

## ALVINSTON

The A. Y. P. A. held a hard-time social in the Parish hall on Wednesday evening, many and varied costumes typical of the evening were present. A delightful program was prepared which consisted of a reading by Rev. Larber; an address given by Miss C. C. Dolbear on "Our Trip Down The St. Lawrence" was very much enjoyed as was a reading given by Mrs. Mary Westcott; Gertrude Brownlee rendered a very acceptable vocal selection. The reading of the society's paper "Sparks from the A. Y. P. A. Anvil" caused much merriment for the audience. Mary B. Pavy and Frank McNally captured the prizes for the best hard-time costumes. At the close of the meeting the young ladies of the society served refreshments during which a social hour was spent.

The local Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George Johnston on Wednesday afternoon. At the conclusion of the business part of the program Mrs. George Johnston gave a helpful and interesting address on "Opening Our Eyes to the Wonders of Nature." Margaret McCallum played several instrumentals which were much appreciated. At the close of the program a buttonhole contest was held with Mrs. Henry Lightfoot as winner. Refreshments were served at the close and a social hour indulged in.

Messrs. George Whitton and Clifford Welch spent the week-end in London.

Misses Jeanette McTaggart and S. Massy spent the week-end in Glencoe.

## PETROLIA

Mr. David Stothers is remodelling the old American Hotel in the East End and after selling half of the building to be moved away will convert the remainder into a dwelling house. With its conversion another link is broken between the old and new Petrolia. Old timers recall that when the Petrolia of the early days was packed east of the flats nine or ten hotels, including the American Hotel, Michigan Exchange, New York Hotel, Saginaw, Boyce Hotel, Murray House, Central, the Main, and the Drillard, catered to the wants of the public and did a flourishing business, especially in the bar. To-day with the passing of the American none of these buildings remain, the others having been torn down, removed or destroyed by fire.

**Down Among The Nuts**  
Dr. F. W. Mulligan sends greetings to a friend in Petrolia from Miami, Florida, where he and Mrs. Mulligan are spending the winter. One post card received has a picture showing W. J. Bryan addressing his Sunday school class numbering from 4,000 to 5,000, in Royal Palm Park, a grove of coconut trees on the shore of a bay. While it was difficult to distinguish the doctor's figure amongst the crowd it is supposed that he had a front seat so he could reach the collection plate on its first round.

## INWOOD

Miss Thelma Warren of London spent last week with Miss Marvel Bishop.

Mrs. Clarence Atkin received a message on Thursday last that her father Mr. Robert Smale had died in Kylemore, Sask. after a lingering illness. Mr. Smale was in his 80th year.

The father and son banquet held on Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian school room was a splendid success.

Mrs. Roland Atkin and daughter, Betty of Windsor are visiting relatives near Inwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston entertained at seven tables of 500 on Friday evening. All report a fine time. The prizes were won by Mrs. W. R. Dawson, Mrs. J. Warner and S. S. Courtright.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. John Rundle from our midst, we understand she intends moving to the 10th line, and living with her daughter Mrs. Wm. Chalk.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Cathers was largely attended on Thursday. The service was held at the church, Rev. Mr. McVicar in charge.

Mrs. C. Atkin and Mr. Roy Chapman were in London last week.

Mr. Dan Rundle left on Friday for his home at Rama, Sask.

Rev. Mr. Spracklin of Alvinston was an Inwood visitor on Thursday. Nurse Miss Bailey returned to London on Saturday after spending a couple of weeks with Miss Gertrude McVicar, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Lehnass visited their daughter M. Case at Peck Mich. last week.

Mr. J. W. Johnston and Mr. Henry Johnston were in Detroit for a few days.

Mrs. Stanley Graham of Saxville is visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Chapman.

Mr. Russel Kimball of the bank staff here is spending his vacation with friends in Detroit.

Mrs. Wallie Neil and children spent the week end with Mrs. Mann at Petrolia.

Mrs. W. Tait and Mrs. D. Brown attended the funeral of Mr. C. Metcalf at Petrolia on Friday.

A play called the "Hoodooed Coon from Cairo" will be put on at the Masonic Hall here on Friday night.

Mrs. B. Richardson of Strathroy, is in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. White returned to their home at Yarmouth Centre after visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean of Petrolia spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Munro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Atkin and family of Saxville were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Atkin on Sunday.

## CHOP STUFF

The total benefits awarded by the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of March amounted to \$500,380.41, \$424,655.34 being compensation, and \$75,725.07 medical aid; and the accidents reported numbered 4,711, 30 of them being fatal. The benefits awarded during the first quarter of 1924 amounted to \$1,529,077.93; as compared with a total of \$1,407,389.65 during the first quarter of 1923; and the accidents numbered 14,144, as against 12,646.

The death occurred on Friday morning at her home in Poplar Hill of Mrs. Spurway, in her 65th year. The remains were taken to Kilmartin on Saturday, where the funeral services were conducted in Burn's church, interment being made in Kilmartin cemetery. Mrs. Spurway is survived by her husband, three sisters and one brother—Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. McIntyre, near Alvinston; Mrs. Neil McKellar, of Alvinston, and Neil McKellar, of Glencoe.

A map made by Christopher Columbus and of great value owing to its possible bearing on his discovery of America, has been found under curious circumstances in the national library by M. de la Ronciere, head of the printed book section. M. de la Ronciere told the Academie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres that he believed the map to be none other than the one which inspired Columbus' epoch-making voyage. It was filed in the library as a Portuguese map of the sixteenth century.

Official recognition of Canada's status as a nation and of her membership in the League of Nations is found in the new flag of the Dominion, which was inaugurated the first of this month. Although the new ensign was authorized some time ago, the use of the flags bearing the old shield was permitted until March 31, 1924, so that mercantile firms stocked with older designs might not be the losers. The official flag is the familiar Canadian Red Ensign, used in Canada's flag for 32 years, with the shield from the new Canadian coat-of-arms substituted for the old shield on the fly. The main figure on the new flag is, of course, the old Union Jack, composed of St. George's, St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's crosses. The minor figure is the shield on the fly.

Pensions are being paid to 18,420 Imperial pensioners in Canada and the United States by the Canadian department of soldiers' civil re-establishment. Of these 12,727 are in Canada and 5,676 in the United States. The total amount disbursed by Canada for the British government in this work is \$5,447,897.

The marriage of Mabel Lavina Lucas, of Plympton Township, to Leslie Garnet McLachlan, of Enniskillen Township, was quietly solemnized on Wednesday at the Methodist parsonage, Hale street, London. Rev. L. W. Reid officiating. The bride and groom were unattended. After a brief honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan will reside on the groom's farm, Enniskillen.



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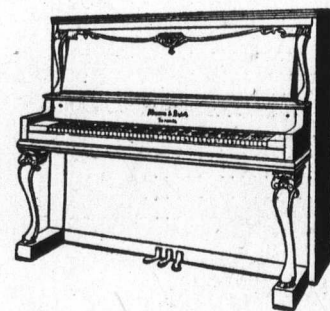
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