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Afternoon Train, southbound.....	3.35
Night Train, northbound.....	8.54

NEWS of the WEEK

Items of Interest to Everybody.

Bring us your butter and eggs and get cash for same. Weiler Bros.

Editor Widmeyer of the Aytou Advance was in town on Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Currie of Mt. Forest will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon.

Now is the time to put in your stock of flour, sugar, tea etc. We can save you a few dollars. Weiler Bros.

Rev. J. W. Cosens of Walkerton will conduct sacrament service in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. A. W. Kappheim of Hamilton attended the funeral of his grandfather, the late Mr. Louis Braun, last Friday.

Dog Lost—Young collie dog, answers to name "Pup". Finder will be rewarded by returning dog to Jos. L. Meyer at Ambleside.

A Cameo brooch was lost in the Evangelical church, Mildmay, on Sunday evening, April 22. Finder will kindly leave the same at this office.

Gunners B. B. Patten and Clarence Sieling of Mildmay, who have trained in England since last fall, have been transferred to France, and expect to engage in active service very soon.

Chas. E. Wendt's many friends here will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, and is now in charge of the bombing section of No. 2 Platoon, "A" Company, of the 160th.

Dr. W. P. Caven of Toronto was here on Monday in consultation with Dr. J. A. Wilson, in connection with Mr. John Hunstein's serious illness. Dr. Caven is Senior Professor in the Toronto Medical College.

The members of the Y. P. A. of the Evangelical Church assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schuett on Tuesday evening, and presented Miss Marie Bilger with a handsome clock, the occasion being the eve of Miss Bilger's marriage.

The funeral of the late Louis Braun was held here last Friday morning, at which a large number of his old friends and neighbors were present. The remains were laid to rest in the Mildmay Evangelical cemetery, Rev. G. Burn of Hamilton conducting the funeral service.

Peter Ruetz of the 4th concession has a hen that has been doing her bit for the Empire this spring. During the past couple of weeks Mr. Ruetz has gathered seven eggs, each of which has measured 6x7 1/2 inches. He has good reasons to believe that this is the accomplishment of one hen. The thrift and production campaign has surely started.

Married at Guelph.

A quiet wedding took place on Easter Monday, 9th inst., at the home of the bride's parents at Guelph, when Miss Pearl Robertson was united in marriage to Mr. Roy Schnurr, formerly teller in the Metropolitan Bank in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Schnurr have taken up residence in Toronto where he has a good position with the Goodyear Rubber Co.

Came Through the Somme.

Mr. G. Lambert this week received a letter from Lieut. (Rev.) W. A. Wilkinson, formerly pastor of the Mildmay Methodist church. Lieut. Wilkinson evidently saw most of the furious fighting of the Somme, which was declared to be the greatest struggle in the world's history, as he spent seventy-seven days in the trenches during that big campaign. He was well and happy and has escaped so far without any serious injury. His many friends here will rejoice to learn of this news.

No Collector for Normanby.

Normanby Tp. has dispensed with the services of a collector. Tax notices are mailed by the Clerk who is paid \$25 extra for his services and the ratepayers pay their taxes into a chartered bank and the bank receipts the bills. For the last 10 years there has not been a dollar returned to the county treasurer against lands in Normanby and the new system of having no collector is being tried as an experiment for 1917. The Tp. account is kept in the Royal Bank at Aytou and there are also branches of this bank in Hanover, Durham, Mr. Forest and Clifford and a branch of the Bank of Hamilton in Neustadt.

Death of Gearance Pomeroy.

The death of Mr. Gearance Pomeroy of Carrick took place on Monday evening of this week after an illness extending to a period of several years. Mr. Pomeroy had been a sufferer with heart trouble and Bright's disease, and although he rallied about a year ago, and was able to his work, the improvement proved to be only temporary, and three weeks ago he was taken very ill again, and all that skilled medical aid could do proved of no avail. Deceased was born 57 years ago, and spent a great part of his life in this township. The funeral which took place (probably on Friday afternoon) to the Clifford cemetery. He leaves a widow and a large family to mourn his decease.

Hymenal.

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Bilger, when their eldest daughter, Miss Marie, was united in matrimony to Mr. Wesley Johnston of Kitchener. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. S. Burn of Mildmay. The bride who was unattended, was handsomely attired in a becoming nigger brown suit, with hat to match. Those present at the ceremony were—Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and Aileen Johnston of Kitchener, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bilger, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Schuett and Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Burn. The happy young couple left on the afternoon train on a wedding trip to Toronto and Hamilton, and on their return will take up residence at Kitchener.

