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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Installed Gasoline Pump.
Messrs. McCabe & McLaughlin have installed a gasoline pump in front of their garage, a few steps south of The Chronicle office. This makes six in town.

Is There A Lesson Here?
Aissa Craig turned down a proposition last year for waterworks at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Tuesday last they had a fire entailing a loss of over \$200,000.

D. J. Taylor Gets U.F.O. Convention.
At an enthusiastic meeting in Owen Sound Saturday, Mr. D. J. Taylor, the U.F.O. member for North Grey, was made the unanimous choice of the Farmer-Labor party in the coming contest.

Bought Midland Hotel.
Miss Margretta Lyne has purchased the Queen's Hotel at Midland. This is the hotel which had been managed for many years by her late father, Mr. E. E. Lyne, a native of Clarksburg, and for years manager of the Globe Hotel, Collingwood.

Fined For Trespassing.
Two men from Hanover trespassed on the property of George Turnbull and Alex. Grierson last week and on which signs prohibiting fishing or trespassing had been erected. They were taken before the magistrate and assessed \$10 and costs, or \$15.50 in all. We understand it is the intention of the farmers in that vicinity to prosecute all offenders.

Drury Billed For Durham.
An item in yesterday's Globe says: "Premier Drury will speak at the South Grey U.F.O. picnic at R. A. Lawson's grove, a half mile north of Durham, on Wednesday, June 13, and will address a meeting at Ayton in the evening. The South Grey U.F.O. convention will be held in Durham on May 30."

Another Weekly Quits.
Mr. W. R. Davies, editor and proprietor of the Renfrew Mercury, has purchased the Renfrew Journal, which will cease publication. The Mercury will be continued and Mr. Davies will dispose of the plant of The Journal. Renfrew is a town of 5,000 and is now served by one weekly paper.

North Grey Tories Choose Breese.
At the North Grey Conservative convention held on Saturday in Owen Sound, Mr. William Breese, ex-Warden of the County of Grey, was chosen as Conservative candidate in the coming election. The other nominees were A. S. Donald of the Township of Derby, C. S. Cameron of Owen Sound, T. W. Thomson of Owen Sound, W. S. Middlebro of Owen Sound, and Irwin Morrison. All resigned except Mr. Breese, who was made the unanimous choice.

Sold Creamery Business.
The Durham Creamery Company have disposed of their cream connection to the Walkerton Egg and Dairy Company, who will take over the routes and operate them direct from Walkerton by trucks from Durham. The Walkerton Egg and Dairy Company is one of the largest, and best equipped creameries in Western Ontario. The Durham Creamery Company wish to thank their patrons for their generous support in the years they have been operating and would ask them to give the same support to their successors.

May Appeal Case.
Last Friday Mr. James G. Wilson, east of town received his sentence for a charge of B.O.T.A. tried the week previous. After communication with the Attorney-General's Department in Toronto, Magistrate Laidlaw sentenced him to two months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$500. As Barrister Currey, counsel for the defendant, served notice of appeal, Mr. Wilson is now out on bail of \$2,000. The last day for the filing of the appeal is next Monday.

Quite Ill From Shock.
Mrs. Charter Smith is quite ill and confined to her bed from shock, caused by the fire last week, and her condition is quite serious. Mrs. Smith, when the fire broke out in the barn quite close to the rear of the Smith residence, last Thursday, worked hard carrying water and otherwise helping to combat the flames, and this, with the shock, was too much for her and she has been in a serious condition ever since, with a trained nurse in attendance. Her son, Andrew, was sent for from Detroit, and he is at present at her bedside with other members of the family.

Dairyplum Launched.
Boat launching in Collingwood has become a common occurrence and on Monday morning of last week there was only a small number of spectators to see the new steel steamer, Dairyplum, slipped from the ways into No. 1 dry dock. The event took place at exactly half-past nine, followed by preparations on Saturday and the previous hour and a half on Monday morning. As the launching was being made the ceremony of christening was performed by Miss Helen Dairyplum, daughter of Mr. John Dairyplum, superintendent of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company. The principal dimensions are: length 252 feet, over all 259.7 feet; beam 43 feet; moulded depth, 19 feet; these with three holds and seven hatches giving her a carrying capacity of 90,000 bushels of wheat, on a draught of 14 feet.

