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## Soperton

Mr. William Kavanagh has purchased a new Chevrolet car.

Mr. Dowsley, inspector, visited the school here on Thursday last.

Mr. Leo Keyes returned to his home some days ago after spending the winter at North Augusta.

Miss Florence Kavanagh returned to Athens after spending the week-end at her home here.

Mr. S. Singleton, Brockville, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Singleton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Pippard, who spent the past week at Mr. William Sheridan's, are visiting friends at Addison and Glen Buell.

Mrs. Johnson Frye and Mrs. L. Halladay attended a business meeting of the Smiths Falls district of the Women's Institute on Wednesday last at Elgin. The annual district meeting will be held at Westport on June 17th, when Dr. Backus of Aylmer will address the meeting.

Miss J. Shire, Athens, spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss L. Jarvis is spending the week in Brockville and Smiths Falls.

Mrs. Wm. Sheridan returned from Belleville on Friday last, where she attended the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary.

## Charleston

S. B. Code, C.E., Smiths Falls, was here last week, a guest at Foster's Hotel.

Now that the weather has cleared up the farmers are busy with their seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shea, Ottawa, Miss Rosa Shea, Athens, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Yates, Master Charlie Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Yates, and Mrs. W. T. Myers and little son, Toledo, were Sunday visitors at Jas. Kavanagh's.

Quite a number from here attended the entertainment at Athens on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. McConnell, Lyndhurst, were here on Sunday.

## Sheldon's Corners

Mr. and Mrs. George Cowles were Sunday visitors at Elgin and Delta.

Miss Ruby Whitmore spent the week-end with her parents.

Fred Hollingsworth motored to Brockville Sunday.

Master Victor Stewart, of Delta, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cowles.

Mrs. A. Burkey is improving in health.

Miss Pearl Whitmore was a week-end visitor in Athens.

## Wiltse Lake

Owing to the fine weather farmers are busy putting in their crops.

Miss Bessie Hudson has returned home from visiting friends at Trevelyan.

A number from here attended the lecture and dance in the Athens Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Flood, of Trevelyan, were recent visitors at M. Hudson's.

Mr. Herb Foster visited Mr. H. Kavanagh on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson and little daughter were recent visitors at Royal Moore's.

Miss Barr, of New York, and Miss Leaky, of Brockville, were week-end visitors at Royal Moore's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ladd, Lake Street, were recent guests at Ed. Foster's.

Mr. Hilliard Kavanagh, Sheatown, was a visitor here on Sunday with his new car.

## Greenbush

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. W. Tackaberry is recovering after a serious operation for goitre in the General Hospital, Brockville.

Corp. Norman Rickett and Mr. Harry Kennedy have returned from service overseas and are meeting

with glad welcomes from their many friends.

Miss Gladys Smith made a visit to Carleton Place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fretwell, of Prescott, and Mr. and Mrs. Milford Bradford, of Lyn, were visitors at B. W. Loverin's on Sunday.

Among the latest to purchase cars are Mr. James Millar and Mr. Norton Brayton.

Miss Reta Brayton has gone to Athens to learn the dress-making art under the guidance of Miss Klyne.

Miss Bernice Taplin and Miss Nellie McKeggin motored to Maynard today.

Mr. Alex. Forsythe and family, of North Augusta, were recent visitors at Mr. Harry Carter's.

## Sherwood Spring

Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Leadingham, of Hammond, N.Y., spent a few days here recently with their sister, Mrs. George Stewart.

Mrs. Arden Clow has returned from St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, where she underwent a successful operation for goitre.

Mrs. Bolton, Lillies, was a recent guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elton King.

Miss Lena Empey, of the Brockville Business College, is spending a few days at her home here.

Mrs. Albert Jordan and daughter Lillian, of Mallorytown, visited relatives and friends here on Thursday last.

Misses Lily Hodge and Dolly McMillan spent a few days last week with their friend, Miss Myrtle Clow.

Miss Nora Dickey, Yonge Mills, was a recent visitor at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. Eligh.

Born—On Friday, May 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Millar, a son.

On Saturday evening, May 24th, in the school house here a social evening was held in honor of Pte. Allan Clow, who recently returned from service in France. At the close of a short program Dr. Saunders gave a fitting address, and Mr. Earl Empey presented Pte. Clow with a pair of gold cuff links. Pte. Clow in a few words thanked his friends. Refreshments were served and the rest of the evening spent in games for young and old, everyone reporting a pleasant time.

