

News From the County and District

Brief Items of Interest Gathered by Our Exchange Editor.

Kingston Woman Leaves

A Kingston woman has left her husband, taking with her three children. It is thought she went to the States, consequently the American police have been notified. No reason can be given for her sudden disappearance.

Someone Please Explain

A citizen remarked recently that there had been about twenty of the County's finest type of manhood literally slaughtered in aeroplane accidents this summer without one solitary inquest being held. What is the matter with the officers of the Flying Corps, the general public and the friends of the deceased, that investigations or inquests are not held? We take it too much for granted — he was killed in a crash — and let it go, at that. There must be causes for such accidents, why not look more carefully in them? A little public sentiment would go a long way toward making the truth known. Every accident at the Toronto camps is looked into and why not at Deseronto? — Post

Big Canning Business.

Canning industries in the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham are scenes of busy activity. Canning peas has been extensively carried on the past two weeks. The pea crop is an excellent one, the best that has been known for years in that locality. The Durham Canning Factory at Orton is also a busy place. About 60 persons are employed, with a weekly pay sheet of \$1,000. About 30,000 cans of peas is the daily output.

Native of Athens.

Pte. Clarence Palmer, a Smith's Falls young man, who has been killed in action, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, of that town and was born in Athens, 20 years ago.

Thoughts by the Way

Sights and Sounds of Summer From a Country Verandah

Written for The Ontario by "Waytater."

A hot July sun is sending its glaring rays relentlessly upon a parched earth; the road winds by white and bare and is lost from sight as it dips over an adjacent hill; the atmosphere swims in waves of heat and the woods in the distance are veiled in purple mist.

The hay-makers are making ready their wagon for bringing in the fragrant hay and although they are hidden from sight behind a clump of bushes, I am aware of their preparations by the expectant waiting attitude of the old dog. He is in sight, and sits eagerly watching the men, hitching the team to the wagon, and as the last trace is hooked, he darts like an arrow, making his way ahead of the horses to the field, where he enjoys himself hunting for mice in the hay. In a neighbor's field is another wagon busy in the hay, and in this, a woman is on the load, handling the pitch-fork as deftly as a man. It is certainly good hay weather, but rain is badly needed for the growing crops.

A glance at the fields reveals how rapidly harvest time is approaching. The wheat and barley are turning their green to gold and early peas are also ready for the harvest.

In the midsummer heat, the birds sing but little, although one hears a continual chirping from their tiny throats. They are busy darting here and there, now flying to earth to feast on seeds and worms. A tiny pair of grey birds, very tame and unafraid, hop about on the grass, a foot or two from the verandah, leisurely eating weed-seeds. It is surprising what a quantity of these seeds is apparently required to satisfy their voracious appetites. A robin wings its way past the cherry trees, where alas! no red fruit is seen this summer, and then darts to a wild bush where it feasts on the berries growing thereon. From the garden comes a little maid with a small pail of ripe raspberries and says she found the bushes covered with birds feasting on the ripe fruit, but on her arrival they rose with a

whirring of wings and a protesting chorus of shrill screams at being interrupted in their noon-day feast.

Bees too, are busy, sipping the sweets of the flowers on the verandah. But some large, velvety, yellow bumble bees are too friendly, for with a seemingly definite purpose they circle round, until one dodges this way and that, to avoid coming in contact with these "zigzag steers". But lo! they make their way under the verandah floor, where doubtless, there is a nest of which we may have practical, if not pleasant proof in the near future. These yellow-jackets are followed by several honey-bees, which leads one to wonder if the latter are ever known to plunder the stores of the former.

In yonder field is a minister's son, who has come to the country for the harvest as a soldier of the soil. He seems a little, husky chap of fine physique and pleasing personality and tackles his unaccustomed tasks with a right good will, so that his employer says: "He is a willin' chap but he doesn't know nothing." Perhaps, some of our townsmen will learn that farming is both a science and an art. While the farmers, birds and bees are busy and as I pen these lines, there are passing in auto, buggy and bicycle, young people to enjoy themselves at Hill Crest, the new Rest Resort. The doctor, too, drives past in his motor, being hurriedly on his errand of mercy and almost unconsciously we contrast his life with that of the pleasure-seeker and recall the following lines by Dr. Drummond:

"There's wan man got hees han' full o' roo ev'ry kin' o' wadder. An' he's never sure o' nothin' but work and work away. Dat's de man dey call de doctor, when you ketch him on de contrer. An' he's only man I know-me, don't get no holiday."

