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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Cost of Living Coming Down.

According to the official returns for February, 1923, the cost of living in England was the lowest since May, 1917. It was 76 per cent., and the cost for January was 77 per cent. above pre-war costs.

Prairie Chickens at Eugenia.

A dispatch from Toronto says an effort is being made to introduce prairie chickens in Old Ontario. These birds which for years have been an important item of game in the West, have followed wheat trains as far as Cochrane, and Hon. Harry Mills believes they could thrive farther south. The Department has already twenty-five pairs at Eugenia Falls.

Liked Treatment Here.

The following is from last week's Walkerton Herald and Times and refers to the recent visit here of the Walkerton curlers: "The victors are loud in their praise of the courtesy of the Durham boys, not only on the ice, but in providing, with the assistance of the ladies, a well-arranged banquet before the train picked them up, and which was recognized by the tendering of a hearty vote of thanks."

The Time Has Come.

It was said some time ago by a man with a vision that this is the way it would be when women got the vote: "Oh, mother, please, mother, come home with me now, the afternoon's slipping by fast; you said you were coming right home from the polls as soon as your ballot was cast. Poor father came home for his dinner at noon and not a mouthful could he find and the words that he said as he slammed the front door left a strong smell of sulphur behind."

Fatally Injured.

Last week Mr. Samuel McKelvie of Chesley received a telegram from Detroit stating his son Bert had been fatally injured. Bert was employed in the Fisher Automobile Works as finisher and when crossing the street after he came off duty was struck by a motor truck which dragged him some distance and caused a broken skull. He was rushed to the hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

Clover Poisons Seven Cattle.

Another case of sweet clover poisoning occurred during the week when Mr. Neil Morrison, a farmer near Bognor, lost seven head of young cattle, five two year olds and two calves. None of the older cattle seem to have been affected. The clover had been cut and stacked last summer and recently hauled to the barn. While it did not appear mouldy there was evidence of considerable mould in it or the mistortune, it is thought, would not have occurred.

Spoken of As Liberal Leader.

Mr. F. E. Simpson, K.C., of Dauphin, Manitoba, is prominently mentioned as the leader of the Liberal party in Manitoba. The illness and forced retirement of ex-Premier Norris makes it imperative for the party to seek a new Moses to lead them out of the political wilderness and Mr. Simpson is named with a number of others. Mr. Simpson is a former Owen Sound boy, where he attended the Public school and Collegiate Institute and spent several years on the reportorial staff of the Owen Sound Times.

Changeable Weather.

Sunday was about as nice a day as one could wish for and, while it was rather wet under foot the sun was quite warm. Towards night it turned colder and before Monday morning dawned the mercury had touched the zero mark and Monday and Tuesday were about as cold as one would wish. Yesterday it turned mild again and this morning it is raining, with the wind from the south. If there is anything in the old superstition that the direction of the wind when the sun crosses the line will be the prevailing direction for the next three months, spring should be about due with plenty of warm weather. The winter, so far, has been quite steady since the third week in January, the only drawback being the unprecedented amount of prevailing colds and sickness. The flu this year, however, was not so severe as three or four years ago, but a good many people were laid up and taken from their work.

Resigned Her Position.

Miss Stella McCrae, Barrister Currey's stenographer for the past two or three years, has resigned her position and the vacancy is now advertised.

Last of the Pioneers.

The pioneers are fast passing away and we are told that Mrs. McMeeken, whose obituary appears in this issue, is the last of the early settlers between Holstein and Durham.

I.O.D.E. Euchre and Dance.

The I.O.D.E. euchre and dance in the Town Hall last Thursday evening was a most enjoyable affair and a large crowd enjoyed themselves until well on into the morning. We understand the society will net quite a nice sum from the affair.

A Good Social.

The Young People of the Presbyterian Church had a successful St. Patrick's social on Monday evening. There was a good attendance and with an excellent cafeteria service and a good program the evening was greatly enjoyed.

Ex-Reeve Calder Seriously Ill.

