

COMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC LEAGUE. monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at 3.30, Y. M. C. A., address by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.

Coming Event. Oct. p. 14. LONDON IN WAR TIME, return engagement of Ada Ward. Proceeds in aid of Sailors Fund. Victoria Hall, Friday, Feb. 23. Seats 25c. Smith's music store.

PLAN NOW OPEN at Boles Drug Store for Lincoln Wirt's lecture, "In the Wake of the War." Single admission tickets on sale commencing Friday. Single admission thirty-five cents.

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KELVIN NEWS

(From our own Correspondent)
Mr. Thomas Wood of Ranelagh had the misfortune to have his dwelling house destroyed by fire on Monday night, with all its contents. We understand it caught fire from the chimney.

We are sorry to report the serious illness of Mr. Archibald Hyndman, and hope for his early recovery.
Mrs. F. A. Goring has gone to Minnesota to see her brother, Mr. L. Sipperell, who is very ill.

Mrs. John McCombs and little son of La Salette spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crab were visiting Mr. and Mrs. David Phipps a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Silverthorne of Burford and Mr. and Mrs. James A. McCombs were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke.

Mrs. Jonathan McCombs has sold her farm just east of this village, to Mr. Hiram J. Andrews. Mrs. McCombs intends going to Michigan to reside with her son.

Mr. Earl Racher of Norwich spent Sunday with his uncle in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Racher were recent guests of the latter's sister.

Verdun Campaign is Pictured on the Screen

In Greatest of All War Films, "War as it Really Is," which is Coming to Brantford Under the Auspices of The Courier

"WAR AS IT REALLY IS" being seven reels of pictures showing actual fighting on the front lines in France, in and about Verdun, will be shown under the auspices of The Courier at the Rex Theatre Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Following the first public showing of the picture in Canada, "The Toronto Daily Star" commented upon it as follows: "New Year's Day crowds packed the Regent Theatre to the doors from opening until closing time, for the first showing in the entire Dominion of 'War as it Really Is,' the marvellous seven reel motion pictures which were taken by Capt. Donald C. Thompson. An augmented orchestra was an added attraction, and a superb dramatic musical accompaniment brings out the novel and thrilling points developing in the 500 scenes shown on the screen. 'The picture might well be called 'The French Offensive Before Verdun,' for that is what it really shows, and any attempt to describe it in detail would prove futile, as practically every phase of warfare imaginable is displayed. The pictures open with views of the great ramparts of Verdun, and the shell sweet City where fires occur every five minutes of the day and night. The actual destruction wrought by shell fire is displayed as never before, and then the audience is carried into the midst of the French army, showing in consecutive steps every operation in the defence of the greatest stronghold on the allied line.

"The audience burst into enthusiastic applause when Joffre and Pains were seen reviewing troops going into the front line, and decorating battle scarred flags. But of course the greatest feature of all is the actual warfare, which cost the risk of life to get at every stage. We have heard numerous times in the news reports of heavy bombardments, but no civilian can have any real idea of what it means to have shells bursting at close range, or what trench warfare is really like, until they see these films. Places in the front line where the trenches were only 40 feet apart were filmed by the intrepid Thompson, and the veritable hell of fire actually recorded. Trench mortars, bombing, grenades, catapults, and all sorts of short distance warfare methods are shown for the first time, as well as resistance to gas attacks by scientific methods.

"Few people realize that the Allies have the heaviest guns in the world, but one of these—a monster of tremendous size, is shown, actually firing. The shells for these guns cost nearly \$40,000 each, and while no official figures are given, it can easily be seen that the gun is over 30 inches—while a sixteen inch gun is considered a great one. Then we see the marvellous armoured trains, and the huge movable batteries on rails that change position each time after firing, to escape return fire. The armoured floating fortresses on the Yser River show why the Belgian resistance is daily more successful. This was a secret well preserved, and the work of these converted canal boats did immeasurable damage to the enemy. Another secret was the method by which the allies dropped spies behind the German lines at night. Ascending in small captive balloons, and drifting past the German lines, at a height of 5,000 feet, the aviator drops silently to earth in a parachute. One of these marvellous drops is shown, when a French balloon is hit by enemy fire, and its pilot compelled to descend in this manner.

