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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Fire Tank Caved In.

After a faithful service of 28 years the covering of the fire tank at the top of the hill caved in on Tuesday morning. While the top gave way, the tank itself was in good shape and full of water. Men are at work now repairing it.

Pioneer Temperance Worker Dead.

John Lucas, a pioneer temperance worker in Ontario, died in Toronto Saturday at the age of 80 years. Many of our readers will remember "The Lucas House," Toronto's hotel without a bar.

Bowling Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Bowling Club scheduled for Tuesday night, was postponed on account of the Secretary, Mr. A. B. Currey, being called out of town. The postponement was made to next Monday night at the Hahn House at 8 o'clock. All bowlers or others interested in the sport are requested to attend.

Road Contract Let.

The contract for tearing up and rebuilding the Provincial Highway from Durham seven miles south has been let to Brintnell & Co., of Toronto. The work will not commence until after May 24. The work to be done will be much the same as that completed between here and Dornoch last summer, cutting down the grades and remetalling.

Killed At Long Beach, California.

Mrs. W. J. McFarlane received a letter Saturday from her brother, Mr. John Allen of Long Beach, California, announcing the death of his wife, who was killed a few days ago by an electric car. The deceased was a daughter of the late James Ector of Glenelg and was about 65 years of age. Interment was made at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Messrs. David and Hamilton Allen, in town, are brothers of the sorrowing husband.

The Return of the Swallows.

Rev. Mr. Cole claims to have had the first glimpse of the returning swallows, and on Monday afternoon called us up to say that a number were hovering over the McKechnie pond on Lambton street. He said "one swallow doesn't make a summer," but hoped the number might have something to do with hurrying up the season and giving us warmer weather. A few days ago Mr. Wolfe told us of the return of a white robin that has been around his place for a number of seasons, going away in the fall and returning again in the spring.

Trout Fishing, May 1.

The season for catching speckled trout begins on Tuesday, May 1. Anglers will remember that fish of less than seven inches in length from tip of nose to tip of tail must not be retained, but if caught must be returned to the water. Not more than twenty fish, or ten pounds, are allowed to be taken in any one day. If fewer than twenty fish weigh ten pounds, the weight must govern. We understand that the fishing is not going to run so loose around Durham and vicinity this summer as it has in the past. Owing to several complaints, Game Warden Ely informs us that he is going to be on the job this summer in an endeavor to put a stop to some of the big catches reported as having taken place and also look after some of the night fishing and netting that has been reported.

Appeal Was Sustained.

A couple of months ago we referred to the case Clark vs McKechnie, in which W. E. Clark of Clark Metals Limited had obtained judgment against Mrs. G. McKechnie in their suit over a certain water system in upper town, which is much too complicated to go into here. Mrs. McKechnie entered an appeal and in yesterday's Globe the following appeared: Clark v. McKechnie.—G.W. Mason, K.C., for defendant. A. B. Currey (Durham) and W. S. Walton for plaintiff. Appeal by defendant from judgment of Orde, J., of 3rd January, 1923. Action for injunction restraining defendant from connecting on waterworks system any further services without plaintiff's consent and for damages. At trial judgment was given plaintiff for \$186.40 for reference, etc., and dismissing defendant's counter-claim; defendant to pay costs of action and counter-claim. Appeal allowed with costs. Action dismissed with costs.

Clean-Up and Paint Up.

The snow is all gone now and the Council will no doubt get after the citizens to clean up their back yards and otherwise beautify the town for summer. Formerly, the 24th of May was the date set for having this work completed and it is likely to be the same this year. Let's go. Clean up the front yards, clean up the back yards and put Durham on the map as "Beautyville." Atta boy! Let's go!

Turned Down Salary By-law.

Hanover Council turned down a by-law to pay members \$25.00 a year for their services. The vote stood 4 to 4. Mr. Greutzner, opposing the motion, argued that every citizen owed a duty to the town and this was fulfilled by serving at the Council Board. Mr. Theodor strongly supported the motion, claiming it was a present from the town in recognition of services rendered by the Council.

Case Was Dismissed.

