

THE VILLAGE LIARS.

(Crawf. Slack.)

I believe that kindly Nature has bestowed on one and all Bits of humor, wit and wisdom, be the portion great or small; Here the rank exaggerators are a factor in life's game, And we should be coy and careful ere we censure them or blame. To the keen imagination we're indebted, doubly so, Were it not for bygone dreamers very little we would know.

I enjoy just thinking backward, to the mediums ruling then, Of the wit and of the folly of the characteristic men; Back to Nature's pastime players, long before the movie star, Back where mirth and entertainment was more genuine by far, Now I'd like to spend an evening seated by the wood-stove fire, In an old bark-bottomed rocker, listening to the village liar.

I would like to hear Cy Hopkins tell of hero deeds afar, When he fought with Grant and Sherman in the great American war; Hear him boast about his daring, and the fearless things he did, Of the body scars he carried, which from us were always hid; As he'd talk we all would listen, but a few of us could vow That Cy's only need of daring was to milk the brindle cow.

How I'd like to hear Tish Tonney boast of her relations great, That lived across the border and owned a big estate, How her father was adviser to every president, And was sent as an ambassador to another continent, How she chanced to be among us as a servant roundabout Is a mystery remaining that was never figured out.

I would like to hear Mat Morrey yarn of things back years ago, When he used to chase the wolves and bears and wildcats through the snow, And how he fought the 'Injuns,' which were always five to one, With every brave a woodsman and an expert with a gun, How he faced a pack of wolverines all in a snarling mood, When we well know a polecat had once chased him from the wood.

To just go in the old hotel I often long, and wish That I could hear "Old Slippery" tell about the wondrous fish Down in Mud Lake, so docile they'd eat bread crumbs from his hand, And were so thick they crowded one another out on land; Though I know that there was never water deep down in Mud Lake, And about the only denizens were the mud turtle and snake.

I long to hear Seth Spooner blow about his courting days, And of all the maids who pleaded to share his winsome ways; Hear him tell of reigning beauties he'd sidetracked and turned down, When he was a dook-mat agent, traveled round from town to town; Seth, we know, came back to Beanville, and he married Sally Brock Who possessed that brand of beauty that would stop an eight-day clock.

I enjoy just thinking backward to the mediums ruling then, Thinking of the wit and folly of the characteristic men, Just to hear the village liars yarn of things in sixty-three Would be better than radio, or a picture show for me; I could sit all night and listen to their yarns of years ago, And they'd be more entertaining when I knew they wasn't so.

TILLEY

Tilley, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Margaret Kendrick, Lyndhurst, who spent a week visiting at W. C. Webster's and R. W. Foley's, has returned home. George Truesdell and family motored to Gananoque on Saturday. Mrs. Joe Kirk spent the week-end with friends in Caintown. Floyd Andress spent Sunday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Foley and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Webster spent Thanksgiving night at R. W. Foley's. Mr. Halpenny, of Gananoque, spent Sunday at R. Horton's. Miss Lottie Sliter spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Sliter. Nathan McKay spent a day last week with his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Webster. Miss Leita Sherwood spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Mallorytown. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Foley, Arthur and Jean, spent last Sunday evening with the latter's mother, Mrs. Martha Steacy, Greenfield. Mrs. Betty Moxley and Mrs. Mort Edgley, Lansdowne, were guests for a day at the home of Mrs. Mary Ann Moxley recently. Miss Agnes Stein spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Andress. Miss Hollingsworth and pupils of Gowan's school have started preparations for the annual Christmas tree and concert.

Interscholastic Champions Defeated

ATHENS H. S. DEFEATS PERTH COLLEGIATE.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, after a long succession of reverses, Athens H. S. finally succeeded in winning a signal victory. What Smiths Falls and Brockville Collegiate were unable to do, the Athens H. S. boys accomplished.

Perth, with a long succession of five straight victories to her credit, journeyed to Athens in mud and rain, confidently expecting to make it six straight—in fact they were so confident that they were jeering and giving the Athens boys the horse-laugh before going on the field.

When the game was called Perth took the kick-off and the play did not get very far until spectators began to see that the local team was a match for the league champions. The heavy condition of the field worked against the fast moving half-backs of the visitors and it was not long until the local boys were crowding Perth back to their goal line. By desperate tackling the Perth boys succeeded in keeping our line from crossing their goal, but the splendid kicking of Foxton succeeded in twice sending the ball towards the opponents' dead line for 2 points.

