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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The council of Rear of Yonge and Escott met on the 28th inst. Members all present. There being no appeals from assessment, the Roll was accepted, and assessor given order for his salary. \$40.

Minutes of last regular and two special meetings were read and adopted.

Munsell Brown was appointed overseer in Road Div. 9, and S. W. Kelly commissioner for Div. 7.

Robt. Allingham, overseer in Div. 2, was instructed to lay out this year's labor in preparing the hills between this place and Jos. Clow's for the stone.

Account of A. M. Eaton for supplies for Watkins family, per order of Dr. Harte, was ordered paid, \$9.79; and S. W. Kelly was paid for expenses to Toronto attending Good Roads Convention, \$15.

The collector was instructed to collect unpaid taxes of 1916, without delay.

Council adjourned to meet at call of the Reeve.

R. E. CORNELL,
Clerk

PLUM HOLLOW RED CROSS

The Plum Hollow Red Cross Society held a very successful Edison concert Monday evening by courtesy of the Robert Wright Co. The proceeds amounted to \$66.

Mayor Wright of Brockville delivered a patriotic address which was much appreciated. The President gave a report of work done. They have raised \$199 in money since organizing in September. Mr. Collins tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. Wright. Lunch was then served.

HERE'S A NEW STRIKE

On Sunday of last week the choir seats in St. Andrew's church Rensfrew were empty. The vacancy was the visible sign of what might be called a sympathetic strike. The choir had unanimously requested that Mr. Johnston be re-engaged as organist and choirmaster. They not having been done, and, it is said, no notice been taken of their communication, they resigned in a body. Mr. Johnston has held the position for eight years.

POLICE REPLACE

MILITARY GUARD

Inspector George Kennedy and Sergts. Austin and Cutts, of the Dominion Police, Ottawa, were in Cornwall last week arranging for the replacing of the militia canal patrol guard by men who will be under the supervision of the Dominion Police. The change is being effected along the St. Lawrence canal system, covering the territory from Cornwall to Cardinal. Sergts. Austin and Cutts will remain in charge of the guard. The change is being made so as to leave available for overseas service many young men who are physically fit for service. A number of the old guard, who are not of military age, but who are otherwise qualified, will form part of the new guard, the balance being made up of from new selections. Along this system something like three hundred officers and men have been employed, whereas by the new order of things the work will be looked after by about eighty men. Where a number of men are stationed together, one of their number will act as foreman, he to be held responsible by the sergeant in charge of that division. The men will be engaged in shifts of eight hours each, as against the former rule of two hours on and eight off, and it is expected that this will fully maintain the efficiency. The greater portion of the eligibles on the canal patrol have signified their intention of enlisting for overseas.

DEATH OF GEORGE PLUNKETT

The death took place in Neepawa, Manitoba, on May 4th, of George Plunkett, a former resident of Brockville. He was 61 years of age.

The deceased was born at Alexandria Bay, N.Y., and went to Brockville early in life. In 1882 he married Miss Ameila DeWolfe, of Kitley township, who survives him with one daughter, Mabel, who resides with her parents at Neepawa. Two brothers and two sisters also survive. They are Edward Plunkett, Rockport; Joseph Plunkett, Mrs. W. Burtch, of Alexandria Bay, and Miss Cecelia of New York.

He was a Presbyterian in religion and a member of the I.O.O.F. and A.O.U.W. He was buried at Neepawa.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Athens Women's Institute held its annual business meeting on Saturday afternoon.

The Treasurer reported \$593.51 received and \$446.37 disbursed, leaving a balance on hand of \$147.14.

The report also showed that the work of the Institute had been almost entirely confined to Red Cross and Patriotic purposes. Of the disbursements, \$50 went to the Belgian Relief, \$10 to Second French Aid work, \$10 to Daughters of Empire for Canadian prisoners, \$97.21 to Red Cross work, \$64.50 value of barrel of goods sent to Shorncliff, \$38.96 value of bale of goods sent to the Red Cross, Toronto. 96 boxes have been sent overseas, valued at \$271.59. These boxes have, in part, been donated by contributions and by two showers.

The proceeds of shower given by Mrs. G. V. Collins amounted to \$17.25 and goods valued at \$14.95 and the Institute shower amounted to \$28.41 and goods valued at \$53.26.

There have been 466 pairs of socks knitted during the year for this institute.

The Institute has given three concerts during the year, two for Red Cross purposes, and one for the Library.

The benefit for the Library amounted to \$56.50 net. The Librarian is paid by the Institute.

\$10 was donated to purchase seeds eggs, etc., so that the village will have a school fair this fall, and the Women's Club will also exhibit their production at the school fair.

The following were elected officers:

Pres.—Miss O. Usher

1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Geo. Judson

2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Chas. Yates

Sec.—Mrs. Etta Eaton

Asst. Sec.—Mrs. Donnelly

Property Director—Mrs. D. L. Johnston

Planner—Mrs. Geo. Judson

Convener of Dramatic Club—Miss M. Berney

Directors—Mrs. M. A. Johnston, Mrs. D. L. Johnston, Mrs. W. G. Towriss, Mrs. W. G. Swayne, Mrs. H. R. Bright, Mrs. J. Thompson.

After the business session, Miss Keitha Smith gave a very interesting paper on "How to Beautify Our Town." An instrumental duet was played by Misses R. Kendrick and G. Wiltse, and vocal solos by Miss F. Willson and Mrs. W. G. Swayne were very much enjoyed.

A meeting of the executive will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Thompson Wednesday evening at 7.30.

THE OLD PLUM TREE

I've wandered down the school-road,

Tom;

Down by the old Plum Tree,

Which in our school-boy days, was

like

A friend to you and me.

