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### REAL TALENT IN AMATEUR PLAY

"A Pair of Idiots" Presented by Dramatic Club of the Women's Institute with Remarkable Success—Amazing Performance in Many Ways.

Ability and adaptability existed in every line, every action, every absurd crisis, of that delightful two-act comedy, "A Pair of Idiots", presented in the Athens Town Hall Wednesday evening last by the Dramatic Club of the Women's Institute in aid of the Public Library. Once in a blue moon an amateur play is produced in which each member of the cast fits the role assigned as if it had been constructed for him, and if that is true "A Pair of Idiots" must have had the benefit of lunar beneficence. Comedy, though it was, and light of plot as it had to be, there was a freshness and exuberance of good spirits running through it that endeared it to the audience and they "caught on" so spontaneously that the players glided in their work. The result was a delightful performance, and it is hoped will prove conclusively that bright comedy is much preferred to melodrama which has held the boards in rural productions for years. Although the weather was unfavorable the auditorium was fairly well filled and the event was a financial success. The lighting system of the hall had been repaired by the installation of two small Earl acetylene gas machines. (It will be remembered that the main supply plant was destroyed by fire several weeks ago.)

The dramatis personae was as follows:

Colonel Archibald Bradley, a hot-tempered Virginian gentleman.....  
..... Jas. E. Burchell, B.A.  
Peter Jennings, from Arkansas.....  
..... Mr. Geo. Drummond  
Dr. George Gunther, Peter's friend.....  
..... Mr. M. D. Halpenny  
Miss Lucretia Bradley, the Colonel's maiden sister.....  
..... Mrs. Crawford C. Slack  
Miss Jean Bradley, the Colonel's daughter..... Miss Gertrude Cross  
Miss Winifred Lester, the Colonel's niece and ward..... Miss M. Hubbs, B. A.

The play was woven around the existence of a will by which Peter Jennings was to inherit a fortune if he married Miss Lester, the Colonel's niece. The conditions of the will were odious to the young people, and although they had not seen each other, they decided to throw up the fortune rather than be forced into matrimony. How he met her without discovering her true identity, how they decided to feign idioev, the complications of mistaken identity, the idiosyncrasies of the Colonel and his sister, the case of pride versus love, were worked out so clearly, and withal so ludicrously, that memory fails to recall a more pleasant evening's entertainment.

None of the parts was subordinate. They all called for good acting; Miss Hubbs as Miss Lester, and Mr. Burchell as Colonel Bradley, the principals, were most ably supported by the other members of the cast.

Preceding the play, Miss Wilma Steacy gave a humorous reading; a ladies' double quartette sang; and Misses Lillian Burchell, Generva Yates, and Olive M. Usher played a piano trio. Between acts, Mr. Clarence Washburn played violin solos. The musical program was excellent.

### Appeal Dismissed

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Tuesday of last week in the appellate court the appeal in the matter of Myers vs. Stoeness was heard. The appeal was from the judgment of Judge Dowseley, who awarded a verdict to the plaintiff when the action was tried in Brockville. It concerned three promissory notes over stock in a black fox farm at Westport, which the defendant was alleged to have torn up. The higher court dismissed the appeal. Hutcheon & Driver appeared for the defendant.

### Death of Mrs. Vickery

The death occurred at Newboro on Saturday morning, Feb. 3, of Mrs. Caroline Vickery, widow of Mr. Sanford Vickery who predeceased her about 12 years ago.

The late Mrs. Vickery was one of the most highly respected and well-known residents of that village for the past thirty years, and was held in the warmest regard by those who enjoyed her intimate friendship. Mrs. Vickery had been an invalid for the past nine years but bore her sufferings with true Christian fortitude. About two weeks ago deceased contracted a cold, which later developed into pneumonia and ultimately caused her death.

Deceased leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Miller of Neepawa, and Mrs. Barber, of Kelwood, Manitoba, the latter being with deceased during the past three months, and Mrs. Morrison her niece, arrived about three weeks ago and to whom much sympathy is extended.

The funeral was held on Monday at 2 p.m. from her late residence, Main street, Newboro, where evidences were not lacking to show the popular esteem in which the deceased was held. There was a large gathering of friends and relatives and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hall, rector of the Anglican church, and the body was afterwards interred in St. Mary's cemetery.

The pallbearers were Messrs R. Hamilton, W. H. Whaley, G. S. Wrathall, G. Bowden, C. Hall and G. S. Duncan.

### Wiltsetown School Honor Roll

IV—Morris Earl, Elmer Parish, Bessie Parish.  
Sr. III—Marion Earl, Mazie Redford, Harvey Dillabough.  
r. III—Maude Algure.  
Sr. II—Clifford Redford  
Jr. II—Ina Algure, Beatrice Par-I—Jock Earl.  
Pr.—Polly Algure, Laura Redford.  
No. on roll—13  
Average attendance 10.04.  
V. J. Beaman, Teacher

### Mrs. John Berry

The death occurred in the General hospital at Kingston on Friday of Mrs. John Berry, of Seely's Bay. The deceased was born in Leeds County. She was 42 years of age. Her maiden name was Patience Singleton. She was a daughter of R. Singleton.

### LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. A. E. Putnam, of Seely's Bay was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Smith.