Mr. W. Calder has been ill and confined to his bed for the past week but we are pleased to learn he has taken a turn for the better and is now improving slowly. A few days ago his condition was considered serious, the ailment being a return of the trouble of four or five years ago when he underwent an operation and for days his life was despaired of.

The Late Robert Webber.

We had an obituary of the late Mr. Robert Webber, but as the ground is so well covered by our correspondent from Southeast Bentinck, it isn't necessary to publish both. We sympathize with the sorrowing friends and relatives and give expression to our feeling of respect for the deceased gentleman, whom we have known and respected ever since coming to Durham.

Former H. S. Principal Dead.

Mr. John Ferguson, B.A., a native of Egremont and nephew of Editor Ramage, died at his home in Gananoque on the 7th inst. He held the position of mathematical master in London Collegiate Institute and was also principal of the High schools at Aurora and Gananoque. Four or five years ago he was principal of the High school here for a few months but was in poor health at the time.

The Late Robert Webber.

We had an obituary of the late Mr. Robert Webber written, but our Southeast Bentinck correspondent deals with it so fully and well that we have not put our own in type. Mr. Webber was one of the old landmarks of his neighborhood and his passing is the severing of one more thread in the history of this country, brought out of the wooded wilderness of fifty years ago by these grand old pioneers, now nearly all sleeping their last long sleep.

St. Patrick in Methodist Church.

The St. Patrick's banquet and entertainment held Friday night in the Methodist Church was quite a success though the attendance was not up to expectations. From six to eight a full dinner was served in which all participated with pleasure. Shortly after eight o'clock all repaired to the auditorium of the church where a brilliant literary and musical program was presented, concluding with a beautiful spectacular number entitled "The Challenge of the Cross", solos by Mr. W. Benson, Mrs. Danard, Wilma Smith and Roy Wiggins; a duet by Emily Smith and Esther McCombe and a reading by Mrs. Cole, were listened to attentively and appreciated by all.

PARRY SOUND MAN HONORED ON HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY

Mr. William McCullough of Parry Sound, a former resident of Thornbury, recently celebrated his hundredth birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Paul. A large number of citizens were present on the occasion and presented him with a morris chair and a congratulatory address. He was born in Toronto Township and the last time he visited Toronto was in 1854, just at the close of the Crimean War, and remembers that Toronto was visited that year by the Asiatic cholera which claimed many victims.

In 1858 he married Miss Elizabeth Burns of Collingwood Township and resided in Thornbury for a number of years. In 1873 he moved to Parry Sound with his family and others, when he entered the employment of the Beatty Lumber Company, later the Parry Sound Lumber Company, and remained with them to the time of his retirement. His wife died in 1902 and since then he has been living with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul.

He has eight children, twenty-four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. His parents were Irish and came to Canada over a hundred years ago. He comes of a long-lived race, an aunt having attained the age of 110, and an uncle 104 years.

THE MEN'S CLASS

Next Sunday the discussion will be on "Suicide." This is a problem that has puzzled the law-makers, social reformers and theologians. The law can't do much to a person who has died; the social reformer can't tell who is planning such an end and the theologians can't agree on the ultimate judgment. When a loved one has gone this way all are anxious for an explanation and a message of comfort. Is there such a message? Or is one who has committed suicide lost? What do you think? What does the Bible say?

CHILD'S EYE, INJURED IN PLAY REMOVED BY OPERATION

The following account of a deplorable accident that happened at Virginia City, Montana, a couple of weeks ago, refers to the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kearney, former residents of this place. Mr. Kearney is a son of Mrs. A. Beggs here. The article, which is copied from the Virginia City, Montana, "Madisonian," says:

"One of the saddest accidents that ever occurred among the school-children here happened last Thursday at the noon recess hour when little June, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kearney, met with a severe accident from the hand of Eugene Ball while the children were playing on the fire escape. Eugene, who held a lead pencil in his hand, started to catch June, and the point of the pencil penetrated the eyeball. Charles Bray, the school janitor, happened to be near and heard the child scream and went to her assistance. Dr. Dyer was summoned and a phone message sent to the ranch or the parents, who immediately left for Butte with the little sufferer. All that medical and surgical science could do to save the sight of the injured eye was of no avail and the eye was removed Monday. Little June, a bright, winsome child of 6 years, was in the first grade of school life. She was a general favorite with her school-mates and loved by all who knew her. The entire community deeply sympathizes with the little sufferer in her sad affliction, and the parents who idolize their beautiful daughter."