C. P. R. Change of Time.
Canadian Pacific change of time, effective Sunday, May 13, 1923. Important change in train schedules will be made. Full particulars from any Canadian Pacific Agent.

Not Very Informative.
We have been handed an announcement stating that Mr. Griff will favor the Tuxis Square with some lantern slides next Monday, May 14, at 7 o'clock in the evening, and that everybody is welcome. The notice, however, does not say where the meeting is to be held.

Struck by Street Car.
Word was received here yesterday by Mr. E. D. McClocklin that his sister, Miss Minnie McClocklin, had been hit by a street car in Toronto on Friday last and is suffering from a number of minor injuries. We understand that Miss McClocklin was struck by the back end of the car as it swung around a corner.

Institute Annual Meeting.
The Women's Institute, about 30 in number, assembled on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Burgess in Upper Town. In addition to the general routine business the officers were elected, including Miss Elizabeth Scott as Press Secretary. Mrs. Sherk was the unanimous choice for President and Miss Winnie Blyth was re-elected for the third time as Recording Secretary. The organization continues energetic and prosperous. Mrs. Burgess is an attentive hostess and at the close an appetizing luncheon was served to all.

More Snow.
All yesterday and last night this part of the North American continent has been in the grip of a genuine March snowstorm and for a time last night it might have been almost considered a blizzard. About eight inches of snow fell in all. This is not, however, an unprecedented occurrence, as snow has been known to fall as late as June. While he was a little out in his weather forecasts last winter, J. B. Bowes, the Chatsworth weather sage, has hit the month of May pretty close. It is to be hoped that this is the last kick and that yesterday's storm will settle the weather. The snow, in the absence of sufficient rain this spring, is very welcome. To-day is fine.

Injured When Elevator Fell.
George Jucksch, superintendent at the Durham Furniture Company's plant here, is laid up for a few days from the effects of a sprained back received when a freight elevator at the factory dropped a distance of about twelve feet. Mr. Jucksch and T. G. Hutton had been using the elevator all day and were about finished when the accident occurred. Mr. Hutton escaped unhurt, but, like the Irishmen who fell fifteen stories and said that the fall was pleasant enough; it was the sudden stop that jarred him. Mr. Jucksch did not escape so well. He is at present confined to his bed and will be laid off work for a few days. We are pleased to know he is not seriously injured.

Bust and Filibuster.
One session of the Legislature, according to The Kincardine Review, ended in a bust, and this one's end was hastened by a filibuster.

Kincardine Teachers All Re-engaged.
The Kincardine teachers have all been re-engaged. The High school teachers are to get the present salaries. The Public school teachers were re-engaged at \$900 each, \$100 of an increase. The principal gets his present salary, \$1,600.

Shelburne Holiday is on Wednesday.
Shelburne business men have decided to use Wednesday afternoon of each week as a half-holiday, during the summer months. When any statutory holiday occurs during the week the half holiday will not be observed.

Home Again!
Mr. James Burt, who was engaged at the Provincial Parliament buildings during the session of the Ontario Legislature, is now back in town and is looking well and feeling well. Thought considerably over eighty years of age, he has the appearance of a man on the underside of sixty. He is the best preserved man of his age that we know of and, barring accident, bids fair to pass the century mark. Speaking of the coming election he says that in Toronto there is a strong feeling that the present U.F.O. Government will be returned to power, and he is personally strong in the opinion that Mr. Leeson or a U.F.O. candidate will be the winner in South Grey. Mr. Burt was formerly an uncompromising Liberal, but his old political leanings are wholly submerged in U.F.O.-ism.

The wisest habit is the habit of not being foolish.
A widow who has money to burn soon finds old flames to help her to burn it.

DURHAM HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DISASTROUS FIRE
On Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock fire broke out in a garage belonging to the Smith Bros., just west of the Town Hall, and in less time than it takes to tell the story, four other stables were ablaze and every house in the vicinity seemed in danger of destruction.