Mr. Dunham, of Brockville, is at Charleston Lake putting a pile driver in commission for work on the new wharf.

Mr. S. Seaman, of Toronto, was a guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Percival.

Mr. Clarence Knowlton who, is specializing in optical work is in Toronto in the employ of one of the big optical houses of that city.

Mr. Frank Gifford found a duck of a rare species yesterday. It had evidently flown as far as it could and was easily captured. Its color was dark slate with white breast and white tipped wings. The tail was short and the beak long and sharp.

### A Celebrated Suicide.

Haydon, the celebrated historical painter and writer, at a time in his life when he was overcome by debt, disappointment and ingratitude, laid down the brush with which he was at work upon his last great effort, "Alfred and the Trial by Jury," wrote with a steady hand, "Stretch me no longer upon this rough world," and then was a pistol shot put an end to his unhappy existence.

### Dressing the Pillow.

A little child, not three years old, was sleepy, and his mother carried him to his crib, but the pillowslip had been removed by the maid for the laundry, and the child, looking up beseechingly into his mother's face, said pleadingly, "Please put a shirt on my pillow."

## Good Times and Bad Times

It is well to remember that the conditions under which we working people live are always changing. Working people mean lawyers, doctors, mechanics, manufacturers, bankers or farmers. Every one labors with his head or hands. The time to save is naturally in good times. The time to be glad you save is in both bad and good times, but do not forget that you cannot save at all during bad times. Good times are here to-day. What do you think of a sum put every week in the Bank against the day when bad times are here.

## The Merchants' Bank OF CANADA.

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### LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Melzer Ferguson ill with pneumonia.

Reeve Holmes left yesterday on a business trip to Ottawa.

Mr. Levi Wilson has gone to Brockville to work in the munition factory.

Miss Ina Hawse has been visiting Plum Hollow friends.

Miss Stafford, Seely's Bay is a guest at A. Mulvena's.

Mrs. S. Boddy, Elgin street, is on the sick list.

Miss Della Niblock, of Brandon, Man., is a guest of friends here.

This is St. Valentine's Day and the 21st is Ash Wednesday the first day in Lent.

Miss Mellie McKeggan, of Addison, was a guest of Miss H. Latimer last week.

Ladies of the Young People's Club who have sewing out are requested to turn it in Friday evening as it is desired to make a shipment at once.

Mr. J. Ritchie Bell, of the Sailors' Mission, Montreal is expected here early in March to conduct evangelistic services in the Methodist Church.

Miss Orma Fortune has finished her apprenticeship as dressmaker with Mrs. W. Topping and returned to her home in Mallorytown

It is reported that Company D, Ogdensburg's section of the National Guard, may be sent to Massena, N.Y., for guard duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston and two children, of Watson, Sask., have been visitors in the village, guests of their uncle, Mr. D. L. Johnston.

The Smith's Falls town council has made grants of \$5,000 to the Patriotic Fund, and \$1,000 to the Red Cross Society.

Mr. F. W. Duggan, field secretary of the Dominion Alliance was in Athens yesterday arranging for a field day for Leeds County on March 11.

Despite bad weather and almost impassible roads the Patriotic Assembly of the Young People's Club was a gratifying success. The attendance was remarkable all things considered.

The new Orange Hall on Princess street, Kingston, was dedicated Thursday by the Grand Master of Ontario East, Capt. E. H. McLean, of Bowmanville. There was a big gathering from all parts of Ontario.

Andrew Urshan, a Syrian of Persia a Pentecostal Evangelist, has been conducting services in the Mission here. He had some narrow escapes during the Armenian Massacres of this war.

A number of Athenians drove to Henry Crummy's recently to attend the farewell party given in honor of Stanley Crummy who has enlisted and goes to Kingston shortly to begin his training. A wrist watch and other tokens were presented.

The weather this winter is enough to try the patience of the most optimistic. For an interminable time, it seems, snow has been falling and piling up. The roads are full, often higher than the fences. Railway trains run irregularly, and during the frequent storms, not at all. The temperature is often below zero—very far below.

Ross Mansell, of the Canadian West was a visitor in town last week.

Miss Bertha Eligh is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. H. Clow.

Lieut. Rowe and Sergt. Becket have opened up a recruiting office in the Parish block to secure enlistments for the new company of the 156th.

Rev. H. S. Putnam and Mrs. Putnam and daughter of Marlborough, Mass., are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. N. E. Smith. On Sunday, Mr. Putnam preached in the Methodist church.

A meeting of the local branch of the Leeds Farmers Limited will be held in the Agricultural office at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. All farmers are welcome.

A company is being formed by a number of gentlemen in Gananoque and vicinity for the purpose of manufacturing rennet, which is one of the requirements of the dairying industry.

Among the invalided soldiers who arrived last week in Kingston from Quebec, were Sergt. C. Crossman, Crosby, Pte C. Greenham, Athens; Pte A. Gore, Westport; Pte. J. Trickett, Kemptville, and Pte. A. McCallum, Philippsville.

A handsome lamp and valuable jardiniere were presented to the township clerk, Mr. R. E. Cornell and Mrs. Cornell by an appreciative council. Mr. Cornell has filled this position with dignity and efficiency for upwards of twenty-five years.

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