## New Dublin

Mr. E. Healey has recently gone to the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Percival were the guests of Hilliard Kendrick.

Mr. Oscar Healey and wife spent Sunday at home here.

Mr. Stewart Acheson's new Ford truck is giving good service in carrying milk.

Mr. Alonzo Orr, who has been ill, is recovering nicely.

Miss Sarah Hillis, North Augusta, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thos. Orr.

## Rockspring News

Mr. Elgin Mott has returned from a visit among friends in Lombardy and Smiths Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Richards were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Watson Davis, Frankville.

Mr. Dick Hinton had the misfortune to sprain his arm while cranking a car.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and little daughter Evelyn are guests of her mother, Mrs. James Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. James Guinness and baby son were recent visitors at Mr. William Johnson's, Kilborn's Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. McVeigh and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Montgomery, of Jasper, paid a short visit to the latter's brother, Mr. R. S. Hinton, on Saturday.

Public School pupils were granted a holiday on Tuesday in honor of the King's birthday.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy at Ironsides Que., Wednesday, May 21st a son.

Mr. William A. McLean leaves today to resume his occupation with Fallon Bros, Cornwall, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McLean on Monday morning the good news of the success of their son James Edward McLean, on receiving his M.D. from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina—Mr. McLean is an old A. H. S. Student and is one of fourteen out of a class of thirty-eight to receive the degree.

**LADDERS**—Extension or step, order now, prices right, F. A. JUDSON, Athens

You will always find the best fruits obtainable at the Bazaar—R. J. Campo, Prop.

Several slightly used Pianos always in stock. Prices range from \$100.00 upwards. Easy terms arranged.—C. W. Lindsay, Limited, Brockville.

See those Bathing and Auto Caps at the Bazaar—they are beauties. To get a good choice come early.

Mr. Frank Eaton goes this week to Snake River to resume his old position as cheesemaker, which he has held for a number of years.

Miss Violet Edgar, Brockville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Latimer for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parish spent the week-end in Brockville, guests of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Latimer, Miss Gray and Miss Edgar visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coon, Smiths Falls, one day recently.

Mr. W. C. Dowsley, public school inspector, called on friends here last week.

Miss Margaretta Hull, late of the Brockville Business College, has taken a position in the store of T. S. Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Scott and son Lawrence, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Scott's parents at Jasper, and her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Connerty, Smiths Falls.

Gordon Thompson, who has arrived from Western Ontario to assist in the grocery of his brother, Joseph Thompson, has leased the Presbyterian manse, and with his family will take possession in a few days.

Rev. Mr. Usher, Bishop's Mills, former pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, has sold his Charleston cottage at White Sheep Point, to Rev. T. J. Vickery.

George Gifford, Mill Street, has purchased the house boat La-Ne-O-Tah, Charleston Lake, from S. A. Coon.

Pte. A. Thornhill, who assisted in the Charleston Lake survey, has leased Kholar Wiltse's camp and with Mrs. Thornhill and Master Jack will spend a part of the summer there.

W. B. Connerty is improving his Henry Street residence by the addition of a front porch.

Rev. B. B. Brown, of Montreal, is making improvements to his Henry Street property.

Mrs. Rebecca Bonsteel has returned to her farm after spending the past five months with her sister, Mrs. M. Yates.

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Inspector Rogers, Toronto, paid an official visit to the local High School. Some thirty years ago as a boy he resided here during the pastorate of his father, the late Rev. Mr. Rogers.

Little Reynolds Blackwood, aged four, strolling along with his wagon at the junction of Main and Henry Streets on Thursday, was almost run over by a car just at the noon hour. As he rounded the Dowsley Block the driver of the car sighted the child and managed to avert a fatality by injured his auto somewhat.

High School boys and others are reviving the interest in baseball and several matches have been arranged. Born, May 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Blancher, a son.

On Sabbath last, Rev. John Scanlon, Brockville, and Rev. George Wiltse, Ohio (here on a visit to his brother, W. H. Wiltse), conducted services in the Methodist Church in the interests of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Mrs. Francis Richards, Frankville, has been spending a few days here, a guest of Mrs. Ida Soper, Central Street.

Franklin Blancher, Smiths Falls, is a guest of his twin brother, Francis Blancher, village officer. There, is such a marked similarity in appearance and expression that even intimate friends find it difficult to distinguish between them.