Chaplain's Wife Drowned.

Shock, caused by her immersion in the icy waters of Kincardine harbor, caused the death of Mrs. William C. Minifie, wife of Capt. Dr. C. Minifie, late chaplain to the British army and who for some time has been touring Canada in the interests of the Belgian and French war sufferers. Three hours work by local doctors succeeded in resuscitating her husband, who leaped from the north pier to his wife's assistance, when she toppled over into the water shortly after noon on Tuesday. Capt. and Mrs. Minifie were walking on the dock, when Mrs. Minifie's veil became unfastened. In attempting to recover it, her hat blew off. Capt. Minifie made an ineffectual attempt to rescue the hat before it was blown in the lake, and as he turned was horrified to see his wife fall over the side of the pier into the water. Pulling off only his gaiters and hat the captain in his heavy clothes, dove to his wife's assistance. He grasped her body and brought it to the side of the dock. Frank Tyler, who was on the dock, witnessed the accident and ran with a rope which held Dr. and Mrs. Minifie up until further assistance could be secured. When Mrs. Minifie was taken from the water, life was extinct. Dr. Minifie was rushed to a nearby residence, and after many hours work was resuscitated. He is now in Kincardine General Hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected. It is surmised that she fell over a pier in a fainting spell. For two years Dr. Minifie was a chaplain with the British forces at the front, and left that work to come to Canada in the interests of the war sufferers of France and Belgium. Capt. Minifie gave two addresses at Mildmay a short time ago.

Market Prices.

Wheat \$2.00 per bus; Oats 65c; Peas \$2 to \$2.10; Barley 90.

Bought Cement Mixer.

George Horst, who has been working at Breslau during the past winter, has returned to Mildmay and will go into concrete contracting this summer. He has purchased a good power, which arrived on Monday. He starts this week on the construction of a garage for Kolin & Ermel at Walkerton.

A Fine Invention.

Mr. David J. Weber has just finished a very valuable invention in the shape of an electric incubator. By the use of a couple of electric light bulbs the eggs are kept at a nice warm temperature, and if the thermometer raises to an unhealthy degree, the current is shut off automatically by a gauge attached to the apparatus. Those who have seen the new invention declare that it is a wonder.

Baseball League Formed.

Mr. Alfred Weiler was at Neustadt on Monday evening, attending a meeting called to organize a baseball league. Four clubs were represented, namely, Aytou, Moltke, Neustadt, and Mildmay, and it was decided to form a league with the following officers:—Hon. President—J. A. Johnston, Mildmay; President—C. Derbecker, Neustadt; Sec. Treas.—Chas. Wagner; Executive Committee—Messrs. Bartz, Weiler, and Moore. A meeting will be held at Mildmay on Friday evening to arrange a schedule of dates for the season's games.

Unfortunate Accident.

Mr. Gideon Schneider was the victim of a very serious and painful accident on Monday morning of this week. He was assisting Urban Schmidt to unload a shipment of feed, and while carrying a bag on his shoulder from the wagon to the warehouse, he lost his balance and fell off the plank walk to the sidewalk. He fell on his knee, and injured it so badly that he was unable to rise. He suffered intense agony until the arrival of the doctor, when he was conveyed to his home on a stretcher. The doctor found that Mr. Schneider's knee cap had been fractured and badly displaced by the fall. The fracture is a very serious one, and it will be a few months before Mr. Schneider will be able to walk again.

Anonymous Letter Writer Caught.

About two years ago a prominent and respected citizen of this town received an unsigned letter, which contained certain statements reflecting upon the character of his wife and daughter. The recipient of the letter naturally felt very indignant over being the victim of such a detestable, cowardly attack, resolved to discover the writer of the missive, if at all possible. The letter contained quite a number of slang phrases, and he adopted the plan of listening carefully to the speech of each person with whom he came into contact, for the purpose of detecting who employed that class of conversation. It was a long, tedious task, made more so by the writer having taken the precaution to hide her identity but eventually the persistent efforts of the amateur detective were rewarded. The person toward whom his suspicion finally became directed, was engaged in conversation as frequently as possible, and finally a specimen of her handwriting was secured. This specimen, together with the offensive letter, were sent to a handwriting expert at Toronto, and in due time back came the report that the two were written by the same hand. Armed with this evidence, the injured party personally charged the suspect with the offence, but the charge was denied with such vehemence that the matter was dropped for a little time. But the sense of injury he had sustained would not down, and the aggrieved party finally employed a detective, who arrived in town on Monday, and called to interview the person on whom suspicion rested. She (for the party is a female) again protested her innocence, calling upon her Maker to witness that she was telling the truth, but the detective was not to be put off in this manner and after considerable pressure the miserable creature finally gave in and confessed to writing the letter, and signed a written confession. She told the detective that she had no personal spite against the family whose name she had blackened, and could not tell what prompted her to pen the venomous missive. In the meantime, the case is not being prosecuted, but this may follow soon. We learn that there has been a good deal of this work going on in this village and vicinity during the past number of years, and the guilty ones would do well to mend their ways at once. We are glad that the perpetrator of this cowardly act was discovered, as these attacks whom she directed her poisonous attack are eminently respectable people.