"One of the outstanding thrills of an almost continuously exciting production is the battle in the air between an Allied and Hun airman. Capt. Thompson ascends with one aviator, and from an altitude of 10,000 feet above the trenches, which plainly show below, films the enemy driven to the ground, and death, by his British opponent. The fleet of 20,000 aeroplanes, shown in detail, is another long to be remembered scene.

"But above all that makes 'WAR AS IT REALLY IS' the greatest of war pictures, is the fact that it proves conclusively that the Allies are winning the war. A bayonet charge is shown, and then the hundreds of Germans in the opposing trenches cut off from escape by the 'curtain of fire,' are shown rushing forward with raised hands, and surrendering. A portion of the films, taken on a day when the Huns admitted losing 'a few prisoners,' shows over twelve thousand of the captives, on their way to prison camps." Shown at The Rex on Monday and Tuesday next, under the auspices of The Courier.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRANT CHAPTER

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Regent and Mrs. Etches our Secretary. As they were both leaving town they could not continue in office. I regret exceedingly that on account of living in Hamilton, I am unable to continue to take an active part in the work here. However, Brant Chapter's interests will always be very close to my heart. Before retiring, I wish to thank you all for your unfailing kindness to me. I know I must often have failed you, but you have always given me your loyal support and co-operation, and I cannot tell you how happy I have been working with you.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize very strongly the great necessity for keeping up the good work, and to do all in your power to help to keep up the supplies so much needed. Those who know have the war began have the warehouses been so nearly empty. This may be due to several causes. It may be the result of the order recently issued which said "To send no more dressings." People like making bandages and dressings who do not like knitting or sewing. Then all these peace overtures may make people think the end of the war is in sight, but whatever is the reason, there has been a perceptible falling off all over in field comforts, so let us determine that we will do all in our power to increase the supplies. I know many of us must grow weary with the daily grind and monotony of doing the same thing month after month, but how much more weary must the men who are compelled to fight, grow as the months go by, and still they must keep at it. We who are living at home in comfort and security, owe everything to our men. They are fighting for us, so no matter how weary we are, let us keep on with our work. I would like to see the Brant Chapter have a record year for 1917, and I wish the new Regent and her executive a most successful and happy year.

May I conclude by quoting a little poem by Catharine Nina Merritt. A CALL FOR 1917
Women of Canada rise,
And make your armour fast
Strong in the strength that God supplies
And constant to the last.

Women of Canada stand
You do not stand alone
For British hearts in every land
Will beat about the throne.

Women of Canada toil
Sow seed and gather grain
Care for the stock and till the soil
Till peace shall come again.

Women of Canada pray
Your prayer shall rise above
And soldiers fighting far away
Will bless your deeds of love.

ALICE MORSON SMITH.
Regent Brant Chapter I.O.O.F.

February, 19th, 1917.

Secretary's Report
The secretary's report read as follows:

In these days of universal activity, Women's organizations have, necessarily multiplied in order to meet the many and urgent needs of the hour, and really women have responded. Giving of their time and talents, unstintingly. United in purpose and the firm determination to "carry on" True Daughters of this Empire all.

Brant Chapter, as the summary of the year's work will show, has not been inactive. We have held nine regular meetings, and during my term of office, ten Executive meetings.

The work of looking after the needs of our soldiers, providing comforts, and occasional amusements, has been our chief aim, not neglecting our regular Sanitarium work, in any way. Last Easter a Soldiers' dance and euchre was given in the Armouries, the proceeds to go towards purchasing Band instruments for the 125th Brant Battalion. This netted some \$300.00. Arrangements were made to start a collection of old newspapers and magazines throughout the city, to further help out towards the purchase of Field Kitchens for the same Battalion. We decided later to drop our work, and co-operate with the W. F. L. in this canvass. The entire proceeds were handed to Col. Cutcliffe. The Kitchens were presented on the occasion of the Battalion Field Day.

In September a very productive Tobacco and Chocolate Show was held at the Conservatory of Music (through the courtesy of Mrs. Andrews). The liberal donations of smokers, candies, candles, etc., insured a very great financial success. The Chapter, later decided to operate a series of "Saturday Morning Markets," which have been running since the early part of the year. Also a series of "Soldiers' Bazaar" was held, the sum up to date of \$437.70. Mr. Frank Cockshutt very kindly allowing us the use of the Tea Pot Inn for this venture. Also a series of "Autograph Quilt" is on the way, from which we hope to realize a nice sum. The proceeds from these undertakings to be used for patriotic purposes, solely. Mrs. Y. Brown, very generously placed some of her Christmas books on sale with the members, in December, allowing us 50 per cent. of the proceeds. We also, earlier in the year, received a

generous donation of \$25.00 from Mrs. J. G. Cockshutt, in appreciation of a shipment of socks to her son, for the men of his Company.