Miss Lily Wiltse, teacher at Grenadier Island, St. Lawrence River, spent the week-end at her Elgin St. home.

On Sabbath evening, Rev. Mr. Matthews, for the past year pastor of the local Baptist Church, terminated his pastorate here. With his family he goes to Compton, Que., where he will take up work.

Gershorn Wing spent a few days last week in Kingston.

Harry Percival spent the week-end at Frankville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Richards are spending a few days with Frankville friends before leaving for Toronto to take up residence with their daughter, Mrs. M. Tisdale.

Miss Marian Cornell is home from Toronto recuperating from a recent attack of tonsillitis.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mrs. G. W. Beach on Sunday last, the raison d'être was Sergeant Keith McLaughlin, her nephew just returned from overseas. The young soldier is a native of this place, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin, but he enlisted at Winnipeg in January, 1915, going across the following May as a member of the 43rd Canadian Highlanders. Most of the time he has been operating a Lewis machine gun, and although in the thick of the fray, he escaped without a mark. The house party in his honor consisted of his mother, Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin, Dr. Ross McLaughlin and little Miss Floy, W. J. Barber and Master Keith, all of Napanee, also Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gordon and little daughters of Brockville.

The Women's Institute has just closed a very successful year, one fraught with work and responsibility because of the needs of the war victims. During the past 12 months, \$724.07 has been received for Red Cross purposes; goods to the value of \$371.15 were sent to the Red Cross Society, goods to the value of \$167.95 to the Belgian relief, and goods to the value of \$235.00 to the Secours National. Goods amounting to \$37.75 are still on hand. During the year 900 pairs of socks have been knit, 45 meetings for patriotic work have been held in addition to the 11 regular monthly meetings. Besides being active in war work, Institute members have been busy along other lines, the total amount raised during the year being \$1,310.55.

## Guideboard Corner's

The birthday of our King! Long may he reign over us in health and peace, with our beloved Queen Mary of the true woman heart. Over the way, Mr. Sheldon's flag is waving in the breeze, a sight that would delight the heart of His Majesty, who knows full well that in the loyalty of the cottage homes of his Empire, lies its strength.

Our corners have a very festive appearance those glorious days of June. The lilacs surrounding the

home of Mr. Geo. P. Wight are a mass of tossing purple plumes, and the air is filled with their fragrance. Many years ago, Mr. Wight set out this hedge. Every succeeding year has brought added enjoyment to him and he is glad to know that it is also a delight to all passers-by.

Rev. Geo. B. Wiltse and Mrs. Wiltse, of Toledo, Ohio, and Mrs. Cook, of Brockville, recently made calls on relatives and friends here.

Miss Lillie Dunham spent Thursday afternoon with Miss Anna Wight at "The Lilacs."

Mr. John Hitchcock, of Smiths Falls, was calling on old acquaintances this week.

We are much in admiration of the very interesting vision of justice in last week's issue. We like to think that its fulfilment may follow—in time.

Mrs. Morris, we are pleased to say, is now able to be up and about the house.

Miss Ettie Eaton spent the week-end at her home, making further plans for her summer home, Louetta Lodge, Charleston.

To-day Mr. J. Livingstone, assisted by his friends and neighbors, is plowing up a large field which he will cultivate this summer, on the farm of Mr. Geo. P. Wight.

Miss Dorothea Wight, although progressing favorably, is not yet allowed to return to her home.

## Hard Island

**HONOR ROLL FOR MAY.**

- Hard Island School.
- Jun. IV.—Bella Darling, Mary Besley.
- Sen. III.—Marion Hollingsworth, Irene Darling.
- Jun. III.—Levi Algure, Mildred Foley, Marilla Foley.
- II.—Jack Hollingsworth, Alexander Besley.
- Sen. Pr.—Charlie Hollingsworth, Kenneth Lawson, Vera Livingstone, Orvil Livingstone.
- Jun. Pr.—Bernard Darling, Willie Lawson.
- Number on roll, 20; average attendance, 16.3.
- Mabel M. Jacob, Teacher.

## AMENDMENTS TO MOTOR VEHICLES ACT.

At the 1919 session of the Ontario Legislature the following important changes were made in the Motor Vehicles Act:

**Rate of Speed.**  
No motor vehicle shall be driven upon any highway within a city, town, village or police village at a greater rate of speed than twenty miles per hour; nor upon any highway outside of a city, town, village, or police village at a greater rate of speed than 25 miles per hour, nor at a street intersection or curve where the driver of the vehicle has not a clear view of approaching traffic at a greater rate of speed than 10 miles in a city, town, village or police village, or 12½ miles outside a city, town, village or police village, but the council of a city, town or village may by by-law set apart any highway or any part thereof on which motor vehicles may be driven at a greater rate of speed for the purpose of testing the same, and may pass by-laws for regulating and governing the use of any such highway or part thereof for such purpose.

