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**1902 CONGRATULATES 1922**

So much is being said and written of the now famous Coue slogan, "Day by day," etc., let us see if this same process has not been at work in our midst throughout the years that have passed since as a 1902 graduate the writer passed from the walls of the old Athens High School.

As we recall the familiar faces that graced the halls of the old school at that now distant time, we learn from among the gentlemen we have eight doctors, two clergy, one lawyer, two financiers, one R. Sc., one I.P.S., two still in the teaching profession, etc., while among the ladies were three who later won college degrees, but most have now become the centre of some Canadian home. None have failed to do credit to the old school, and their numbers are many, for in those days graduates was our specialty and in that we were abundantly successful, and knowing naught of the larger student life were content.

What has happened since then? Coming over to the old Athens Model School, we met our well-loved Mr. Mack (an abbreviation for the longer name McInosh, but no less a term of endearment), who opened to us an entirely new phase of education. Here we were introduced to oral composition, impromptu speaking, debating, etc., all of which subsequently were added to the curriculums of our high and public schools; and to what purpose were these methods of developing self-expression adopted? Take a glance at our commencement of 1902. What do we find? Paid artists brought down from the city to entertain us; no student voice heard save that of the valetudinarian who read to us a farewell message; no school songs, no choruses, no yells, only suppression ("children to be seen, not heard"). Looking in upon our commencement exercises of 1922, what a contrast we behold! An entire programme rendered entirely by students. Slowly "day by day," yet surely the saner methods of guided self-expression has produced a better-developed all-round boy and girl as evidenced in this latest triumph, the commencement of 1922. Through that slow time the broadening-out process has gone on, first school songs, choruses, topical songs, pretty drills, etc., until in the later years of that 20-year period the heavier work of play-acting and the art of impersonating has been attempted with varying success, until the final triumph of 1922 when the students sought and received training under the professional directorship of Mrs. V. O. Boyle. This lady, for the sake of the art she loves, gave so freely of her time and talent that an audience looked upon mere children taking their parts in that never-to-be-forgotten play, "The Dust of the Earth," as they alone could who had in contact with a tutor who like the fairy queen had at once taught, inspired and clothed them in costume becoming their parts, which she had assembled from friends near and far, and made with her own hands and own home furnishings the pretty stage scenes amid which the actors played. Then, too, of her great musical powers she gave freely to extract the jazz and jingle from the topical songs and make of it a work of art. During the three years of Mrs. Boyle's residence in our midst she has by dint of hard work and sheer merit built for herself amid the peoples of the surrounding town and countryside an empire who crown her their Queen of Entertainers, and who could not fail to recognize her hand in this latest triumph of art even before our worthy chairman announced our indebtedness to her. So we take this opportunity to

**"Tell Her Now."**

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a woman's doing,  
If you like her or you love her, tell her now.  
Do not withhold your appreciation till the parson makes oration,  
And she lies with snowy lilies o'er her brow;  
For no matter how you shout it, she won't really care about it;  
She won't know how many teardrops you have shed.  
If you think some praise is due her, now's the time to pass it to her,  
For she cannot read the tombstone when she's dead.

And so to this great artist we render abundant praise and gratitude for having shown us what really can be accomplished by a trained and capable leader, and we wonder why some

**CEASED PUBLICATION.**

After 16 issues the Free Press, a Brockville weekly publication, has ceased publication through lack of financial support, the owners, Farrow Bros., announce in the final issue. For several weeks the paper was given to the public free.

**ANNUAL WESTPORT RACES**

The annual Westport ice races are to be held on Tuesday and Friday, Feb. 1st and 2nd, with a green race and 2.35 class on the opening day and the three minute class and free-for-all on the second day with a purse of \$75 for each.

**HUNTING FOXES.**

Messrs. Harry Driscoll and Pierce Dever, of Merrickville, have now a string of sixteen foxes to their credit. This was their kill up to Wednesday morning of last week when they started away with expectations of getting their seventeenth before the close of the day. They have sixteen pelts, and for each of these will be paid about \$16.—Record-News.

**WANT HYDRO SERVICE.**

The townships of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, Front of Eacott and Front of Yonge, lying west of Brockville, in a territory as yet unserved by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, have an organization for the purpose of endeavoring to procure an extension of the hydro service to that territory.