Mr. John McDonald, who delivers mill-wood, was the first to notice the smoke. He had a load of wood in the yard at the rear of the Smith residence, and on going there saw nothing out of the ordinary. Leaving his team for a minute or so to inquire where the wood was to be left, he discovered a black smoke proceeding from a garage and had barely time to get out of the way before the flame broke out.

It was known that a couple of horses were in the Smith stables, one belonging to Smith's, the other to W. J. Vollett, and these were rescued before the fire reached them. In a very few minutes five stables were ablaze, as well as another garage, built recently by Mr. A. Catton, and later sold to Mr. William Hill, who owns the adjoining property on which he had a new brick veneered house just finished and occupied for only a short time. Hill's house was close to where the fire started and was in danger from the first. Water was scarce in the vicinity, and it seemed like a long spell before the engine had steam up and a line of hose connecting the river and the burning buildings.

In the meantime fire had taken a good hold on the roof of Hill's house and had started on the roofs of the adjacent dwellings belonging to W. E. Clark, Robert Lindsay, James Atkinson and H. D. McIntyre. Fortunately, these were all kept under control by a band of willing workers till the firemen were ready and turned three streams on the burning buildings, and with the exception of Hill's house, which suffered considerable damage, the others escaped without serious loss.

The chief losers are: Smith Bros., two stables and a garage capable of holding three cars, estimated loss \$1,200; insurance \$350. Robert Lindsay, good frame stable, loss estimated at \$600; no insurance. James Atkinson, fairly good stable, estimated loss \$400.

William Hill, damage to dwelling estimated at \$500, fully insured; garage loss, \$200, no insurance. An uninsured building belonging to H. D. McIntyre, containing \$3,000 worth of material was in the line of the fire and caught several times, but escaped uninjured.

The origin of the fire is not known. Some thought it might have originated from boys smoking cigarettes, but the Smith Bros. tell us they never saw boys around there and think there is no ground for suspicion from that cause. Once in action, the fire department soon had the flames under control and the neighborhood is to be congratulated that the damage was no worse.

DIVISION COURT HELD HERE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Division Court was held here on Tuesday afternoon, Judge Sutherland presiding. Four cases came up, and the business was completed before six o'clock.

The first involved a dispute between John Lynn of town and John Adam of Bentinck. Lynn had a claim for \$14.00 for oats and other charges. Adam disputed the claim and put in a counter claim for various services. Several witnesses were examined. Judge Sutherland dismissed counter-claim and awarded judgment to Lynn for \$12.50. W. D. Henry for plaintiff, A. B. Currey for defendant.

Roscoe Wren vs. Clark Metals Limited, was a suit for wages, claiming \$46.30 disputed by Clark, who acknowledged a claim of \$145 or thereabouts. The amount in dispute grew out of an agreement Clark claims to have made in June, 1921, by which Wren and others abandoned wages then due and accepted a lower weekly wage on condition that the factory would continue to operate. Wren admits accepting cut, but denied agreeing to a quit-claim for back pay. The amount Clark admitted due Wren had been paid into court. Judgment allowed plaintiff for amount paid into court. W. D. Henry for plaintiff, O. Klein for defendant.

A case between Cross & Sutherland Hardware Company of Hanover, and Charles Mighton of Bentinck, grew out of a furnace installed by the plaintiffs which failed to give satisfaction according to guarantee of manufacturers. Mighton claimed furnace smoked and "ran soot" so as to damage paper and plaster and cause general discomfort to the inmates. Judgment was given defendant and plaintiff ordered to remove furnace. A. B. Currey for plaintiff, W. D. Henry for defendant.

LIBERAL CONVENTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The Chronicle, just before going to press, telephoned Dr. J. G. Hutton, President of the Liberal Association and was informed that the Liberal Convention, advertised for this afternoon, had been postponed. On expressing our surprise, the doctor told us there was a foot or more of snow at Flesherston, and even a good Grit couldn't be expected to wade all the way to Durham for the purpose of nominating a candidate—or any other business, for that matter.