In October the Chapter voted \$50 toward the Duchess of Connaught's Prisoners of War Fund. We have also undertaken the maintenance of a Belgian family, and contributed \$25.00 to the British Sailors' Relief Fund.

Miss Kathleen Buck has been looking after the enrolling of members in the League of Honor, a project recommended by the National Executive. During the year badges have been presented by the Chapter to those members having husband or son, or both, Overseas. So far 25 members have been honored. We have purchased some \$370.00 worth of wool during the year, which has been distributed to the members. Mrs. Digby, the convener of this committee, will give a detailed report of this branch of the work. In addition to shipments overseas, men leaving Brantford, either for camp or overseas, have been remembered in a tangible way by Brant Chapter, socks and other comforts being provided, also for the recreation tents at the summer camps. We have provided magazines and a vanaphon with records, etc.

In connection with the Sanitarium work, early in the year, Mr. Harvey Watt, whose services are so much appreciated, was reappointed as Brant Chapter representative on the Sanitarium Board for the three year term of office. It has been the duty of the visiting convener, Mrs.

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I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance, so cheerfully and willingly given me, by Miss Brown, who was appointed Asst. Secretary, when I took office on the resignation of Miss Van Norman. Miss Brown has been a veritable "First Aid" in many ways, and in addition she has been assuming the duties of treasurer, during our treasurer's absence.

The chapter is to be congratulated on the very creditable showing, as demonstrated by this report.

MARY L. NEILL, Secretary.
Brantford, Feb. 19, 1917.

TALENTED VIOLINISTS.
A warm welcome awaits our talented violinists, the Misses Marjorie Jones and Mildred Sanderson, when they appear in concert duets with the Schubert Choir to-morrow night.

DID YOU LOSE A DOLLAR
if so you can easily make it up by taking advantage of J. W. Burgess' Big February Sale, 44 Colborne St.

Volunteers for the above will be accepted at the Armouries each evening from 8 to 10, commencing—
Monday, February 19th

Our membership numbers 125, all in good standing, of these some are temporarily making their home in England, a few have been removed from Brantford, and others have permanently changed both name and residence. The latter list includes our

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Famous British War Front; Tells of M

(By Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett)

At the end of October 1914, the armies on the western front deep in the mud. Except for the second French offensive at

In December and our own advance north of the Ancre has been very little movement then. All the complaints of the coming spring for three months I am convinced the struggle, as far as the front is concerned, would have over before Christmas. But not the powers of Joshua at and therefore the final issue delayed. It was the mud, which alone prevented the from pressing home their su

In every engagement more are won and more prisoners are taken, but the present state of the operations at all times, and very often, it is those who have not been at the front, before Verdun, can no conception of what the mud is like.

It may be argued that the mud is not a new phenomenon. Napoleon after his campaign in Poland described it as the "mud of the world." But no general who has had to face the problem of it exists now. It is a new which has not been experienced before. The terrible mud of the front is created by the shell fire. In normal times the mud is not so deep, and the shells which would not stop an army is the concentration of modern fire on restricted areas which about those abnormal conditions.

Touch Every Spot.
Modern artillery fire leaves a yard of a forty acre field under the shell holes overlap one another for each other find an angle. They make craters twelve feet deep, according to the calibre of the shell. The explosions scatter the surface, bring the under strata to the surface, and the mud is now fighting will, as to the agricultural commission visited the front, he utterly astonished after the war. The face soil has been so utterly changed that no crops or grass will there until time and nature ally provide a fresh deposit.

As soon as the rain falls, craters become filled with water and to a depth varying from four to eight feet. It is over in this state that all infantry tanks have now to be made season of the year.

The artillery smashes the trenches to mud and pulp. Infantry are then launched to attack. Then they reach their objective. What do they find? A shattered outline of what was line of trenches and hundreds of these giant holes filled with mud. They must lie out in the mud on the edges of these craters, exposed to a merciless fire from the enemy's guns, which have exacted until some kind of a fresh



Captured German officer by his French captors. He is an instructor in a young ladies' school in Capt. Donald C. T. which will be shown at the Monday and Tuesday next.

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