But another motor comes in sight, this being sent to civil servants in the gravel drive to the verandah. It proves to be the country parson and

with him Rev. (Capt.) Garbutt, of Oshawa, recently returned from overseas, where for twenty months he served as chaplain to Canadian forces. It really was a pleasure and a privilege to meet Capt. Garbutt, who is speaking throughout the country in the interest of overseas chaplains. Canadian churches are endeavoring to raise \$50,000 for the Chaplain Service, Anglicans assuming \$15,000; Presbyterians \$15,000; Methodists \$15,000 and the balance \$5,000 among other denominations. In his visit the Captain spoke most interestingly of his experience as a chaplain at the front. Among other things he said: "There is one chaplain to each battalion, perhaps in the construction battalions there are not so many, as the danger is not so great. Chaplains accompany the troops to the front lines and share the hardships of the soldiers. They conduct the burial services for the dead. Where possible the soldiers are buried in separate graves and the chaplain writes an account of death and burial which is sent to the next of kin. Since my return I have received many letters from parents whose sons have paid the supreme sacrifice. Religious services are not held in the fighting areas but farther back, as soldiers are not allowed to congregate closely in forward areas for fear of shells."

To the question: "Do the men seem interested in the services?" the Captain's ready answer was "Yes." Continuing he said: "It is certainly a great privilege and opportunity for service, to fill the position of chaplain for overseas forces." And as he spoke with war's remembrance in his eyes, we could not but believe that this man with his quiet, kindly, thoughtful way, had been a tower of strength to many a homesick, wounded soldier.

But, of the horrors of war he said little, although he certainly could have told much, having been at the battle of Vimy Ridge, where the Canadians forced their way through the German lines. The remembrance of these things will never fade but few of our returned heroes care to dwell on the tragic side of war. But as we listened to his experiences so modestly told, here on the shady verandah of our peaceful Canadian home, the war and its needs were brought very near to us, and our hearts went out as never before to our Canadian soldiers who are giving up all that life holds dear, that our homes and hearths may not be devastated by German invasion. As he spoke, very, very near seemed the presence and spirit of those boys "over there."

"Space cannot part us, we who have one aim; We who have sacrificed in Freedom's name; But those at home who boast no service star— How far away they seem; How far! How far!"

Now, the shades of night are falling and the cool evening air is most welcome after a day of heat and toil. And as we resume our seats, on the verandah to enjoy the close of this summer day, a huge motor glides almost noiselessly and swiftly, towards our place of rest. As we converse a night-hawk darts by and voices its pleasure in its usual, sharp, metallic cry.

"What a strange sound to denote joy!" remarked our friend.

"See," he continued, "how he flies high and drops with that grating, guttural sound."

"It is the current of air flowing through his feathers," he informed us, "that produces that sound."

It was interesting to watch its flight, first outward and upward, then a swift, darting, gliding motion forward.

"I had a peculiar experience with a Kildeer, not long ago," he said. "The bird had its nest in the gravel between the rows of beans. In cultivating, I would raise the cultivator and avoid breaking the eggs, when passing over it, when the mother bird would fly away at some distance with wings dragging the ground and pretending to be dangerously hurt. After a time I thought I'd remove the nest and did so, placing it out of the way of the cultivator near the beans. Wondering to relate, she returned and continued brooding as if the nest had never been disturbed. In fact, she seemed to become very tame and would not fly from the nest unless I came very near."

This incident related by the young farmer, is one of many experienced by the agriculturist and reveals a love for God's wild, helpless creatures in harmony with Burn's feeling of sympathy for a mountain daisy which he had to overturn with his plow and on which he composed his poem "To a Mountain Daisy."

A bonus of three months' salary is being sent to civil servants in the Customs Department at Nelson and district.

Believe This Woman is a German Spy

QUEBEC MILITARY MEN HAVE CHASED HER TO NEW YORK CITY

Quebec, Aug. 2.—Quebec has a German spy story all its own, with a woman occupying the centre of the stage and two members of the military body playing the role of "Beau Brummels" to the fair lady.

The chase to run down the agent of the Huns has now been transferred to New York, and with the evidence thus far in their possession the military will forthwith denounce the woman to the American authorities and ask that she be dealt with in certain circles here it is believed that the woman is the one who advised the Germans of the departure of the Llandovery Castle, as examinations of her correspondence, immediately prior to the date of the sailing of this vessel showed that she had written several letters to the New York address, wherein vengeance was made to her "coming voyage in the interests of her health."

Motherless Children

It is a part of the duty of the Board of Pension Commissioners to care for the orphans of all sailors and soldiers who are killed on active service or who subsequently die from disability so incurred. Through its district offices, guardians and administrators are selected and appointed to supervise under the direction of the Board the welfare of such children. The utmost care is taken in the selection of such guardians, the moral character and the ability to care for their wards being carefully investigated by the district representatives. Pensions have been provided, of course, for the maintenance of these children and the board is seeking to discharge its duties in fulfillment of the high spirit which promoted the great Grecian statesman to say: "Due honour has now been paid to the dead, and for the rest, their children will be brought up to manhood at the charge of the State, this being the crown and reward which for valour like theirs she offers both to them and to those they are leaving behind."