Not being the official Liberal organ for South Grey, we cannot say just when the next convention will be called, but will take it on ourselves to announce that due notice will be given.

One good way to reduce to music is to listen to the musical chink of the trace chains on the plow harness.

TOWN COUNCIL HAS DECIDED ON OIL FOR MAIN STREETS

At the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night it was decided to oil the main streets of the town—Lambton street from the C.P.R. station to the overhead bridge or thereabouts, and Garafraxa street from the foot of the hill to the old cement corner. At first it was only intended to go south as far as the Ford garage, but a deputation of citizens of that end of the town presented their case with such force that it was decided to take in the extra block. If The Chronicle might be allowed a word, we would suggest that the Council continue the good work and oil the front street all the way through up as far as The Review office corner, where it meets the Provincial Highway. Some may argue that this would cost money, but on the other hand, it can be just as well argued that to have the dust floating on to the lawns and into the houses also costs money. Garafraxa street is a provincial highway and will be used a lot this summer when the tourist traffic starts. The dust from this highway is a nuisance, not only to those residents living on the street, but to all the rest of the town as well. Residents of Upper Town are entitled to some consideration, too.

The principal objection to the oiling proposition came from Councillor Saunders. He objected to the expense being taken out of the general fund of the town and said this was illegal. It should be assessed as a frontage tax. However, when asked on what authority he based his statements, he did not state this very clearly. The fact that nearly all the other towns are paying for the oiling of the main streets out of the general fund was no small factor in guiding the way for the council, especially when the Reeve, Barrister Currey, said he could not find any ruling for it in the Municipal Act.

Mr. Lye of the Imperial Oil Co. was on hand to give any explanation needed and appeared before the town fathers on a couple of occasions to untangle some knotty problem. The result is that the Council is buying 3,200 gallons of oil at 11.35 cents a gallon which, with the sales tax will make it cost about \$370. As the oil preserves the roads as well as lays the dust, the first cost is not too high everything considered. To the most of us, the beneficial effect of the oil on the street is only too apparent from last year. The part of the street that was oiled is most decidedly in a better condition than that portion that was missed. This year the street in the business section is to be oiled from curb to curb and in the outlying and residential districts a 20-foot strip is to be oiled.

Reeve Currey and Dr. Smith reported having made an adjustment in the Eden claim by which the town got a release of all claims against the corporation on the payment of \$30. It will be remembered Mrs. Elen fell on the sidewalk one day last winter and fractured her arm. She entered a claim against the town for \$500. Barrister Currey said that in considering the case, it would have cost possibly considerably over \$100 to fight it, and that they paid the amount without prejudice and he had no doubt they could have won the case had they let it go to court. Councillor Murdoch reported the condition of the retaining wall on the west side of the Garafraxa hill. Dr. Smith reported the placing of an indigent, William Dyer, in the Durham Hospital for treatment, and Councillor Saunders brought up the matter of the tax collector being sent out to collect taxes from people who already had receipts.

Saunders' night off. He objected to the I.O.D.E. getting the Hall for nothing and the Red Cross being charged for it, and when assured by Treasurer Ramage that the I.O.D.E. would certainly have to pay for the rent of the hall, although they had not yet done so, wanted a by-law put through requiring everyone to whack up in advance before they would be allowed to rent it at all. Not satisfied with this he waved the flag again when the matter of a new band-stand was raised. He said that in his recollection the town had built four or five band-stands, and where are they now? One, he said had finally been used as a starting-box for the ponies at the Fall Fair, and goodness only knows where the rest of them went. However, having got all this out of his system, Durham's Sam McBride was real good the rest of the evening.

The Finance Committee passed accounts amounting to \$504.02, but did nothing with an account of \$100 from W. Calder for insurance premiums on the Jackson plant. Councillor McQueen thought the rate of \$55 a thousand was too high and that he could get it for not more than \$3 in just as good a company. That being the case, Reeve Currey thought the matter should be looked into, as it was the duty of the Council to save all the money they could for the municipality.