**Reckless Driving.**  
Provision is made increasing the penalty for reckless driving whereby anyone found guilty of this offence shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding \$50, or one week's imprisonment, or both; for the second offence to a penalty not exceeding \$100, or one month's imprisonment, or both; and for the third or any subsequent offence to imprisonment not exceeding six months.

**Noise Muffler.**  
Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a noise muffler and no contrivance for releasing such muffler shall be attached to the motor vehicle so that it may be operated from any seat in the vehicle.

**Mirror.**  
Every motor vehicle used for commercial purposes shall be equipped with a mirror securely attached to it and placed in such a position as to afford the driver of such motor vehicle, while driving or operating the

vehicle, a clear view of the roadway in the rear or of any vehicle approaching from the rear.

**Licensing of Chauffeurs.**  
The rules governing the issuance of licenses to chauffeurs have been modified as indicated in the following re-drafted clause:

A license shall not be issued to a person who drives a motor vehicle for hire, pay or gain unless he files in the office of the Minister of Public Works and Highways certificates that he is a fit and proper person to be so licensed, having regard to his character, physical fitness, ability to drive, and knowledge of the rules of the road. One of such certificates, touching the applicant's character, shall be furnished by the chief constable of the municipality in which the applicant resides, and one other certificate, touching the applicant's physical fitness, ability to drive and knowledge of the rules of the road, shall be furnished by a member of the Ontario Motor League appointed for that purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and residing in the municipality in which the applicant resides.

**Reward on Conviction of Person Stealing Motor Vehicle.**

By-laws may be passed by the councils of all municipalities for paying, on the conviction of the offender and on the order of the judge or police magistrate before whom the conviction is had, a reward of not less than twenty dollars to any person who pursues and apprehends, or causes to be apprehended, any person stealing a motor vehicle within the municipality.

**Prohibition as to Letting or Hiring.**

No person shall hire or let for hire a motor vehicle unless the person by whom such motor vehicle is to be driven is a person licensed to drive a motor vehicle as required by this Act, or is a person to whom a permit has been issued pursuant to section 3 of this Act, or is a person to whom a certificate of competency has been issued by the Minister of Public Works and Highways.

**Record of Second-Hand Vehicles Bought, Sold, Etc.**

All persons who buy, sell, wreck, or otherwise deal in second-hand motor vehicles shall keep a correct record of all motor vehicles bought, sold or wrecked and of such information as will enable such motor vehicles readily to be identified and shall transmit weekly to the Department of Public Works and Highways on forms furnished by the Department a statement showing all motor vehicles bought, sold or wrecked by him during the week contained, and such information with reference thereto as may be required by the Department.

**Prohibition as to Buying Where Serial Number Obliterated.**

No person shall buy, sell, wreck or otherwise deal with any motor vehicle whereof the manufacturer's serial number or similar identifying mark has been obliterated or defaced or is not readily recognizable.

**Report to Minister as to Car Stolen.**

Where any motor vehicle is placed in the possession of any person who buys, sells, wrecks, or stores motor vehicles and the same remains in his possession for more than two weeks without good reason, such person shall forthwith, upon the expiration of the said period of two weeks make a report thereof to the Minister of Public Works and Highways.

**Onus of Disproving Negligence.**

The Act provided: "When loss or damage is sustained by any person by reason of a motor vehicle on a highway, the onus of proof that such loss or damage did not arise through the negligence or improper conduct of the owner or driver of the motor vehicle shall be upon the owner or driver."

An amendment was proposed that this section should not apply in case of a collision between motor vehicles on the highway, or in case of a collision between a motor vehicle and any other vehicle which is being operated on the highway between dusk and dawn which does not carry a lighted lamp in a conspicuous position. It was agreed by the Legislature that the section should not apply in the case of collision between motor vehicles, but the balance of the proposed amendment was struck out.

**Amendment Proposed But Defeated.**

Among the amendments which were suggested but did not meet with approval were the following: The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations to limit or restrict the candle power of any lighting device on a motor vehicle.

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