

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Some of the Western cities threaten to publish the names of those who refuse to contribute to patriotic funds. Should such a plan become general, many in Aylmer would suddenly become prominent.

The St. Thomas street railway was again a losing proposition during the month of July, which should be the best financial month of the year. The autos are blamed for the shortage in receipts. If that was the real reason, the city might just as well scrap their railway first as last, as the number of autos is every multiplying rapidly, while the railway is growing more feeble and unpopular.

The prolonged heat has caused an agitation for colored tints more restful to the eye in the composition of concrete roadways and sidewalks. The pale grey of the present material, it is claimed, reflects too much light in this land of sunshine and blue sky, and the reflections intensify the extreme heat experienced in the past weeks. A few tints might give some relief to monotonous grey color, and if so, the change would be gladly welcomed.

There has never been a time since the war began two years ago when the need of both men and money was so great as now. Men who are in a position to know say that the real offensive of the Allies has not yet begun, and will not be until the conditions are favorable for it. Favorable conditions mean no lack of men, no lack of munitions, and no lack of money. We may fondly hope that the war will soon come to an end, but unless a miracle is performed, it would appear that such is not the case.

Germany has resumed its piratical submarine policy on a large scale, and was successful in sinking eighteen ships in one and a half days. Evidently the Kaiser figures that the United States is too busy with internal politics to pay any attention to the murder of innocent non-combatants, and in the event of American citizens being slaughtered, a plausible apology will settle the matter. The President has in the past meekly confined his protests to "notes," and the German rulers have no fear of serious trouble with our neighbors to the south, no matter what may happen.

No one man is so well posted on the conditions of this war, nor one who is less inclined to give out hopeful prospects without the best of reasons, than General Joffre. It was with no small degree of satisfaction, therefore, that we read of a conference he gave on Saturday last to the Associated Press correspondent, in which he expressed his belief that the turning-point of the great conflict had now been successfully reached and passed, and that with the united action of the Entente Allies on the many fronts, they were pressing forward to the certain collapse of the German efforts and to an assured victory for the Allied Armies.

As nearly as we can see, the renunciation of the daylight saving scheme by most of the towns and cities that adopted it was not because the scheme was unpopular or inconvenient, but because it was not generally adopted throughout the province. Had the Government caused the movement to be adopted by all municipalities, we believe it would have worked out to good advantage for all. It is now probably a dead issue for all time to come. In Britain, where it is used unanimously, it is most popular, and no disadvantages are found to exist; and the only ones who object to it are the lighting companies.

Several times lately we have noticed in farm journals suggestions to the farmer that he and his family would find it advantageous to take a vacation. We confess that the idea was new to us, for during the summer months the farmer is a very busy man. Yet at the same time, it is not possible that by taking a few days off and changing his environment he would really accomplish more than by sticking to his post from early morning until late at night, and wearing himself down until he is not physically able to do a good day's work? Certainly none are more in need of nor more entitled to a brief rest than those engaged in farm life. The women on the farm are, of course, included in the argument as well as the men who toil in the fields. A man or woman needs rest as well as the horse, and should certainly have it. The Farmers' Advocate, a sensible journal and an admitted authority, has the following to say on the subject:

"No man can afford to stick too close to work. True, he who would succeed must be industrious, but there is nothing quite so good a stimulant for work as getting away from it for a day or a few days, as the case may be. It is just as necessary that the farmer deserves his share. More work will be accomplished in a year if a few holidays are taken than where the man and his wife and children plod away day in and day out."

And, by the way, the holiday plan would be certain to keep more of the boys on the farm. Were the soldiers kept in the trenches all the time, they would soon be of little use as fighting forces. Medical men, after years of observation, have unanimously concluded that the need of human companionship and change and variety in life are absolutely necessary to keep men and women in the best physical condition.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Otto Martin is visiting Mrs. S. E. Edison, Vienna.

Miss Myrtle Gundry is spending her summer vacation with her mother on Water Street.