Taken altogether, the Council meeting on Monday night was a good one. Quite a lot of good business was put through and there was just enough humor injected throughout to keep the audience from going to sleep. And lastly, Councillor Murdoch was successful in putting a motion through granting the Clerk a half holiday on Thursday the same time as the stores are closed.

To rude words the best attitude is deaf ears.
You seldom hear The Old Folks at Hoe now. For that matter, the old folks seldom stay at home.

MUNICIPAL STATISTICS OF GREY MAKES INTERESTING READING

The Bureau of Municipal Affairs, a bulletin issued by the Provincial Secretary's Department, is just to hand, and contains a lot of information about the Province. It gives the population of the various municipalities, including cities, towns, townships, and villages, together with the assessed areas, taxes imposed, and debenture debts. The information given is from the assessments of 1922.

From this we learn that the population of Durham last year was 1,622, and this year the assessor's figures give the population at 1,637, or a gain of 15.

Hanover's population is given at 2,695 for last year, Meaford 2,406 and Thornbury 767. Owen Sound, separated from the county, had a population of 12,360.

The villages have populations as follows: Chatsworth 287, Dundalk 725, Flesherston 410, Markdale 908, Neustadt 445, Shallow Lake 386.

The population of the townships are as follows:

- Artemesia 2,371,
- Bentinck 2,455,
- Collingwood 2,669,
- Derby 1,531,
- Egremont 2,362,
- Euphrasia 2,313,
- Glencol 1,607,
- Holland 2,653,
- Keppel 2,165,
- Normanby 2,766,
- Osprey 2,150,
- Proton 2,300,
- St. Vincent 2,710,
- Sarawak 554,
- Sullivan 2,337,
- Sydenham 2,400.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Hanover is the largest town, Markdale the largest village, and Normanby the largest township, based on the populations.

The total assessment of the town of Meaford is greater than that of Hanover and in this respect leads the towns of the county. Meaford also leads on debenture debt.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13.

Roses, Carnations, Sweet Peas, Daffodils, Tulips, Lily-of-the-Valley, Snapdragons, etc., at right prices. Mail or phone us your order.—H. M. Norrish, Florist, Phone 118, Walkerton, Ontario.

Home is just a woman's sympathy surrounded by four walls.

Business Locals.

Potatoes Wanted.
Next week, at Grand Trunk station Durham. 60c. a bag.—W. J. Vollett.

Maid Wanted.
Apply at once to Mrs. (Dr.) Hutton, Durham, Ont.

Summer Underwear at Karstedt's.
A full range of ladies' and children's summer underwear can be had at Karstedt Bros., Priceville, Ont.

Spring Suits.
New style spring suits of cloth for men and boys, at very reasonable prices, at Karstedt Bros., Priceville, Ont.

Highest Prices For Produce.
Highest market prices paid for farm produce at Karstedt Bros., Priceville.

"Martha Made Over."
See the play, "Martha Made Over," by Durham talent, in Holstein May 16 under auspices of Holstein Institute. Admission 35c. and 25c.

Rob Roy Grain Prices.
We are paying 48c. to 50c. for Oats, 65c. for Barley, 65c. to 68c. for Buckwheat, \$1.20 to \$1.25 for Peas and \$1.15 for Wheat at our elevator.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont.

Turn In Your Cream Checks Now.
The Durham Creamery Company, having disposed of their business to the Walkerton Egg and Dairy Company, would advise the holders of Cream Checks to turn them in by May 31, 1923. After that date they will not be honored. Also return all cream cans to J. & W. McLachlan's Store, Durham.

McFadden's Drug Store.
Dreco now on sale at McFadden's Drug Store. 532

Wheat Wanted.
Any quantity. Highest price at the People's Mills. 315 23 tf

Wanted to Buy.
Two-storey brick house with all conveniences in Durham. Apply by letter to Box 14, Chronicle Office, Durham. 312 tf

Grain Wanted.
Wheat, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Oats and Mixed Grain wanted. Highest prices paid.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont. 112 tf

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Open every day for business. A member of the firm will be in the office every Tuesday. Special appointments may be made at the office. 53 tf

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