In the second quarter Perth worked their way upward toward our goal line and succeeded in crossing the line for 5 points. This score was disputed by Captain Laying, who maintained that an off-side had taken place before the score was made. The referee, however, allowed the score, and at half time Perth led by the score of 5-2.

In the third quarter Athens once more brought the play several times very close to the opponents' goal. Each time a splendid opportunity for a drop kick was presented, but owing to the rain and the slippery condition of the ball this method of attack was not adopted. Finally when several attempts were made to score failed, Hanna was called back to attempt the doubtful play of dropping the ball over their goal. The ball rose gracefully and sailed over the bar for 3 points, evening the score.

The last quarter was extremely exciting. The play was almost continuously against the opponents' goal. Fighting desperately on the defensive they succeeded several times in getting the ball out from behind their goal line. The ball was once more sent across their goal line for 1 point, which decided the game. The game soon closed, and the visitors, although they played remarkably well, seemed to be outclassed on the field.

The local boys are to be congratulated on their splendid victory. Not only did they win the greatest number of points but the play was decidedly in their favor. Everyone played their part with distinction. Although each team is allowed to use six spares, on account of the small number eligible players our team had only two or three spares who could be used. The great victory won by the boys in the mud and rain over the league champions is an object lesson of what can be done by perseverance and training and by attempting each day to follow the rules of clean sport. A magnificent banquet was given in Mr. Thompson's hall by the generosity of the Women's Institute.

Referee—Mr. L. S. Beatty, Brockville. Umpire—Mr. Code, Perth. Headlineman—R. C. Elder. Yardman—Lawrence Taylor. Timekeeper—G. Holmes.

CARDINAL

Cardinal, Nov. 19.—Miss Freda Turner, who has been visiting in Brockville, has returned home. Quite a number from here attended the rugby game in Brockville. Bernard Payneau, an employe of the Canada Starch Co., received painful injuries to the finger of his right hand. Mrs. Peter Strader is visiting friends in Massena, N.Y. Miss Mabel Bradford, nurse-in-training at the Brockville General hospital, is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bradford. The death took place on Thursday, November 13, of George Robichard, at the age of 56 years. He was employed by the Canada Starch Company for many years and was liked by everyone who knew him. The late Mr. Robichard is survived by his wife and five sons: Thomas, of Cornwall; William, of Waterbury, Conn.; Clarence, Herschel, and Francis, at home; also one daughter, Mrs. Frank Dunigan, of Cardinal, and a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral took place from his late residence to the Sacred Heart church, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Gorman. The remains were conveyed to the R.C. cemetery. The pallbearers were John Helms, John Gilligan, Michael Bradley, Samuel Gilligan, Timothy Bradley and George Steele.

High School Examination Results

November Examination Reports.

LATIN I.

1. Elva Gifford	100
2. H. Hall	100
3. J. Hollingsworth	100
4. B. Godkin	99
5. J. Hawkins	98
6. F. Strikefoot	98
7. J. Hamblen	97
8. S. Rahmer	96
9. W. Sturgeon	96
10. D. Connerty	96
11. H. Earl	95
12. B. Heffernan	94
13. A. Flood	93
14. B. Wright	92
15. K. Taplin	92
16. M. Hudson	92
17. Ezra Wiltse	92
18. J. Earl	91
19. B. Campbell	91
20. E. Elliott	87
21. G. Ireland	87
22. W. Hayward	82
23. R. Haystead	76
24. W. Hamblin	74
25. W. Marshall	71
26. V. Greenwood	38
27. W. Scott	37
28. M. Howard	24
29. F. Lawson	20
30. G. Miller	18

FORM IV FRENCH

Anna Webster	82
Kathleen Taylor	81
Irene Young	77
Marguerite Kerr	76
Marion Earl	76
Harrison Russel	65
Helen Morris	62
Merton Campbell	62
Raymond Steele	60
Elmer McFadden	59
Leonard Johnston	59
S. Hollingsworth	58
Carroll Beale	57
Winnifred Mustard	55
Stuart Tennant	50
Orville Hollingsworth	49
Jack Webster	45
Stacey Fair	45
Arnold Mainse	42
Lyman Judson	40

GEOMETRY FORM IV

1. Ray Steele	88
2. J. Webster	80
3. M. Alguire	78
4. A. Webster	75
5. A. Mainse	75
6. S. Leeder	68
7. C. Layng	67
8. M. Earl	67
9. S. Fair	67
10. M. Kerr	67
11. K. Taylor	65
12. T. T. Johnston	63
13. W. Mustard	60
14. C. Perkins	60
15. I. Gifford	59
16. O. Hollingsworth	58
17. S. McAvoy	45
18. R. Ferguson	37
19. M. Campbell	36
20. V. Shea	26
21. I. Young	28
22. Z. Leeder	25

ARITHMETIC FORM II.