A resident of Paisley appeared before County Magistrate MacNab on Thursday of last week on a charge of unlawfully disposing of the body of a still-born babe, alleged to have been born to his daughter on March 16. It was charged that he buried the body in his garden. There were only two witnesses heard, the doctor who was present at the birth of the child and Provincial Constable Blood of Warton, who laid the charge. After hearing the evidence the Magistrate dismissed the case.

Fine Motoring Weather.

Though cool, the weather for the past few days has been ideal for motoring and the roads, with the exceptional mud-hole, are reported in pretty fair condition. The cool weather is no doubt caused by the north wind that has been prevailing for the past couple of weeks. Get out of the wind and the sun is warm. The roads are drying up in good shape and from reports the farmers are already out on the land. Though the spring is late, a warm summer will correct all this and it is the popular opinion that the farmers are in for bumper crops this season.

New Donations to Hospital.

That the Durham public is not losing interest in the Red Cross Hospital is evidenced from time to time. Recent issues of this paper have had lists of contributors, but as gifts are being made from time to time it is almost impossible for the committee to keep up to date or at times miss some of the contributors altogether. Among the latest of those contributors who have not yet been credited is the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, who have furnished the dining-room of the hospital at a cost of something over \$200.00. The Misses Cole have also made a handsome gift in a donation of a sterilizing outfit for the operating room that will cost in the neighborhood of \$100.00. The people of Durham and vicinity are certainly demonstrating that they have a deep interest in the Hospital and the local board of trustees appreciate the co-operation that has been shown. Mrs. Nicholas Melosh of Glenelg will also accept their thanks for her handsome gift of pillows for bedroom use, a most necessary article and a gift that is much appreciated.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN COUTTS

Mrs. John Coutts, an esteemed resident of this vicinity for more than half a century, died on Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Walker, in Toronto. She had not been ill or ailing and the intelligence of her sudden and unexpected death was received with sorrow and surprise by all members of the community. She had been staying at her daughter's, and apparently in the enjoyment of her usual health.

On Sunday afternoon she lay down to rest, and on being called to tea she failed to respond, nor did she give any attention to a second call. It was then her daughter discovered her to be cold in death, as she had evidently passed away some time previously.

Her maiden name was Elizabeth Maria Boyle, and she was born in Hamilton nearly 72 years ago. When quite young she came with her parents to Durham, where she spent her girlhood and attended school. She next moved to Crawford, where she was married to the late John Coutts on the 19th of March, 1872. The marriage resulted in a family of five sons and five daughters of whom one son, Norman, died in childhood, and James G. was killed in the late war. The survivors are: Benjamin, in Bentinck; William and Thomas, in Edmonton; Mrs. Walker (Jessie), in Toronto; Mrs. Elijah Armstrong (Burdett), in Bentinck; Mrs. David Chittick (Marion), in Bentinck; Mrs. J. E. Gahan (Lizzie), in Toronto, and Mrs. John H. McIlraith (Evelyn), in Toronto.

She also leaves two brothers and two sisters: D. J. Boyle in Toronto, Thomas Boyle at Simpson, Sask., Mrs. John Campbell in Hamilton and Catharine in Toronto.

She was predeceased by her husband, who died in 1918 when he fell down cellar during the night and was not discovered till the next morning.

The remains were brought here Tuesday and are at the home of her son in Bentinck awaiting the arrival of her brother, Mr. Thomas Boyle, from Saskatchewan, when interment will be made to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 1.30, in Durham cemetery.

Mrs. Coutts was a Presbyterian in religion and highly esteemed as a friend and neighbor by all who knew her.

The son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Coutts, desire to thank the friends and neighbors for the kindness shown in their bereavement.

DEATH OF WM. LEDINGHAM

Mr. William Ledingham, a former resident of Bentinck, died on Tuesday at his home in Vancouver, after confinement to his bed for only a few weeks, though he had been ailing for some time. He was 57 years of age and to the time of going West about eleven years ago, he resided in the vicinity of Dornoch.

