

NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

OBSEQUIES FOR LATE WM. PRATT

Life Long Friends Followed Bier of Dead Simcoe Resident

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, March 26.—There died here at her home on Colborne street north this morning Matilda Wells, after having reached the age of about four score years. Her father was in early times a prominent dentist here, and the late Judge Wells, of Welland, formerly a partner of the law firm of Wells & Innes, with H. P. Innes as junior partner, was a brother. The only remaining member of this once prominent family is a sister, Miss Margaret, who has lived at home with her now deceased sister, Gilbert Wells, once bailiff of Norfolk, was a brother. Mr. Roy Wallace and Mrs. Edith Stanford, the latter of the public school staff here, and Mrs. Joseph Sterling, of Tonawanda are nieces.

Simcoe, March 26th. (From our own correspondent)—The funeral of the late William Pratt, was held yesterday afternoon interment taking place at Oakwood cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. H. C. Newcombe, pastor of the Baptist church and formerly chaplain of the 133rd. Batt. C. E. F. of which Lt. Col. Pratt, son of the deceased was O. C.

Floral offerings from relatives and friends from Windsor to Toronto testified to the esteem in which the deceased and his family have been held. A splendid sheaf of roses arrived from Windsor after the cortege had left the cemetery. No reply had been received from Lt. Col. Pratt, and it is thought that he is very probably in the big battle and the cable has not reached him. Another son absent from his home on a business trip was not located, but there were present his daughter, Mrs. R. Charlton and Mr. Harry Pratt, of Windsor, Joseph Pratt, a brother, of Aylmer, William An-

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erson, and Wm. Morrison, Toronto, T. C. Savage, Waterford, Arthur Smith and Thos. Jackson, of Wye-combe, Richard Pick, Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Charlton, of Brantford and a large turnout from town. The bearers were Dr. W. Burt, E. E. Collins, Robert Craig, Thos. Roberts, Alfred Roberts, and Almas Booth.

Robert McKim of Springfield, visiting at Brantford, read the obituary notice in the Courier on Saturday and as an old friend of the family called over on Sunday.

Get The Money And Used It. The local chapter of O. D. E. always boasts of an empty treasury as the following notes handed out after yesterday's meeting will show.—

The treasurer, Miss Lawson reported as follows regarding the finances of the month:

Balance in Bank	\$979.54
Passed to St. Paul's Ladies	\$89.08
To Belgian Relief	\$333.37
Accounts for material	\$10.00
Postage	\$10.00
The balance of \$511.49 was allocated as follows:	
To prisoners of war	\$300.00
To Can. Red Cross	\$100.00
To C. W. C. A.	\$100.00
Leaving on hand \$11.49.	\$500.00

Shipments overseas—
To Pte. R. Hunter 11 pr. soc. 2 pks. raisins.
To Corp. H. Knight, 11 pr. soc. 2 pks. raisins.
To Sgt. W. Hammond 15 pr. soc. 2 pks. raisins.
To Sgt. E. Noble, 15 pr. soc. 2 pks. raisins.
To Lt. W. W. Dillen, 11 pr. soc. 2 pks. raisins.
To Sgt. R. L. Cooke, 11 pr. soc. 2 pks. raisins.
To Sergt. Shields, 15 pr. soc.

DONATIONS.
Miss Cunningham \$5.00
Mr. H. A. Johnson \$5.00
Miss Clara Lawson was appointed delegate to the National Council which meets in Toronto May 27th. to 31st, the president being unable to attend.

The secretary was instructed to

DAYLIGHT SAVING IS OPPOSED BY FARMERS

Norfolk Organizes For the Maximum of Production—Pig Industry in Industrial Home—County Council in Session.

Simcoe, March 23.—On the opening of the County Council session, Warden Buck explained that Council had been called at the request of the Lieut.-Governor, for the urging of greater production. The Warden expressed the opinion that there should be a greater motive than that of profits in view of the fact that our men overseas are working for the pitance of \$1.10 a day. United action should be taken to obtain seed corn and early preparation should be made for increased acreage of fall wheat.

The Lt.-Col. Addison, Government representative, made a forceful address. Boys and others going on farms to help must be instructed not to think they were on a picnic. Mr. Neff Tells the Needs. Mr. E. F. Neff, of the agriculture office gave figures showing that the Allies need this year 250 million bushels more than last year. The United States can increase only by 75 million bushels, leaving the Allies to make up the 175 millions. Last year the West did its best and it is for Ontario and Quebec to grow an extra five acres of wheat on every farm.

Already 26 boys and 28 girls from Simcoe High School have enrolled for farm work. Applications for help on the farm are arriving daily.

The suggestions of the Warden and of the Government speakers were referred on a block to the committee of the whole.

By-laws Ignored—Trouble Follows. The Warden called attention to the fact that parties not indigent had been of late admitted to the county home without transferring their property to the County Council in accordance with the by-laws. This has been going on for a few years, and some of the parties have died unnecessary trouble ensues. At present a Township citizen is entering under the same conditions. The cases were all cited. The Chas. Wick property in Delhi has been since sold and the County Council's claim will be paid. This is of about two years standing. The Asenden estate mentioned on Saturday is in a fair way to settlement.