Letter from the Battlefield.

France, Mar. 27, 1917.

Editor Gazette:—

Sitting on the edge of what I term my bed, feeling rather lonely and somewhat fatigued, thinking of all the folks down home who sometimes think of me, it struck me rather forcibly that a little letter to the Gazette would not be amiss. I do not suppose it is going to be an interesting, instructive or intelligent compilation, but at least it will intimate to you that I am still well and doing my bit.

Here in my little dugout, rudely but solidly constructed, though its appearance is somewhat rustic, an old, large sized oil drum, plentifully perforated, placed near me, is doing duty as a stove. The fuel I gathered this morning in a place which was "No man's land" not so very long ago; at all events my little domicile, though of rough and rugged appearance, my home made stove which emits more smoke than heat, at least shelters me from the cold, wind, rain and snow, which is and has been falling in abundance during the past fortnight.

Close by my side I have a parcel and a letter—just think of it! a parcel and a letter from my dear mother. Dear reader, can you imagine what that means? "Dear Mother", thousands of miles away, living under these circumstances, with the shells screaming overhead, the constant rattle and prattle of machine gun fire, the eternal booming of our heavies, the whiz bang batteries hurling their death dealing missiles at the treacherous Hun. I ask you again, can you imagine how fortunate I am this night. I can see my darling mother sitting in her favorite old squeaking rocking chair, with her old fashioned spectacles perched on her nose, true enough I can almost hear the steady and persistent clanking of the shining knitting needles she used in knitting those soft, velvety-like woolen socks which were also contained in the parcel. Lucky dog—nice dry socks for morning. My favorite brand in cigarette is Players—well this same parcel contained a plentiful supply and some real Canadian made chocolate. No one but a mother can tell what her boy prefers.

Now I might ask right here, who would not suffer all these discomforts and trials to fight for a country which gives support, happiness and health to women like that. Look back at what happened to Belgium. In all probability the same plight might have befallen Canada had not the ruthless Hun been checked in his ravaging, murderous wanderings when things were going his way if by chance any of the boys have not enrolled, let them do so at once. We have the Bosch on the hump, so come along and help to keep him humping until we drive him right to Berlin, where it will be the bump-a-de-bumps for the Kaiser and his flat-headed gang. You will pardon me, dear reader, for allowing my sentimental nature to get beyond control in the preceding part of this letter, but, honest, I just had to write precisely as I felt.

My domicile is shared by two others, one of whom hails from Lethbridge, Alta. and is intimately acquainted with the Schweizer boys. Whenever we feel that the inner man is getting uneasy he constantly remarks "if we only had Schweizer's cake and bread shop here." Owing to the fact that my illuminating plant, (a small candle) is about "napoo", (that being the Belgian word for finish), the machine guns singing their nightly lullaby, the fire smouldering, the fuel exhausted, I will retire. Soon I will be in a comatose condition, pleasantly dreaming of dear old Mildmay, and on the morrow if time and circumstances permit I will continue this letter.

Mar. 28, 9.30 p.m.—Yes, dear readers, everything is well, and I can continue, although at a very cruel hour this a.m. I was rudely awakened by two of Fritz's shells exploding in very close proximity to my dugout, just so close that the vibration caused a portion of the side of my house to fall in, partly covering my poor bed, but I set to work and cleaned it away, and I think there is still a lot of good honest sleep left in that same hard dirty little bed. It's been interred before, still I found it contained a lot of refreshing slumber. The explosion also scattered the earth in sufficient quantities to fill my stove pipe, or rather a hole in the roof which merely acts as a stove pipe. This I also speedily remedied.

As a general rule I am quite content with my lot, but for the life of me, I cannot see the philosophy of trying to wreck my happy little home.

This letter, I can plainly see, will be ended right here, for the other occupants have arrived and seem quite happy and in a musical frame of mind. Hark! they have burst forth in song, so it's all off now. Wishing you and your readers all prosperity and happiness, I remain, your old friend.