1. H. Heffernan	100
2. S. Peat	96
3. C. Leeder	89
4. W. Marshall	79
5. M. Soper	77
6. J. Frye	76
7. R. Robinson	76
8. M. Gile	73
9. C. Hudson	73
10. L. Alguire	73
11. V. Robeson	73
12. V. Heffernan	77
13. C. Green	65
14. R. Haystead	61
15. B. Seed	55
16. C. Foxton	53
17. E. Moore	52
18. H. Kavanagh	52
19. K. Hanna	51
20. V. Halladay	50
21. W. Scott	46
22. K. Steacy	45
23. M. Coon	40
24. H. Green	33
25. M. Curtis	30
26. L. Dixie	23
27. B. Parish	16
28. T. Parish	10

FORM I ALGEBRA

1. J. Hollingsworth	92
2. B. Wright	82
3. S. Rahmer	82
4. H. Hall	80
5. D. Connerty	84
6. B. Heffernan	80
7. E. Wiltse	74
8. E. Gifford	72
9. G. Soper	63
10. K. Burnham	62
11. J. Earl	60
12. J. Hamblen	57
13. W. Sturgeon	56
14. W. Scott	53
15. B. Godkin	53
16. M. Hudson	52
17. K. Taplin	51
18. W. Hamblen	48
19. B. Campbell	48
20. E. Elliott	47
21. T. Wright	42
22. A. Flood	41
23. G. Ireland	36
24. Floy Strikefoot	32
25. W. Howard	31
26. J. Hawkins	29
27. P. Alguire	24
28. H. Earl	19
29. G. Miller	18
30. V. Greenwood	18
31. F. Lawson	18
32. M. Howard	16

Phillippsville

Phillippsville, Nov. 19.—The marriage of Mr. Dennis Downey, formerly of this place, to Miss Duncan, of Stratford, took place to-day at 9.30, in St. Joseph's church, Stratford. They will spend their honeymoon in New York city.

Miss Belle Kennedy has returned home from nursing Mr. Charles Hamilton, who was seriously ill. Arrangements are being made to hold a public meeting of the Women's Missionary Society on Dec. 5, with Miss Barnett, returned missionary, as speaker.

Miss Kate Willows is spending a few weeks with relatives near Ottawa. Some of our fishermen and hunters have returned from the north. Several of our young people attended the party at Elgin recently.

Mrs. Richard Thompson, Brockville, visited at Hilson Warren's last week. Word was received here of the death of Dave Johnston, a resident of New Boyne.

Miss Judge is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Julia Downey. Miss Ada Mills, of Gananoque, who visited at Thos. Webster's has returned home.

Mr. Trotter has been plowing on the farm he will work next summer, the other side of Elgin.

Mr. Johnson will work Harman Earl's farm the coming year, and Mrs. Woods will move to the King farm.

Phillippsville Institute News.

The November meeting was held on Friday, November 14, and was attended by 27 members. The roll call was "What I Am Thankful For." A quilt was in progress during the program, and a prize was given to the best quilter. This went to Mrs. Thos. Boulton. A duet by Mrs. E. A. Wray and Miss Lucille Whitman was greatly enjoyed. Miss Anna Eyre gave two piano solos which pleased everyone. Mrs. Clifford Freeman gave a paper on "What Spelling Success." Mrs. Thos. Moulton gave a paper on "Thanksgiving," which gave every evidence of much thought and preparation. Mrs. H. Hoist gave her report of the convention, and a vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Clifford Freeman for her excellent report, which was seconded by Mrs. Andrew Chant. At the next meeting in December, every member will bring a small gift and boxes will be packed for shut-ins and given out at Christmas time. Two new members were added to the roll, which brings the list up to 40 members now.

DELTA

Delta, Nov. 20.—Dr. and Mrs. Phillips, of Boston, Mass., who accompanied the body of Mrs. Phillips' mother, Mrs. F. Knowlton, here for interment, remained over Sunday at the home of Omer Brown.

The Woman's Auxiliary and Guild of St. Paul's Church, Delta, are holding their annual bazaar and supper on Friday, December 12th in the Town Hall, Delta. There will be a splendid display of fancy goods suitable for Christmas gifts or home use. Supper will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for 35c.

Mrs. M. J. Bell has been ill at her home here.

Mrs. Harry Stevens and son, of Athens, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. S. Preston.

