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## Struther's Mill

Will be in operation on  
September 25th.

A. Struthers.

## IF IN NEED

Of a new Coal or Wood Range  
or Heater call on us, we handle

## 3 Good Makes

See our Well Pumps. Satisfaction  
guaranteed. We carry a full line  
of Hardware and Automobile Accessories

**Gallagher's Hardware**  
Waterdown

## Watch Them Smiling Now

Last week in response to our advertisement in Thursdays Review, saying many good things for the Parker Self Filling Fountain Pen which we handle and conscientiously recommend to our customers, we placed in the hands of local people some

## 12 Parker Self Fillers

on our 30 Day Guaranteed to Please or refund plan. Needless to say they are all pleased and smiling now that they have proved the merits of this really meriteous pen. We are again guaranteeing the Parker, and Reader let us place in your hands one of these pens. We fully expect to double our sales this week. Come in and be one of the

## 36 Pleased Fellows

who are enjoying the daily use of the best Fountain pen made. In buying a Parker you get a signed guarantee by me warranting the Pen against breakage and accident for One Year from date of purchase. Every Waterdown High School scholar should have a Parker Self Filler, it will add a 100 per cent efficiency to the speed and style of his or her writing.

## Drop in Our Store

and let us demonstrate the many good writing qualities of this over the ordinary Fountain pen

**W. H. CUMMINS**  
The Waterdown Drug Store  
PHONE 152

## Letters from the Front

Letters from Our Boys Who Are  
Fighting for Us

France, July 15, 1918.

Dear Dad,—Just a line to let you know all's well. We are still occupying the same gun positions near Arras but have had to move our wagon lines, as Fritz got a line on us with his big gun. Did not get any of our battery, but killed two and wounded three of the 53 Bty., and killed and wounded several horses. It was lucky we moved out when we did for two days later he shelled it again, killing and wounding some 40 horses in the Imperial Battery who were right along side of us, also landing several in our old stables and billets.

I was up at the guns for ten days, but came down to the wagon lines last night for another spell; it is the best place to be in the summer time as dugout life is no good in hot weather. We have only had about three real hot days here as yet; has been raining for the past week.

The Scotch Divisions we were supporting have gone out of the line and the Canadian infantry are in now.

Received two letters from Harry today, one written on June 16, the other July 2. He had been up to Jerusalem for a day and saw all the sights, and also had a seven days' leave to Alexandria; also received a letter from Mary saying you had been down to Toronto to visit and that Mrs. Breckenridge had died suddenly.

I was back the other day to a town behind the lines. The grain that the French have planted is looking fine, the rye was cut and set up in shocks like corn; the women cut and bind it all by hand—they can certainly grow wheat here; never saw better, it is just beginning to ripen now.

Tell Jess I received the parcel of socks to-night. Well, Dad, it does not look much like the war was going to be over this year. We heard to-night that Fritz had started another drive in the south to-day, but do not know whether it is so or not.

Will have to ring off for now. Give my best to all and do not work too hard. Will say good night for now.  
Ollie.

France, Aug. 7, 1918.

Dear Dad,—Just a line to let you know all's well. Received a letter from Aunt Ray yesterday. I am at present sleeping in a real bed; when you roll into it you sink out of sight in the feather mattress. We are in a small French town which the French vacated about a month ago, leaving everything behind them. The dishes were on the table just ready for a meal, so you have some idea how quickly they got out. It seems a shame to see the way these old French have had to leave everything behind, but if all turns out as per program, it will be quite safe for them to return again before this reaches you.

Since last writing Ell we have had a day's journey by train, and also two nights' march, and the rest of the nights packing ammunition on horse back from dusk till daylight, over roads which are at present knee deep in mud.

Our gun positions are in a wheat field which is dead ripe, but too near the front line to be healthy. In fact our brigade had some 50 horses killed and wounded, and a dozen or so men last night.

Was talking to Lorne Little and one of the horses he was leading was hit.

Capt. Stan Sawell was over to see me on Sunday afternoon; he was going into the support trenches that night. He was looking fine; said it was his company turn to go over the top. Well, we all expect to go over the top this time. You will know where by the papers no doubt long before this reaches you. Will drop a card as often as possible. Give my best to all.  
Ollie.



PTE. JOHN A. SPRINGER

Who was killed in action on the 4th of September. He left here last October with the C. M. R. Private Springer was 27 years of age at the time of his death.

Palestine, June 30, 1918.