Gr. A. W. HINSBROGER.

The Evangelical Conference.

The annual Conference of the Evangelical Association, which opened here on Tuesday of last week, came to a close on Monday evening, when the report of the stationing committee was read. The Conference held its business sessions during the day, the evenings being devoted to public worship.

The most important item of business before this Conference session was the newly proposed Presiding Eldership plan. The standing committee submitted a report, recommending seven Presiding Elders who shall be given an appointment and supervise a small district. The plan was to station all the ministers and then elect a Presiding Elder from each district. The proposed system caused an interesting discussion. Some argued that we should adopt the new scheme. Others argued that we would become involved in difficulties. Because the Conference was so divided as to the merits and demerits of this vital question, it was decided that we submit the proposed plan to a committee, who shall place the scheme before the Board of Bishops and report at next annual Conference. Thus, for another year we remain with the present system of three Elders, who were stationed upon the same districts that they served during the past year.

All the week night services were largely attended, and on Sunday the church was literally jammed at all the services. Bishop Breyfogle, preached a German sermon in the morning. In the afternoon the ordination of five students took place, after which a stirring missionary address was given by Rev. Mr. Wiener, chairman of the Conference Mission Board. In the evening Bishop Breyfogle again occupied the pulpit and delivered one of the most eloquent orations ever listened to in that church. The Bishop is a remarkably able man, and his kindly and courteous manner made him many warm friends. The missionary collections and pledges on Sunday amounted to \$3152.

The Conference formally closed on Monday evening with the singing of "God Save the King," and the National Anthem of the United States.

The following is a list of the appointments—Aldboro, J. C. Morlock; Annapolis, L. Wittich; Kitchener, J. P. Hauch and A. Y. Haist; Blenheim, N. R. Ernst; Campden, W. Drier; Fullarton, J. A. Schmitt (charge of Sebringville); Gainsboro, A. F. Stoltz; Golden Lake and Killaloe Mission, W. S. Henrich and E. H. Dorsch; Hamilton, A. E. Pleisch; Hespeler, A. T. Nash; Milverton, E. H. Bean; Morrisville, to be supplied; New Hamburg, W. O. Hehn; Niagara, H. A. Kellerman and J. D. Finner; North East Hope, N. H. Reibling; Pembroke, J. W. Sippell; Rainham, G. L. Gross and J. B. Dengis; Rainham, L. H. Pleisch; Sebringville, W. E. Beese; South East Hope, C. R. Kauth; Tavistock, A. D. Gischler; Toronto, W. J. Zimmerman; Bridgeport, S. R. Knechtel; Chesley, S. M. Hauch; Crediton, E. D. Becker; Dashwood, F. Meyer; Elmira, G. F. Braun; Elmwood, O. G. Hallman; Hanover, A. W. Sauer; Listowel, H. H. Leibold; Maitland, W. A. Campbell; Mildmay, J. S. Burn; Normanby, S. E. Schrader; Parry Sound, S. Schlotzhauer; Port Elgin, E. M. Gischler; St. Jacobs, M. L. Wing; Stratford, W. J. Yaeger; Walkerton, J. H. Grenzbach; Waterloo, Emil Burn; Wallace, D. H. Brand; Zurich, F. B. Meyer; Beausejour and Morris, E. Schroeder; Disbury, L. P. Amacher; Edmonton, J. S. Domm; Good Hope, G. W. MacCracken; Hanna, C. S. Finkbeiner; Happy Land, F. E. Martin; Irvine, J. K. Schwalm; Kenaston Geo. Bearcroft; Medicine Hat, K. Gretzinger; Melville, L. K. Eidi; Rhein and Esk, W. H. Wagner; Neudorf, H. J. Holtzmann; Pakowki, J. Golding; Pennington, E. G. Block; Regina, A. Clemens; Rosthern, J. G. Damm; Siebertville and Mayton, D. Martin; Warner, to be supplied; Winnipeg, J. G. Burn.

NEUSTADT

Mr. and Mrs. Windom Glebe and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lang spent Sunday at Ed Zettler's.

Mr. L. O. Bitzer of New Hamburg renewed old acquaintances in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Koehler of Clifford were Sunday visitors in town.

Mr. Walter Diebel and sister Florence attended the wedding of their brother Oscar in Aytou last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Walden are spending the week with their daughter Mrs. Atkins in Toronto.

Mrs. (Capt.) J. C. Eager left on Monday for Toronto and other places.

Mrs. James and two sons after having spent about four months with Jno. Schillings left on Wednesday again for (Continued on page 8.)