DURHAM BOY GOES SOUTH WITH TORONTO BALL TEAM

Tuesday's Mail and Empire says: "Oscar Hett, the Toronto boy on the International League umpire staff, and Ed. Allan, sporting editor of The Mail and Empire, left last night to join the Toronto ball team in Birmingham, Alabama, where the Leafs open the first of their exhibition games on Thursday. Mr. Allan will accompany the Leafs throughout their Spring training trip and until after they open the season in Jersey City. It is the first trip South for him in the training season, although he was a member of the Toronto newspaper party that greeted Joe Kelly when he opened his first season with the Leafs at Rochester in 1907, and it proved a pennant-winning year. It was through the efforts of Mr. Allan that President Solman and Dan Howley were brought together last fall with the result that "Hustling Dan" was signed as manager for the coming season. The fans know that Dan was with Detroit last year, and while he expressed a wish to again come back to Toronto, it was not until he was fully assured that Eddie Onslow did not desire to remain manager of the team another year that he talked terms. Therefore Mr. Allan is not only interested in the success of the Toronto ball club, but also in the man that he helped bring back to Toronto. Mr. Hett is going south to sharpen up in the exhibition games before the league season opens, for umpires, like players, need spring training."

No doubt while in Bummin'ham, "Eddie" as he is better known here will have a full measure of enjoyment and while in the south will no doubt improve on his game of cow pasture pool and African golf and have something up his sleeve for the natives of Toronto when he gets back in a month or so. Eddie is a son of ex-Mayor Allan here, and his boyhood friends of a few years ago wish him a pleasant trip.

And Easter Coming, Too.

"How's your wife, Blinks?" asked Jinks.

"Her head troubles her a good deal," confessed Blinks.

"Neuralgia?" queried Jinks.

"No," answered Blinks, sadly, "She wants a new hat."

A traffic cop says a little tact will make speeders slow down. Doesn't he mean tact?

OBITUARY

MRS. (CAPT.) McNAB

Mrs. John McNally of town received word Tuesday from Cleveland, that her sister, Mrs. (Capt.) McNab had died the day previous, the 19th inst. No particulars were given more than that a letter was to follow, and so far this has not yet arrived. She was about 48 years of age.

Mrs. McNab was before her marriage about twenty years ago, Miss Jessie Stewart, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hector Stewart of Bentinck. Six sisters and two brothers survive. Mrs. John McNally of Durham and Mrs. Dan. McArthur of Bentinck, two miles north of here, are sisters.

MISS MARGARET MARSHALL

Miss Margaret Marshall of Normanby died on Monday at her home near Knox Church. She was 67 years of age and was a lifelong resident of the vicinity in which she died, living for a number of years with her uncle, John Marshall, who died a few years ago. The deceased has been in delicate health for some years and last June underwent an operation, after which it was necessary to resort to artificial feeding. She leaves two brothers, John and James, in Normanby, and three sisters, Ann, who lived with deceased, Mrs. Fred Schreiber (Elizabeth), in Arthur Township and Jessie, in the West.

She was of a quiet and retiring disposition and highly esteemed by her friends and neighbors. Interment was made Tuesday in Maplewood cemetery.

MRS. JAMES McMEEKEN

Another pioneer has passed away in the person of Mrs. James McMeeken, who died on Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Henry of Shallow Lake.

Mrs. McMeeken, whose maiden name was Elizabeth McClinton, was born in Hamilton over 81 years ago and when a child of four years came to the locality with her parents and settled on the Garafraxa Road south of town at what is still known as McClinton's Corners. She married the late James McMeeken of Egremont about 64 years ago and after his death came to reside in Durham.