Townships to Tabulate—Required Farm Help. There was a general agreement with Warden Buck as to the responsibility of minor townships to take the lead in organization for production and for supplying labor and the fol-

lowing recommendation was promptly agreed to: That the Council of each minor municipality constitute itself as a committee to collect and forward to the agricultural offices at Simcoe details as to the amount, nature and time of help required on the farms of the township, whether temporary or permanent, adult or juvenile, boy or girl, and request that action be taken without delay. The following resolution was also passed: That the Council encourage sowing spring wheat wherever possible and that they find out how much seed is needed, and notify Mr. Neff as early as possible, and that the same be done so far as seed corn and potatoes is concerned.

Don't Tamper With the Clocks. Quite certainly any daylight saving legislation which might let merchants in town off earlier for an afternoon at work in the country will not make farmers rise any earlier or leave off work any earlier. The farmer knows how preferable the late afternoon is for work and how heavy dew and forsooth ultraviolet light forenoon work. The emphatic opinion was unanimous as follows: That the Council approve of the protest of the Wentworth County Council against the proposed daylight saving movement as its operation would curtail the possible hours of labor on the farms through the ceasing of work during hours of the day most valuable for operations.

Referred. It was decided that the claim of Dr. Deucombe of Waterford for consideration re loss of horse through injuries received while driving on a section of the County road north of Waterford be referred to the committee of Legislation, and that this Committee and the Superintendent report on the matter at the next meeting of Council.

Board and Lodgings at County Home Go Up. The cost of board, clothing and lodgings at the county home, for those with means and able to pay, was by motion, raised from \$1.50 to \$2.20 a week and clerymen from town will, after April 1st, be allowed \$2.50 instead of \$1.00 a trip for conducting services at funerals and on Sunday at the Chapel. The clerymen will as heretofore provide their own conveyances.

Studebaker Service at Simcoe. The undersigned has taken over the Studebaker supply and service station opposite the market square, Simcoe. Efficiency and promptness our motto. We can handle any work on any car. WM. KIRKWOOD, Manager.

Home From the War. Five more soldiers arrived from the front last night. Pte. Wm. Culver, Sic. St. Marie. Pte. R. Casey, Simcoe. Pte. Mark Rabbitts, Simcoe. Pte. J. A. Larson, Culter. Pte. W. J. Williams. Pte. Culver is a brother of Mrs. Sam King and of the late A. A. Culver of Simcoe. He was in a forestry battalion and has a son once wounded, still overseas. Ptes. Larson and Morris were ready for a rest before completing the trip home and were taken in charge by the Great War Veterans. They will proceed to-day and friends will drive to the depots to convey them to their rural homes. The men were met by Mr. King's car, gallily decorated and by Mayor Shier and Deputy-Reeve Langford. Brief notice was had of their approach, but ex-Alderman Cropp and Roads Superintendent Phelan assisted in the emergency and the men were met. They were all able to navigate. They all expect to be discharged in course of time, and all appear able for some kind of employment. The best service they can receive now is assistance to employment for which they are adapted. They speak as though they desire to be independent. Pte. Morris will be remembered as a boarder at Mrs. Wheeler's, West street.

Rabbitts and Casey are both well known in town. Odd Ends of News. The work of cleaning up the park has been attended to early this year. The dust was a real nuisance yesterday. There will be a special meeting of the Town Council to-night. The L. E. and N. made approach to the depot here and it is possible without discomfort, by putting a temporary board way over the yielding mud. A G.T.R. conductor found guilty of blocking the Robinson street crossing recently, paid \$10.05 into Magistrate Guntton's court last night. Mr. James L. Acker has departed to resign from the Utilities Commission as he will be out of town most of the time from now on. He has transferred to Wm. Kirkwood the Studebaker service depot on Robinson street and the latter is now in charge.

The special committee of the County Industrial Committee will meet here to-day to discuss the report from Saturday's sitting of Council. N. J. H. Green has installed a 35 h.p. gasoline engine in his mill at Peterville in place of the water power of which he was deprived when the dam gave away.

ANNOUNCEMENT. For one month, beginning April 3, I will conduct a free clinic for children having adenoids and tonsil trouble, whose parents are unable to pay for adjustments. 5 to 6 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday. Dr. Lily Jackson, Chiropractor, Simcoe (No drugs, no knives) (Phone).

Students attending the Simcoe Business College from points on the L. E. & N. are given special rates. The College is only a few minutes

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Music and Drama

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The irrepressible George Wilson, "Waltz Me Again," the well known black-faced comedian with Gus Hill's Big Minstrels, which appear at the Grand Opera House, Wednesday, March 27th. will be seen in a new monologue this season, which is said to be the funniest thing that he has ever offered. Mr. Wilson is one of the best comedians who has ever been connected with a Minstrel organization, having just completed a forty weeks engagement at the New York Hippodrome and his sunny little confidences to his audiences and his grotesque mannerism mark him an original. This is the first Minstrel show to visit Brantford in six years.

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