Miss Flossie Davis has as her guest her friend, Miss Gladys Swanton, of Toronto.

Mr. Bert Gillie, of Detroit, visited his sister, Mrs. T. H. Willoughby, and Mr. Willoughby over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McTaggart, of Copenhagen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Swartz.

Masters Wilfred and Murray Rolston have been spending a few days with friends in Courtland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lindsay and family, of Sydenham Street, have returned from a motor trip to Michigan and report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe, of Buffalo, are spending their holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rowe, John Street.

Be a sport and take a chance. Spend a dollar, and you stand an equal chance to win a Maxwell car. Your dollar will help recruit the 238th Forestry Battalion, Toronto, any way.

A rink, composed of E. W. R. Hill, J. M. Wrong, Dr. F. W. Smith, and Albert Chambers (skip), were in Exeter yesterday taking part in a bowling tournament.

One Dollar for a chance to win a Maxwell automobile. It is worth the chance, isn't it? Limited number of tickets for sale at the Express Office. If you lose, you will be helping along a good cause.

Mr. Carmen Learne, of Belmont, will be the soloist in Trinity Anglican Church on Sunday morning next. At the evening service Mr. John Anderson will favor the congregation with a solo.

Any one contemplating going West on the Harvesters' Excursions should look up the particulars and going dates from this section in the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern advertisements elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. J. F. Mills, Ph.D., of Calvary Baptist Church, Davenport, Iowa, with his mother, Mrs. William Mills of Sparta (whom he is visiting), were the guests of Mrs. James W. Gillett, John Street North, on Sunday. Many in Aylmer will remember Rev. Mr. Mills as a Sparta-born boy and as a teacher around these parts some years ago.

Pte. Clinton Learn, who arrived in Aylmer from the front some three weeks ago on short furlough, left on Tuesday to report himself for service at Headquarters of No. 1 Military Division, London. He expects to be sent back overseas. Pte. Learn has been several times wounded, but is feeling pretty good again, except for rheumatism, which he contracted in the trenches. His many friends wish him another safe return.

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Miss Purdy, of St. Marys, is the guest of Mrs. M. Smith.

Mrs. W. D. Swackhammer and children are visiting friends in Dunnville and Grimsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goostrey have returned home after a short visit with their daughter in Blenheim.

Mrs. Fraser Wingrove, of Hamilton, has been spending a few days with Aylmer friends and relatives.

Mrs. George Poustie and daughter Edna, of Hamilton, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Archie Poustie.

Misses Sarinda and Leah Miller, of Crampton, are visiting the Misses Baxter.

Messrs. Enoch and Roland Mills are receiving a visit from their sister, Mrs. Levitt and daughter Viola, of Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Lindsay, of Copenhagen, expect to leave Tuesday to visit relatives and friends in the Canadian West.

When little ones are peevish, give Rexall Orderlies; constipation is often the cause. Sold only by Rexall Drug Stores, 15c and 25c boxes.—J. E. Richards & Co.

A very heavy mail from overseas was received at the local post office this week. Evidently the boys all wrote home, judging by the quantity of mail matter.

Mr. Lorne Grass, of Detroit, a former employee of the Aylmer Express, is spending a few holidays with his parents and other relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Thomson and child have returned to Windsor after spending a few days last week with the former's brother, Gunner Bert Thomson, and Mrs. Thomson here.

After a couple of weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. Showers, Rev. Mr. Barker and wife and daughter left on Monday for Muskoka, where they will spend a short time before returning home to Guelph.

Word has been received here this week stating that the battery of which Harry Wrong, Lieut. Leonard Youell, Serg. Hugh Hill, and Gerald Rundle are members, is now on the firing line in France.

Mr. and Mrs. James Turner have received word from their daughter, Miss Alice Turner, who enlisted with the Western University Corps, as Red Cross nurse, that she is now in France.

Everything is as dry as tinder, and citizens should be very careful about burning old rubbish, etc., for a fire is so easily started at this time of year and burns so quickly that much damage may be done in but a few minutes.