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A Necessary Sacrifice

Some people are disposed to scoff at the idea that any substantial saving can be effected by the food regulations. But it is announced that the saving effected by the people of the United States during the past six months has made it possible to increase the quantity of wheat for export from 30 million bushels to 110 million bushels.

Letter From Overseas

France, July 7, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:—A few lines to let you know I am still in the best of health and having a fairly good time of it here. We have had a beautiful summer so far and everything in the back country looks fine, but it is rather desolate around here.

There is really nothing to write about, as the life is nearly always the same, but I like to drop a few lines every week to let you know I am well. I was reading in a big piece in a Toronto paper the other day about the Y.M.C.A. and it certainly rubbed them pretty hard, and said we had to pay five cents for a cup of tea out here; well I never yet paid anything for a cup of tea at any of their canteens. It also said they were never any nearer the lines than seven or eight miles, but this will show you different. Easter Monday, 1917, the morning we took Vimy Ridge, there was a Y.M.C.A. canteen less than half a mile from the support trenches, and we had to pass it going from our battery to our O.P. and they had five cases of biscuits. We tried to buy some, but the fellows knew us and made us go farther back to the one near the battery, as they were giving them to the infantry only. All men, whether wounded or not, that came from the trenches were given a package of biscuits and a mug of tea, and they kept that up for three days. Also, they were giving tea away during the whole two months we were there, and they were up in front of our guns and open day and night.

Your loving son, Arthur.

TO-DAY'S CASUALTIES
Gassed. — 1st Battalion, 4th Division, A. Stone, Deseronto.
Wounded. — C. Ayrbart, Carrying Place.

Husband Dead Message That Greets Wife

Syracuse, N.Y., Aug. 2.—Less than an hour after she had arrived here from Canada, where she had been visiting for two weeks, Mrs. Vienna Kehoe, of No. 200 Lionel avenue, So-va, was informed of the death of her husband, Mechanic Ernest G. Kehoe, in an accidental explosion of hand grenades in the vicinity of the headquarters of the 38th U. S. Infantry in France.

News of the soldier's death was contained in a telegram from Adjutant General McCain, received by Mrs. Kehoe's mother, Mrs. Byron Caldwell yesterday morning. The accident happened on July 5th. Kehoe had been in France since early in March and although his regiment had been in the first line trenches since June 1, he being attached to the headquarters company of the unit, was stationed some distance in the rear of the lines.

Fails to Support His German Wife

Man Charged in Police Court with This Offence

Kingston, —A young man appeared in the police court this morning charged with non-support by his wife who admitted that she was a full-blooded German, and did not appear to be ashamed of that fact. The woman, who is well educated and of fine appearance, and attractive manners, told Magistrate Farrell that her husband was constantly calling her "Hun" and had failed to give her the money needed to keep a home. When she mentioned that word "Hun" the few who were in the court smiled, and at least one is still wondering whether it was a term of endearment or not. It appears that the young man who belongs to a good family in the Niagara district married the woman in Buffalo before the war started, and that for some time the pair lived at University avenue. Matters did not progress very amicably between them, hence the action. The woman admitted that she had a bank account of her own.

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Huns Charged With Conspiring to Secure Plans

New York, August 2nd.—Charged with conspiring to supply German agents with plans and specifications of airplane stabilizers, Hans Jacobson and Court Courant, both of German birth was arrested yesterday by agents of the Department of Justice.

At the offices of Charles F. DeWoody, chief of the bureau of investigation, it was said both men had made a confession in which they told of working through Captain Franz von Papen, former German attaché at Washington, before he was expelled from the country.

Double Taxes on Tobacco in States

Amusements and Mail Order Houses Must Also Help to Pay for War

Washington, August 2.—Doubling of the present special taxes on manufacturers of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes and increased taxation on brokers, theaters and other amusements, billiard and pool parlors, bowling alleys and capitalization were agreed on by the House Ways and Means committee yesterday. In framing the \$5,000,000,000 revenue bill. A new tax of one per cent. on retail sales of mail order houses more than \$100,000 annual business was adopted. Pullman seats and berths and passenger rates will be subject to a uniform tax of eight per cent. Stamp taxes were undisturbed.

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Ban Foe Goods

For Ten Years after War, Border Firms' Plan

Windsor, Aug. 2.—Retail merchants of the border comprising Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich have launched a movement designed to definitely kill any effort to market German-made goods in Canada

for at least ten years after the war. Major H. Wilkinson, himself a veteran of the trenches, is fathering the movement. Pledges are being signed by the merchants not to transact business with any German firms or handle any "made in Germany" merchandise for at least ten years after peace is declared. After the border is thoroughly organized, the campaign will be extended to other cities in the province.

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