Dear Ray, Grandma, and All,—Seeing that I received two letters from you not long ago I feel I must do one in return to you direct, even though I have nothing at all to say. You know I had a week's leave and spent it at a seaside hotel at, or rather near, Alexandria. There was not much to do or anyone I knew with whom to do it, so chiefly I shopped and went bathing and listened to the orchestra and looked at the movies. However, I came away willingly—the only leave I want is to go home to Canada. Will you give me a job when I come back. I expect a hired man would come in handy with you now and then.

Since I came back things have gone on as usual. However, I have slipped in a day in Jerusalem and I made good use of my stay there. The first evening I went in a garry (cab) out to the Mount of Olives from which one gets the best view of the city on one side and on the other the deep and wide valley of the Jordan—4,000 feet deep and at the bottom the Dead Sea, and then the mountains again on the far side. It certainly is a grand view. I stayed the night at a hotel just outside the walls by the Jaffa Gate.

In the morning I went to the Jews' walling place, the old temple area where the Mosque of Omar, a magnificent building, stands. I had a look into Solomon's stables under the surface in cut caves. Next we went along the high wall of the city, passed the old temple gate (now walled up) out of St. Stephen's gate where St. Stephen was stoned and then to the Garden of Gethsemane, where an old monk gave me some flowers which I enclose. Then I came back to the city and went to the Holy Sepulchre, which was nothing like what I expected to see. However, it is something to have seen all these holy places. I did not get out to Bethlehem, which is six miles south of the city.

As a city Jerusalem is certainly not repossessing as it is like all eastern cities, without drainage or water. The streets of the walled city are narrow and filthy, though good now compared with when the Turk ruled. These streets often go for a good distance roofed over and the shops are little cubicles let into the massive stone supports of the roof. The part of the city outside the old walls is more like we know, being built by foreigners, mostly colonies of Jews, Greeks, Russians, etc. It is not a place to go to live in for comfort, but it is a pleasant change to the front line.

We are now in the dull routine of standing warfare with turns in the front line as F. O. O. However, the weather is fairly good so we should not murmur much. Well, will close now with best love to all.

Harry.

## Canadian Patriotism

Give Your Country a Leg Up—  
Save!

Canadian patriotism demands the practice of thrift by all her sons. The men who are holding the lines at home are they who are making it easy for the business of the country to go on with little jar to its mechanism. The steady pulling together of all citizens in the production of goods and in the conservation of all field crops marks the thrifty nation. Saving on the part of our citizens is going to be the greatest insurance we will have in Canada against a period of depression after the war. The combined capital of the individuals who make the country will form a fund of sufficient power to drive business along in a most satisfying way in spite of the prevailing hard times of such a period.

The saving man is therefore a real patriot. He has Canada's interests fundamentally at heart. May his tribe increase in these days when wealth is piling up under the spur of war-time efforts. Save because it hits both ways. It is a high form of patriotism. And it gives one's country a leg up in a critical time. Put by that extra dollar now. The long procession of thrifty dollars will make a line that will not waver—Hindenburg or no Hindenburg.

## Grace Church Services

The Harvest Home services held in Grace church on Sunday afternoon last were largely attended, the church being filled to the doors. The church was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion with grain, fruit and vegetables, and an abundance of choice cut flowers, tastefully arranged. The members of the congregation certainly outdid themselves on this occasion, for the interior of the church never looked more beautiful than it did on Sunday last. The excellent music furnished by the choir and the solo, My God, My Father, by Mr. Peters being greatly appreciated. The anthem, Praise the Lord, was also well rendered, the solo being well taken by Miss Eager. The Rev. Mr. Robertson, of St. Thomas' church, Hamilton, was the preacher on this occasion. He delivered a very eloquent and forceful sermon, which was greatly appreciated.

## Sunday School Convention

All those interested in Sunday School work should attend the convention to be held in the Strabane Presbyterian church to-morrow (Friday) afternoon and evening. The Rev. W. P. Fletcher, of Toronto, will deliver an address at the afternoon session on "How to Hold the Teen Aged Boy," and in the evening he will deal with the "Value of the Early Study of the Bible." It is to be hoped that Waterdown will be well represented at the convention.

The Rev. D. A. Walker of Walkerton will conduct the services in Knox church on Sunday morning next. Mr. Walker was a former pastor in the Methodist church here. At the morning service he will deliver an address in the interests of the Belgian people. Mr. Walker is here under the auspices of the Christian Men's Confederation of Canada.

Standing field crop competition for best acre of potatoes:—

1. David Thompson . . . . .88½
2. Wm. Attridge . . . . .84
3. G. E. Horning & Son . . . . .83½
4. W. J. Ptolemy . . . . .83
5. Thos. F. Allen . . . . .82½
6. Geo. Hood . . . . .81
7. Lorenzo Bennett . . . . .80½

Alex. McLean, Judge,  
Richmond Hill.