Seaforth Expositor: Dr. and Mrs. Fear, of Aylmer, were taking an auto trip through the country last week and spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. VanEgmond. Mrs. VanEgmond returned to Aylmer with them for a short visit.

Miss Alla Evans and Miss Brown, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hammond over Sunday.

Mrs. E. P. Robertson has returned to her home in Tilsonburg after a short visit with her mother, Mrs. James Allen. Mrs. Allen returned with her.

A Mr. Plowman was up before Police Magistrate Summers last week on the charge of stealing an auto wheel from the milk stand of Mr. Evert, Calton, on 30th July last. The evidence was so convicting that he settled it out of Court, paying all expenses.

Fred A. Rutherford, trainmaster of the Grand Trunk Railway, Battle Creek, Mich., son of Principal W. W. Rutherford, of the High School, is expected home to-day. Mr. Rutherford met with a nasty accident last week while performing his duties for the railroad. He was riding on his motor car on the track, when he ran over an obstacle on the track and was thrown with much force to the side of the road. He was picked up by the crew of a passing train and taken back to the city, where his wounds were dressed, but he is far from being entirely recovered from the effects of his fall, and will enjoy a quiet rest at home here.

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Mrs. Will Cassidy is visiting friends at her old home in Paris, Ont.

Miss Storey, of Port Stanley, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. King.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Millard and family are visiting friends in Detroit.

Dr. Charles Sinclair is spending a few holidays with relatives at Lakefield and Bobcaygeon.

The war expenditure of Canada is increasing with the increase in the number of troops, and now reaches a total of about a million dollars a day, of which \$700,000 is being expended in Canada.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. J. M. VanPatter, of Malahide, will retire from the farm, and will make their home in Aylmer this winter. Mr. and Mrs. VanPatter will be welcomed to Aylmer as most desirable citizens.

Mrs. T. F. Young and son Morton are visiting relatives in Cleveland, Ohio. They returned with Mrs. Young's brother, George C. Wing, who has been visiting them in Aylmer. They took the boat from Port Stanley.

Many of the boys from Aylmer and district, who are now overseas, get the Express each week, and they say it is just like a letter from home. They never miss a word in it, and sometimes read it two and three times; at least, that is what one of the boys wrote us.

Notwithstanding the hot weather, the Aylmer Women's Institute has been able to keep up their regular monthly shipment of 50 pairs of socks to the C.W.C.A., St. Thomas. They made their August shipment last week. The boys must have heavy socks, whether the weather is warm or cold. The knitters deserve much credit, for surely it is a sacrifice to knit these hot days.

A pleasing service on the Second Anniversary of the War was held in Trinity Church on Sunday evening last. Rev. C. A. Miles delivered a splendid address on the occasion. After the sermon the following motion was moved by Mr. J. M. Wrong, seconded by Mr. A. H. Backus: "That we, the congregation of Trinity Church, Aylmer, on the second anniversary of the war, do hereby reaffirm our belief in the righteousness of the cause for which we are fighting and our inflexible determination to continue the struggle until victory has been achieved and our ideal of liberty and justice maintained." It was carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. Joseph Benson, of London, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges, John Street South.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Hutchinson spent a few hours in town on Saturday. They are on a motor trip. Mr. Hutchinson is a former Aylmer boy.

Honey promises to be a good sample, and lots of it, this year. R. H. Lindsay, who has a large apiary at Copenhagen, took a sample of honey to the Toronto wholesalers last week, and they pronounced it A1.

M. C. Carter, of Aylmer, has purchased a new Maxwell car from a St. Thomas agent.

John Sing, proprietor of the Victoria Cafe, has disposed of his interests in the restaurant to Wong Haw, a Celestial from London, Ont.

E. D. Bowlby and F. L. Wagner are in Chatham representing Aylmer Lodge, No. 94, L.O.O.F., at the Grand encampment and Subordinate Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, being held in that city.



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