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### Athens Women's Institute Scores Another Success

One of the most successful events this season was the Patriotic Banquet held in the Town Hall last Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Athens Women's Institute. Supper was served from six to eight in the lower part of the building by the ladies of the Institute garbed in Red Cross nurse uniforms. There was a great crush at the door, and it was early seen that the large preparation would not be wasted.

From the dining rooms, the people went to the auditorium, and at 8:30 Reeve Holmes, as chairman, opened the program with a short address. The speakers were: Rev. G. V. Collins, Athens; Rev. Wm. Usher, Athens; Judge McDonald, Brockville; Mr. W. G. McClellan, Brockville; Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson and Lieut.-Col. Bedell of the 156th Battalion; and Rev. W. G. Swayne, Athens.

Rev. W. S. McAlpine of Delta, who recently enlisted in the Counties Battalion, sang several solos, his appearance in khaki causing cheers. Rev. W. Hilyard Smith of Lyndhurst, sang; Miss Usher and Miss Berney played piano solos.

Judge McDonald, in his rapid, fluent manner, recounted some of the Hun brutalities, and begged the women to use their influence in the aid of recruiting. He wore his Fenian Raid medal received for service many years ago.

Lieut. Col. Wilkinson reported the favorable progress of the battalion, which is now over 600 strong. He said that promotion was rapid to deserving men, as instance the raising of Wm. Greenham to acting sergeant a few days after his enlistment. "Stand up, boys!" the Colonel said; and 17 members of the regiment, recruited in Athens, arose in a line stretching across the hall. There are no finer looking soldiers anywhere than the boys who composed that line, and the village is proud of them. A number of reasons young men gave for not enlisting, were mentioned, which appeared to be little more than excuses.

Lieut. Col. Bedell said that Athens was expected to supply 75 men, and up to that time, only 17 had donned the khaki. He was hopeful that this recruiting meeting would be productive of better results than the previous one, which, he said, had seemed to put a blight on the recruiting.

The soldiers billeted in Athens were guests of honor at the banquet.

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### An Untarnished Fabrication of the Truth

Being born in Canada, and having spent my childhood days in Athens, I feel it my duty to insert the following letter in THE ATHENS REPORTER to contradict the gossip that is being circulated about my wife and myself. I have been informed by a kind friend that a report was current that my wife is of German descent, and that an agitation was on foot to boycott my business in Athens. If it had not come from a true friend, I would be loth to believe it. I was very much surprised to hear such a rumor, and thought, rather than hang under such a shadow, that I would insert a notice in the Athens newspaper.

Although since a young man I have spent many years in the United States, I never took out naturalization papers, but remained a true British subject. As for my wife, she was born in the United States of French parentage, and just where the German strain of blood comes in, I would like to know. Since returning to Athens some few years ago, it has been my utmost endeavor to make an honest living and to give every person a dollar's worth for every hundred cents in the trade business. While I have been trying to do this, it has been brought to my mind where individuals in the mercantile business in Athens have tried to corner my business with wholesale houses in an effort (it would appear) to put me out of business. All this I did try to bear, but when it came to personalities regarding my wife and myself, I thought it time to make the public aware of the facts. Our store, the Bazaar, is known far and wide by the public, and also known as the store where prices are always lower than any other in town, and to this we attribute a good deal of this gossip of which I have been informed. My wife and I are both loyal citizens and have contributed always all our means would allow to the Red Cross and other patriotic purposes, and intend to do so in the future. Trusting that this will put a veto on all such dastardly gossip in the future, I am,

Yours truly,  
R. J. CAMFO

Athens, March 1, 1916

### Ayrshire Breeders annual Meeting

The second annual meeting of the Brockville District Ayrshire Breeder's Club was held in Victoria Hall, Brockville, Wednesday, February 16th. About twenty Ayrshire enthusiasts assembled at 10:30 a.m. and the President, Mr. W. H. MacNish, of Lvn, in the chair, made the opening speech in his usual capable manner, reporting his trip to the Canadian Ayrshire Breeder's Association, annual meeting, in Toronto. There W. H. Smith, B.S.C. district representative, gave an interesting talk, giving the breeders many good hints. Among other things he emphasized the liberal use of printer's ink, which has been lacking.

Other speakers were: W. M. Bass, J. Hudson, A. Henderson, B. N. Henderson, Ed. Easton.

Some interesting points were brought out in the ensuing discussion, such as, the importance of growing up the young animal in the best possible way.

The meeting resolved to vigorously back up the movement to pay for milk on a butter fat basis instead of the old pooling system.

It was decided to hold another summer field day similar to the one held last summer. Details of which were in the hands of the executive.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Hon. President—Jos. Hudson, Lvn.  
President—W. H. Macnish, Lvn.  
Vice-President—W. M. Bass, Newboro.

Directors—H. E. Bowser, Delta; W. H. Bradley, Lansdowne; G. W. Percival, Glen Bell; B. N. Henderson, Morton; J. V. Lynett, Westport; Jacob Dillon, Ellisville; Andrew Henderson, Athens.

Sec. Treas.—A. J. Hudson, Lvn.  
Auditors—C. P. Bass, Wm. Horton Parslow.

### A Communication

Athens, Feb. 21th, 1916  
Mr. Editor—I was very pleased to see the large number that were out to the Banquet given by the Women's Institute last evening and to learn that as a result of the banquet that the ladies will have nearly \$130.00 for patriotic purposes. At this time all (we hope) are ready to loosen their purse strings, and if they cannot go themselves, do all they can to stimulate the recruiting and show the boys that if we are not in the ranks with them our hearts go out and across the waters with them.