He was married twenty years ago to Isabella Campbell, sister of Mrs. John Morrison of this town. About eleven years ago he went to Vancouver, where he met with considerable success.

Besides his aged mother and sorrowing widow he leaves two sons, Campbell and Oliver, aged 18 and 16 years, respectively, also a number of brothers and sisters, most of whom are known to our readers.

The surviving brothers are: James

A., in town; George, in Vancouver; Rev. R. B., whose address we have not learned; Walter, Thomas and Mark, all in Saskatchewan. The sisters are: Mrs. Edward Boyce (Mary) in Bentinck; Mrs. John Clark (Ellen), in Vancouver; Mrs. James McClarty (Elsie), also in Vancouver; Mrs. Frank Boyle (Jean), in Manitoba. Interment takes place to-day in Vancouver.

MRS. ED. MIDDLETON DEAD

Word was received here Monday of the death the previous day at her home at Abernethy, Sask., of Mrs. Ed. Middleton, a former well-known and highly-respected old resident of Glenelg at the Rocky Saugeen. Mrs. Middleton was 87 years of age and for her years her smartness was a matter of comment. She visited here two years ago and made the trip from Saskatchewan and back again without a hitch. For her years she was wonderfully preserved, a pleasant companion and a lady whose death came as a real shock to her multitude of friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Middleton was born in England, where she met and married the late Edward Middleton, nearly seventy years ago. With their two oldest children they came to Canada over 60 years ago and settled near the Rocky, where she remained up to about six years ago, when she went West to spend her remaining years with her son, Charles, and wife, Mr. Middleton, her husband, died 29 years ago.

The following family survive: Walter, in Abernethy, Sask.; Mrs. Wilfrid Smith, Chicago; Charles, in Zion City, Ill.; and Albert, in Durham.

Mrs. Middleton was ill only three weeks, her ailment being diagnosed by her physician as nothing more or less than a wearing out of a wonderful constitution that could carry on no longer. The remains are expected to arrive in Durham to-night and the funeral will be held from the residence of her son, Mr. Albert Middleton to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in Durham cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. THOS. RUSSELL

The community was shocked Monday when the news of the death of Mrs. Thomas Russell, a former esteemed resident of Normanby, south of the town, was announced. When here last January at the funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas McNulty, Mrs. Russell was apparently in the best of health and little thought was then entertained that she, too, would be called so soon. Death was the result of a paralytic stroke sustained a month or so ago, from which she rallied but never recovered.

The late Mrs. Russell, who was an aunt of Mr. Doyle Braithwaite, south of town, was about 55 years of age. Mr. Russell died three years ago last December and Mrs. Russell and family moved to Ayton two years ago. She leaves a family of three daughters: Cassie (Mrs. Joe Morris), of Galt; Sadie and Leone, at home.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning from the R. C. Church at Ayton and interment was made in the cemetery there, several of her old friends and neighbors from here being in attendance.

Mrs. Russell before her marriage was Miss Annie Finnegan. We regret that we have no further particulars of the death of this lady, who was for so long an esteemed resident of this locality.

Suffering From Injured Knee.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. Sanford of Ford, sister of Mrs. John Crutchley and Mrs. George Moore of this place, had the misfortune a couple of months ago to fall and injure her knee so badly that even yet, no particular improvement is noticeable. Mrs. Sanford's friends in Durham will hope for a speedy recovery from her painful injury.

Revivals Started Tuesday.

Rev. Alex. Torrie, B.A., of Toronto, and Mrs. Torrie, began a mission in the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening. After a spirited song service the pastor called on Mayor Smith to welcome the Evangelists, which he did in an able and hearty manner. Rev. Mr. Whealen of the Anglican Church spoke also, and conveyed the greetings of his congregation. Mr. J. H. Snell spoke on behalf of the Presbyterian congregation, and Rev. Mr. Cameron spoke the words of welcome which the Methodists had forwarded, quoting a prominent Methodist business man's saying: "The meeting ought to be a great asset to the town and all the churches in it." The Baptist choir rendered several good numbers. The meetings are being continued every night for the next two weeks.