**Annual Meeting**

**Athens Public Library Board—Report Submitted and Officers Elected**

The Annual Meeting of the Public Library was held Wednesday evening in the Library, Main St. Mrs. D. L. Johnston, President of the Women's Institute presided. The year's report was given by Mrs. Slack, Librarian, who stated that the library was open every Saturday evening from 7 to 10. There was a membership of 180, of which 143 were adults and 34 juveniles. The circulation during the year was 4795 Books, classified as follows:—Fiction 4530; History 60; Natural Science 119; Travel 36; Literature 25; Biography 10; Miscellaneous 9. During the year 135 books, had been purchased at a cost of \$186.56. The receipts from the rental of books amounted to \$98.43. The total receipts for the year were \$315.44 and the expenditure \$238.20—leaving on hand a balance of \$77.24. The room, heated and lighted is provided by the council. The following Board was appointed for 1923: President—W. G. Parish; Vice-President—H. E. Bywater; Secretary—Mrs. W. Percival; Librarian and Treasurer—Mrs. C. C. Slack; Members—M. B. Holmes, Rev. V. O. Boyle, Mrs. D. L. Johnston, Mrs. G. E. Judson, Mrs. C. F. Yates, Mrs. J. Thompson, Miss Klyne, Miss M. Moore.

such instruction should not be provided for our children throughout the year.

While perusing a report of missionary endeavor and success in West China, I read a description of one of our mission schools there which gave as a latest addition to their equipment a new room for the teaching of music and etiquette. Why, friends, when our dear children meet those Chinese graduates what will they be compelled to think of us, custodians of their future, who let them go begging for a home in which to assemble, not to mention gymnasium, swimming pool, tennis courts, or a room for music and etiquette? Shall our efforts on behalf of the boys and girls of to-day stand approved? Then we must face the problem which confronts us without malice or prejudice, and in a spirit of unity and good-will provide a school worthy of the name of our boys and girls and surround them with the best things that contribute to their best development. Then will temptation be lessened and a real school spirit of pride in work well done take the place of the present diffidence which has grown purely out of improper environment, and the same broadening out process will carry on to the more finished and perfect ideal.

A 1902 GRADUATE.  
Athens, Jan. 23, 1923.

**SHELDON**

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Berney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Monford Berney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Whitmore, of Athens, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mort Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Cowle and Master Russell spent Sunday in Athens with Mr. and Mrs. John Ross.

Mr. Leonard Whitmore, who has been very ill, is improving.

Master Ivan Moore spent a few days at Mr. and Mrs. George Cowle's.

Miss May Steward, of Athens, spent Saturday with her grandmother Mrs. George Cowle.

Misses Eva and Winnabelle Hanna, Mrs. Ruth Byington, Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, Miss May Steward and Master Gerald were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Cowle on Monday.

Mr. Tom Livingston had the misfortune to cut his head with an axe while falling a tree.

Mr. Bert Knapp is sawing wood in this section.

**GLEN MORRIS**

Mrs. M. Hudson entertained a few young people at tea on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Spence are spending a few weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. D. Spence before taking up house-keeping in Lyndhurst. Mrs. Spence was very popular here when filling the position of teacher and is cordially welcomed by a wide circle of friends.

Some of our young people attended a very jolly dance at Mr. P. Shea's on Friday evening.

Mrs. C. B. Howard and Mrs. Johnson Morris attended the funeral of the late Wm. Frye, at Forfar on Monday.

**DEATH OF WM. FRYE, FORFAR.**

One of the pioneers of Leeds County, in the person of the late William Frye, passed away at his home, Forfar, on Saturday morning, January 20th. He was eighty-six years of age and for fifty-seven years had been a resident of that place.

Although of a quiet and retiring disposition, he made many friends, for his sterling worth and pleasing personality endeared him to all. For some time in failing health, he had been tenderly cared for by his aged wife, niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frye, Jr. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Monday at the M. E. church and was very largely attended. The church at Forfar sent beautiful flowers. There was also a pillow from Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Frye, and a spray from Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ralph, Delta.

He leaves to mourn his loss his kind and faithful wife; his brother John, of Soperton, and several nieces and nephews.

Thou hast gone to the grave; but we will not deplore thee;  
Whose God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;  
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee;  
And death hath no sting, for the Saviour has died.

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