We regret that we have not seen that the village council have done anything yet to let the boys know they have their sympathy. Do they intend to do as other towns and villages have done, make the boys a presentation of something, not great in its intrinsic value, but as a remembrance when in the trenches in a foreign country that their sacrifice was appreciated?

I am sure that the council will have the backing of every rate payer (unless a German sympathizer and we do not care for them) in anything that they should do in this line.

We hope that the council will not let the boys leave and be ashamed when gone to say where they enlisted.

Yours,  
Unfit

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### Death of Mr. W. J. White

On Sunday February 21, the death occurred at Gravenhurst of a well-known former resident of Caintown. He had been ill for some years, and went to Gravenhurst Sanitarium in the hope of recuperating. He improved for some time but in the end succumbed. He was 48 years of age and the son of the late James White. He was born and lived for some years at Caintown, previous to locating at Gravenhurst. He had a farm located within the corporate limits of that place. He was educated at the Caintown Public school, one of the best scholastic institutions in Leeds county. He was also a graduate of the Brockville Business College in the spring term of 1889. Some few years ago he married Miss Slack, of Athens, who survives him with four children. They are: Kenneth at home, George, studying dentistry, Toronto, and Misses Jessie and Mary at home. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. C. N. Purvis, Caintown, who was with him when he died. He was a Presbyterian in religion and a Conservative in politics. He was not an extreme party man but one who voted according to his convictions. He was the possessor of a virile character and was not long a resident of Gravenhurst until he was elected to a seat in the town council. His death is greatly deplored in the section where he first saw the light of day.

### Death of Mrs. Joseph Seymour

At nine o'clock on Thursday evening 17th instant, the death occurred at her home in Toledo of Mrs. Joseph Seymour after an illness lasting three months from a complication of diseases. Her death came very unexpectedly with very little suffering. Her entire family was by her bedside.

Deceased whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Bell, was born on August 1st, 1845, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell. Her entire life has been spent in Kitley, her birthplace being on the Bell homestead, near this village. In early life she was married to Mr. Seymour and their happy Christian home was established, one where kindness and hospitality were ever freely extended. In religion deceased was a staunch member of the Presbyterian church for over fifty years being guided in her daily life by its teachings, a good and kind neighbor, a loving wife and mother and one who was a great advocate of Temperance.

In her home and in her church, her absence will be keenly felt, but although the places that have known her shall know her no more, she has left an example, a sweet memory.

She is survived by her three sons Wm. H. Bellamy's Mill, Samuel and Albert of Toledo, the latter at home and one daughter Miss Louisa at home also one sister Miss Amelia Bell; one half-sister Miss Maggie Bell and three half-brothers, viz., William Samuel and John, all of Toledo.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from her late residence to St. Andrew's church, Toledo, where Rev. Wm. Usher, of Athens, conducted the service assisted by the Methodist pastor, Rev. Arthur Hagar, of Frankville. During the service, the favorite hymn of the deceased, "What must it be to be there?" was sung. The body was interred in the cemetery, the pall bearers being Messrs. Geo. A'iev, W. Dunham, Wm. Hull, Thos. Singleton, John Phillips and Egerton Stratton. Among the floral offerings were pillow from the family and a spray from the Methodist Bible Class.

### A Letter From England

Editor Athens Reporter  
Dear Sir—I thought I would drop you a line referring to one Captain Marshall from Plum Hollow, who has been invalided to England, wounded, but who has gone back to the front again. Congratulations to the place he came from; for he is a soldier to be proud of. I was his Sergeant for four months, and I had a chance to study him closely. If they had all accounted for as many Germans as he has, this war would have been over. I know he has been up for promotion for gallantry on the field under severe fire, a distinction which he ought to be justly proud of. According to his gunstock, he has got thirty of them, a record to be proud of; and I know it to be right. Also, he has the respect and admiration of the men serving under him. I found out his address and where the nearest paper was published, so I could not help but write to you hoping that you will put this in print.

I remain,  
Yours truly,  
G. NEIL, Sergeant  
No. 36142  
82 Battalion  
Rishoro Barrack  
Shorncliffe, Kent, Eng.

### New P.S.I. Regulations

The new regulations applying to all provisional schools of infantry instructions will go into force in about two weeks.

Those who will attend the next school of instruction under the P.S.I. will be issued with scarlet tunic and blue pants, and will be designated cadets. They will draw privates pay while taking the course.

According to the arrangements for the P.S.I. there will be no opening and closing of the school, but it will remain in session all the time, and a member of the same may get through in two weeks, if he is able, and it may take him three months. All will depend on the ability and intelligence of the pupil.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes is responsible for the changes in regulations regarding the P.S.I. The Minister is determined that every Canadian shall have a chance to rise from the ranks to the highest place in the Canadian militia. The General himself is a "ranker," and knows what it means to climb from a private to a Major-General, and he is anxious that every man shall have the same chance in a democratic country like Canada.

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### McPhee-Dockrill

The marriage took place at St. John's church, Moosejaw, on Feb. 9 of May, daughter of Mrs. S. J. Dockrill, Pterboro, Ont., and J. R. McPhee, of Glenside, Sask., formerly of Vankleek Hill. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Johnson. The young couple left on the noon train on a trip to Vancouver, B.C. On their return, they will reside at Glenside.—Moose Jaw Evening Times.