Business Locals.

Wheat Wanted.

Any quantity. Highest price at the People's Mills. 315 23 1f

Ice Cream at Henderson's.

Willard's (Toronto) Ice Cream on Saturday at Henderson's Parlors.

Custom Chopping.

Custom chopping every day at the McKechnie Mills. 10 12 1f

Potatoes Wanted.

Will load on Friday and Saturday at Grand Trunk station. 60c. a bag.—W. J. Vollett.

Monuments.

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

Wanted to Buy.

Two-storey brick house with all conveniences in Durham. Apply by letter to Box 14, Chronicle Office, Durham. 3 12 1f

Grain Wanted.

Wheat, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Oats and Mixed Grain wanted. Highest prices paid.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont. 11 21f

Motorists, Attention!

We will give you free any assistance you may require in filling out your 1923 license application.—Smith Bros. Ford Sales and Service.

Harness and Harness Repairs.

I have just received a shipment of Harness, Harness Repairs, Robes, Blankets, etc. See my new line of Bain Cutters just to hand.—J. M. Noble, one door west of Middaugh House stables, Durham. 9 28 1pdtf

Take Notice!

That it is necessary to placard all cases of Measles, whether a Doctor is in attendance or not. If the householder knows that this disease exists he must report it to the Medical Officer of Health and is held under same penalty as attending physician who fails to report. The breadwinners may proceed with their business, but children may not mix with public and a certificate that they have recovered from disease is necessary before they are permitted to return to school.—Dr. J. G. Hutton, Medical Officer of Health.

The Chronicle Job Plant.

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Auction Sale.

Mr. A. A. Catton will offer his household effects for sale by auction on Saturday, April 28, at 1.30 p. m. Everything must be sold as the proprietor is leaving for Toronto. 2p

Notice To Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows of Grey Lodge No. 169 will attend service at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening. All brethren are requested to be at the call not later than 6.30 p. m. to join in the procession.

Rob Roy Grain Prices.

We are paying 48c. to 50c. for Oats, 68c. to 70c. for Barley, 70c. to 72c. for Buckwheat, \$1.35 to \$1.40 for Peas and \$1.10 to \$1.12 for Wheat at our elevator.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont.

Women's Institute Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. John Burgess on Thursday, May 3. President and Secretary's report, election of officers. "If I were a Woman." will be introduced for discussion by W. Irwin. All members are invited to attend.

Change of Day.

Until further notice Mr. Henry of the firm of Lucas & Henry will be in his Durham office on Saturday of each week instead of Tuesdays as heretofore. His intention is to come by the Friday night C.P.R. train and remain until 4 o'clock each Saturday afternoon. The office will be open every day and appointments may be arranged with Miss Reid, who is in charge. 24 1f

Save The Forests.

Mr. J. R. Booth, Canada's veteran lumberman, says nothing can stop the prices of forest products going up and urges the importance of protecting our forests from fire. He further states that for one tree used in industry, nineteen are burned. Protection and perpetuation of Canada's forests are vital to industrial welfare.

With all those tassels and things hanging down nobody will know if the petticoat is showing.

Spring Floor Coverings

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Linoleum 4 yards wide.

Oilcloth 1 yd.—2½ yds. wide.

Congoleum Rugs, sizes 3x4, 3x3½ and 3x3.

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STORES CLOSE THURSDAY AFTERNOONS; OPEN WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Commencing on Thursday afternoon of next week, Durham merchants will close their places of business for their weekly summer half holiday for the months of May, June, July, August and September. In order that their customers may not be inconvenienced, however, all stores are respectfully requested to bear this in mind so that no confusion may arise. We will have an interesting announcement to make in our next issue regarding the Wednesday night's opening. Watch for it. It will also pay you to read all the advertisements from now on. Durham merchants are promising some rare bargains for the Wednesday evening's trade and it is the duty of every householder to take advantage of it. A good motto to adopt—and to adopt right NOW is: Read The Chronicle ads., trade in Durham, and be loyal to the community you live in. Watch for the Durham Business Men's Big Business Announcement in next issue.