the subject, "The Church, the Body of Christ." The Church, the speaker declared, is not an organization but an organism, it is alive and every member of it must be alive if its health is to be good, for a bit of bad blood effects the entire body. Dr. MacTaggart delivered a passionate address to the delegates, who listened to him with great interest.

At the afternoon session various reports were received and routine business transacted. The delegates elected to attend the General Council to be held in Hamilton in September were Rev. Edward Baker of Dundalk and Mr. William Martin of Walter's Falls. Rev. Sydney Smith of Meaford and G. R. Wood of Dundalk were the alternate delegates. Thirty-five lay delegates were also elected to attend the annual conference at Toronto next month. Rev. A. D. Cornett and Mr. R. D. Little of Owen Sound were elected to the settlement committee of the Toronto conference with Rev. Sidney Martin of Chatsworth and Dr. Staples of Hanover the alternates.

Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham gave a report of the missionary and maintenance fund of the Church for Canada. This report for the first time for some while, contained an optimistic note. Rev. Mr. Smith stated that, while there had been a deficit during the past year, the finances of the church are sound. Since 1925 legacies have been left to the United Church amounting to \$2,000,000. Only the interest on this amount can be touched.

The ladies of Division Street United church served lunch.

RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

Mrs. D. B. Jamieson, who underwent an operation at St. John's hospital, Toronto, last Friday, for inward goitre, is recovering nicely and it is expected will be able to return home toward the latter end of next week. Mrs. Jamieson's condition last week-end was quite critical and for a time caused much anxiety but at present she is out of danger and doing well.

Noted Divine Here For Services Sunday

Rev. Dr. Cameron Walker, Principal of Huron College, to Occupy Pulpit in Trinity Anglican Church Next Sunday Morning and Evening.—Communion in Morning.

Rev. Dr. Cameron Walker, Principal of Huron College, London, will be in Durham next Sunday morning and evening and will occupy the pulpit at both services. Dr. Walker is among the outstanding educationalists in the province and it is a distinguished honor to have him visit Durham on this occasion. Dr. Walker will celebrate the communion in the morning, and preach at both morning and evening services.

For the past weeks since Rev. E. Hayes, former rector, left for Wingham, the services have been taken by Mr. Maurice Farr, student, of London, and son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Farr of St. John's parish, on the outskirts of London. His sermons have been much enjoyed by large congregations and many predict a brilliant future for this young man in his chosen calling.

The regular rector to succeed Rev. Mr. Hayes will not be appointed by His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, until the end of June, and until that time the local congregation will depend on a supply being sent each Sunday.