Mrs. S. Morris and children are ill with a gripe.

Arnold Kelly underwent an operation in the Hotel Dieu, Kingston for tonsils and adenoids.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Johnston were visitors in Kingston on Wednesday.

The many friends of Mrs. A. Morgan are sorry to hear that she is not enjoying health.

Miss Ella Russell, R.N., spent a few days in Kingston on professional duty. Ewart Clow, of Yonge's Mills, visited at H. Steele's last week.

W. J. Morris made a business trip to Toronto this week.

Mrs. M. Brown, of Athens, is visiting her brother, O. Brown and Mrs. Brown before leaving to spend the winter with her sister in Colorado.

Mrs. P. A. Jackson was indisposed for a couple of days this week.

CHARLESTON

Charleston, Nov. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webster, went to Smiths Falls on Friday evening to see Mrs. Webster's cousin, Mrs. Herbert Klyne, who was very ill, but she passed away a few hours before they arrived. Deceased was before her marriage Miss Florence Pritchard, of Ellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Webster went to Smiths Falls on Sunday morning to attend the funeral, and accompany the remains to the Olivet church at Ellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Soperton, and Mrs. Beach, Watertown, were at R. Foster's on Sunday.

M. J. Kavanagh was at Frankville on Saturday evening attending the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Burns.

A number from here attended the rugby match at Athens on Saturday. The recent rains have softened up the ground so the farmers can plow.

M. J. Kavanagh spent a day or so last week at Ogdensburg.

Athens High School Commencement

Fine Play Presented. Musical Programme enjoyed. To be repeated December 5th.

Perchance the annual commencement has played no small part in maintaining the wonderful esprit de corps among students past and present of the Athens High School, but certain it is that for many years the red letter day par excellence in the students' calendar has been the commencement, which this year equalled (if not excelled) any held formerly.

Willing workers with aesthetic taste had decorated the large auditorium of the town hall with festoons and huge bow-knots of the beloved colors, "the lemon and the blue," while on either side of the stage was an immense shield of blue bearing those magic letters, A. H. S., in yellow.

The popularity of the event was evidenced by the fact that there was a capacity house, many disappointed ones being necessarily refused admission. The orchestra, with Raymond Steele as pianist, discoursed excellent music previous to the time of opening and at intervals during the programme, adding much to the pleasure of the evening.

The school choruses were heartily given and disclosed good musical talent among the students. One number by seven young ladies provoked rounds of laughter. It was entitled "The Hats of Other Days," and as each singer wore an ancient example of the milliner's art, the effect was ludicrous.

The drills were particularly good and manifested careful training. One drill was executed by fourteen girls wearing the school colors, another drill contained twelve girls in Indian costume. These were later joined by another, representing an Indian mother and her child.

A pretty lullaby song. The boys' athletic drill, participated in by ten students of various sizes, was indeed a revelation and would have done credit to acrobats. Then twelve boys and twelve girls gave a haymakers' and dairy maids' drill with chorus and whistled refrain, those taking part wearing appropriate garb.

Miss Muriel Gibson gave a pathetic reading, reminiscent of the great war, which was well received and added variety to the programme. A comedy, "Ici on Parley Francais," playing about thirty minutes, was full of rapid action for the seven characters and kept the audience in good humor throughout. There were many trying situations occasioned by the resolve of Mr. Spriggins to augment his bank account, by letting apartments to transients. Unfortunate occurrences are forgotten at the finish when everything turns out just as it should.

That excellent work has been done by the students during the past year was attested by the diplomas, scholarships, prizes and medals awarded. Congratulations are extended to the staff, A. D. Campbell, B.A., R. C. Elder, B.Sc., Miss V. Warren, B.A., and Miss H. de Renzy, B.A., upon the splendid standing of our High School, and upon the very enjoyable entertainment provided by teachers and pupils on the evening of November 21, 1924.

JELLYBY

Jellyby, Nov. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnston, Greenbush spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Rowson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman attended the funeral on Sunday of their uncle, John Freeman, New Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kennedy, Howard, Arthur and Kenneth Clarke, a Sunday visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Hiram Clarke, Ottawa, who is ill.

Miss M. Alguire spent the week-end at her home in Athens.

James Henry Berry has purchased a Star touring car, and Gordon Kennedy a Ford.

Miss Gertrude Smith is spending a few days in Brockville.

Mrs. James Henry Berry has returned home after having spent some time with her mother, Mrs. Condy, Smiths Falls, who is ill.

Miss Della Freeman, Frankville, is spending a few days at the home of her nephew, Charles Freeman.

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