Its blossoms in the springtime, Tom

With fragrance filled the air

When placed upon those fair ones

desks

With youthful love and care.

Although they long have slept, dear

Tom,

Beneath the placid skies,

We've not forgotten yet, dear Tom,

Those early broken ties.

The world seems not the same dear

Tom

Its love has grown more cold

Than in those better years gone by

Those happy days of old,

I'm growing old, dear Tom, and

lame;

I'm tottering to the tomb,

But yet the tree stood just the same

And almost in full bloom.

Two maidens helping on the land

Came down, dear Tom, to-day,

And cut it down and even threw

Its blossoms all away.

I asked them in my wrath, dear

Tom,

What they did it for,

And found it was to prove a zeal

To do their "bit" in war.

Of course, we must forgive them,

Tom

Although it seems a woe,

Because in cutting down the tree

Dear girls, they did not know.

Hard Island. Resident

May 28th, 1917

Dr. Taite, D.D.G.M., of Smith's Falls, will be present at the dedication ceremony of the new lodge rooms of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, A.F. and A.M., which will be held Thursday evening. A number of other Grand Lodge officers are also expected to be here.

A GOOD BET—A Hundred-to-One Shot

DO you know that never in the past hundred years have the opportunities offered wage earners been so entirely in their favor and do you further know that it may be another hundred years before similar conditions prevail?

A hundred years is a long time to wait, so the wise man or woman will take advantage of the favorable chances within their reach to make the present last. The only way to do this is by putting aside in the Savings Bank a small portion of to-day's good luck. Remember this cannot last for ever.

All good chances are in the present. Those who depend upon future chances are betting against themselves and this is generally a very bad bet

The Merchants' Bank

OF CANADA.

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Local and District News

Miss Usher is attending Brockville Presbyterial at Cornwall.

Mrs. W. B. Connerty returned Saturday from a visit to Montreal.

In the storm of last week, George Miller, of Addison, had a valuable cow killed by lightning.

Miss Bessie Barrington of Frankville, is the guest of Miss Muriel Wilson.

Mr. Eck Billings, of Brockville, spent a few days in Athens, a guest of G. W. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Burchell and two sons spent the week-end in Cardinal.

The condition of Mrs. C. Hickey, who is ill with pneumonia, is much improved.

Mr. C. Connor and Mr. B. Davis, of Antox, B. C., are visitors at M. L. Wilson's.

Mrs. Leah Little has purchased a new McLaughlin Four from A. Taylor & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith were called to Brantford last week by the death of Mr. George Smith's 19-year-old daughter.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a picnic on Saturday at Mr. W. F. Earl's cottage at Charleston Lake.

Miss Gladys Gainford leaves on Monday to teach the remainder of the term in a school near Mallorytown.

Mrs. Wilson Wiltse has been quite ill again. Dr. C. M. B. Cornell, of Brockville was here to see her recently.

For the cheapest and most satisfactory roof, get Cedar Shingles—good quality and lowest prices at Athens Lumber Yard.

Mr. G. Crawford McClean, of Brockville, spent Monday in Athens, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ackland.

Five carloads of gypsies passed through here Saturday. They used Ford cars as means of transportation. Surely romance is dying in every walk of life.

Ganoque local talent will present a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, "Trial by Jury" in the Town Hall, Athens, Thursday of this week, under auspices of the Women's Institute. It will be a rare treat. Read the advertisement in the advertising columns.

Mr. T. Bert Cole, of Ottawa, who recently returned home from overseas, having accompanied Premier Borden and party as assistant secretary, was a recent guest in Athens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Mill street.

Bishop Bidwell, who succeeds the late Bishop Mills as Diocesan of Ontario, has decided that it would be out of the question for him, with the episcopal income what it is, to live in Bishopscourt at Kingston and maintain it properly. The See House has therefore been sold to Sanford Calvin, and the Synod will provide Bishop Bidwell with another residence.

The Edison recital and tone-test given at Delta Friday evening by the Robt. Wright Co., was a great success, about four hundred citizens being in attendance and over \$75.00 realized for the Red Cross Society. A feature of the entertainment was the violin playing of Mr. R. H. Bryson, of Montreal, who played three selections in unison with the Edison instrument, which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hawkins, New Dublin, were recent guests at Henry Hawkins'.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stevens and son, Dr. Rupert Stevens, Delta, have been here on a visit to Mrs. Stevens' brother, A. Robinson.

Mr. Roy Robinson is better and now convalescing nicely from his recent severe attack of pleurisy.

Service will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

Mrs. (Dr.) D. G. Peate, who has been very ill with pleuro-pneumonia is now on a fair way to recovery.

Mrs. N. K. Benedict has so far recovered from her recent illness as to go to Delta on a visit to her sister, Mrs. O. P. Arnold.

An important meeting of Christs Church Guild, which all members are requested to attend, will be held at Mrs. Duffield's on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. A. E. Donovan, of Toronto, has offered their garden property to the Athens Women's Institute to aid patriotic production. This property is on Elgin street.

Last week fire destroyed the residence of Miss Josephine Thompson, in Escott village. The fire started in the attic. The contents were saved. Insurance of \$350 was carried on the building.

There was a very poor market in the county town Saturday morning not a great amount of produce being offered for sale. Eggs were sold at 40 cents a dozen; potatoes at \$3.00 a bushel; butter 45 cents a pound; rhubarb 5 cents a bunch; and lettuce at 20 cents a box.

Victoria Day was possibly wetter and colder than the rest of the month; outside of that, there was not much to distinguish it from other days. Everyone stopped at home. There were no picnics, no motor trips—just showers, drizzles, and general indisposition of the weather.

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