A couple of years ago her health began to decline and last fall she was taken to the home of her daughter at Shallow Lake, but continued to grow weaker. About ten days before her death she took a stroke, from which she never rallied, and passed away on Sunday, as intimated. She leaves to mourn her death three sons and four daughters, also thirty-four grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren. The surviving members of the family are: David and John, in Sault Ste. Marie and William, in Toronto; Mrs. Dan. McAuliffe, in town; Mrs. John Henry, at Shallow Lake; Mrs. Kinsley, in Chatham and Mrs. Guy Williams at Tisdale, Sask.

She was a kind and loving mother and will be missed by her many relatives and friends.

Interment was made yesterday afternoon at Maplewood cemetery.

MALCOLM McMILLAN

Mr. Malcolm McMillan of Glenelg Centre died on Thursday afternoon of last week at the Red Cross Memorial Hospital here. He was 75 years of age and had been a resident of Glenelg since a boy of seven years of age, having come to the township with his parents from near Mount Forest, where he was born.

He had been ailing for some time from kidney trouble and came to the hospital only a short time before his death. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Annie Cameron, and six children: Allan, of London; Mrs. Thomas McGrath, Toronto; Mrs. McKeown, Glenelg; Mrs. Rooney, Toronto; Mrs. D. McGrath, Williamsford, and Murdock at home. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters: Archie, of Glenelg; Ronald, of Toronto; Mrs. Hendrick, Toronto and Miss Flora McMillan, living at home.

The remains were interred Saturday morning at St. John's R. C. cemetery, Glenelg, the services being taken by the Rev. Father McGeoy.

Vinegar will not curdle your salad dressing if you add a good pinch of salt to it.

Cheese will not get stale or hard if you wrap it in a cloth wrung out of vinegar.

Wheat Wanted.

Any quantity. Highest price at the People's Mills. 3 15 23 tf

Custom Chopping.

Custom chopping every day at the McKechnie Mills. 10 12 tf

"Old-fashioned Mother" To-morrow.

The Baptist Young People are putting on the play "Old-fashioned Mother" in the Town Hall to-morrow (Friday) night and according to the advance notices this is to be one of the very best attractions this season. If you have missed seeing the picture play, "Over the Hill," do not miss this. It is to be hoped that a full house will greet this local attraction.

Business Locals.

Wanted.

An experienced stenographer. Apply A. B. Currey, Durham. 1

Residence For Sale.

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Monuments.

Persons wishing monuments or inscriptions on monuments already erected. J. J. McFadden. 3

For Sale.

A good driving horse, and a Ford car in good running condition. Apply to Dr. Hutton, Durham. 2pd

Purse Found.

Containing a small sum of money. Owner may have same by describing property and paying for advertising. 1pd

Bracelet Lost.

In Durham on Saturday, March 3, a bracelet set with brilliants; reward on return to The Chronicle Office. 1pd

Easter Specialties.

Easter Lilies, Rose Trees, Cyclamen, Azaleas, Ferns, Hyacinths, etc.; also full line of cut flowers; fresh lettuce. Write for prices.—H. M. Norris, Florist, Walkerton. 1

Will Give "Canadian" Evening.

On Wednesday next at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church the "Loyal Workers' Mission Band" will give a Canadian evening in vacant and story. Admittance 25c. and 15c.

House For Sale.

The George Whitmore property on Mill street; good well, garden, stable, and outbuildings; apples and cherries, currants, gooseberries, etc. Must be sold to wind up the estate. Apply on premises to Mrs. John Schutz, Durham. 3 22 1pdtf

"The Old-fashioned Mother."

Don't miss hearing it. There are people in Durham who have heard this play in Guelph, Toledo and Sault Ste. Marie, and they say it was the best play ever given in those places. A letter from Shelburne says: "I saw the same thing. Secure a seat and see what our own town young people can do. To-morrow (Friday) night in the Town Hall. Admittance 35c."

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