

BIGGEST COP IS FARMER

Former Athens Chief of Police Is a Tiller of the Soil in Saskatchewan.

George Shook came from Athens. He is the son of Mr. Noah Shook who lives on the corner of Joseph and Isaac streets. After acting as Village Officer here for several years, he went to Moose Jaw and became a popular member of the force there. The Moose Jaw Evening Times contains the following interesting note regarding him:

"George Shook, who until a short while ago was a member of the City Police force, and who had the reputation of being the biggest constable in Saskatchewan, and who resigned his position on the force to take up farming in the Limerick district, was a visitor to the city yesterday and today, and while here renewed his acquaintance with old friends in the city."

Since becoming a tiller of the soil Mr. Shook has taken an active part in the affairs of his district and has evidently won the admiration and respect of the locality, as at a recent meeting of the populace, he was elected chairman of the Highland Valley School Board.

When interviewed this morning, Mr. Shook stated that the school was a credit to the community, that a very excellent teacher with a vast amount of experience has been engaged, and that the attendance has reached 15. The residents of the district were all exceedingly proud of the school, and a great deal of earnest attention is being given to school matters by them. They aim to make it one of the best rural schools in the province, and with George Shook at the head of the Board, they expect to see their anticipations realized at an early date."

Draftees Making Good.

The Depot Battalion is undergoing training every day at the Kingston armories, and under competent N.C.O.'s and officers, is making splendid headway. The statement is made that the class of men secured under the Military Service Act is very high and that misdemeanors are unknown. First Draft Leaves.

Lieut. Sherman Young took a draft of 100 men from the Eastern Ontario Depot Battalion on Saturday from Kingston to an eastern training ground. The draft is said to be one of the finest bodies of men that has left during the war. It is said that a draft of artillery will shortly also leave Kingston.

Four churches of Perth have united in Sunday service and meet at the Balderson theatre. The shortage of fuel is the reason.

Mr. D. W. Downey, a well-known merchant of Brockville, was remembered on his 70th birthday when the staffs of his two stores presented him with a bouquet of 70 roses.

Saturday's Market.

The market Saturday morning in the county town was one of the largest since the holidays. The prices quoted were—butter 45-50; potatoes \$1.25; chickens \$1 each; cabbage 10 cents; eggs 50-55; parsnips 40 cents a basket and onions ruled at the same price.

Railway Construction Corps.

The Forestry and Railway Construction Depot has been split into two parts. The Forestry Depot will be stationed at Brockville. The Railway Construction Depot will have its headquarters at Exhibition camp, Ottawa.

Wen He Volunteers.

The Minister—Trust in God and keep your powder dry.
His dotting mother—I wonder how long before he'll be a general.
His Militant Father—Bully for him!
His Pacifist Uncle—Dear me! Dear me!
His Proud Aunt—He gets his brave spirit from our side of the family.
His little Brother—Gee! I wish I could go.
His Little Sister—I wish I had a dress like that uniform.
His Chum—I hope he pays me that five bucks before he goes.
His Best Girl—Isn't he grand?
His Girl's Chum—Oh, you must give me a military button for my collection.
Their Next-door Neighbor—I suppose they'll be more stuck up than ever now.
Drill Sergeant—Oh, Gawd!

PAIN IN THE BACK.

It Should Not Be Ignored, as It May Mean Serious Trouble.

Backache, like headache and many another ache to which the human frame is subject, is a symptom that may be caused by a great many different conditions.

A chronic pain in the back may mean very serious trouble. Tuberculosis does not respect any part of the human body. When it attacks the spinal column it is called Pott's disease. Among the initial symptoms is a backache that the patient complains of long before signs of deformity show themselves. If the backache is ignored much valuable time may be lost. A careful examination at the earliest complaint of pain and stiffness may give the physician an opportunity to prescribe a course of treatment that will arrest the disease before it causes deformity. The tuberculin test enables the physician to make sure that the backache is not caused by a less serious condition. A negative tuberculin test means that he must look further for the cause of the pain.

Much backache could be spared young adolescents if they would persistently carry out a system of simple calisthenics designed to strengthen the back. If they begin it in childhood it will prevent many of them from outgrowing their spines. Of course all children should use the seats and desks that enforce a good attitude.

In many cases of young adolescents who have grown very rapidly it will be found advisable to permit the wearing of a carefully fitted support or belt. In older persons who suffer from constant backache the cause may be a weakening of the abdominal muscles. In that case an abdominal belt becomes a necessity.

GREAT NATURAL BRIDGE.

Justice Marshall Called It "God's Greatest Miracle In Stone."

The great Natural bridge, which is one of the natural wonders of the United States, overlooks the James river valley, in Virginia, being on the western slope of the Blue mountains. It is just about the center of the state. It approaches Niagara in grandeur and exceeds it in height and awful mystery. It is a single block of limestone, with many shades of color. The walls are smooth, as if cut with chisels, and there is no sign of displacement. The visitor follows a tumbling cascade down a deep fissure in the mountain under some of the largest arbutus trees in the world and, turning down a line of steps cut into the precipice, suddenly finds himself by a swift stream in a dark canyon and the great bridge far above him.

Washington when a surveyor for Lord Fairfax visited the Natural bridge and carved his name, where it may still be seen. The original bridge tract was granted by King George III, to Thomas Jefferson in 1774. After he was president Jefferson visited the place, surveyed it and made the map with his own hands. Jefferson spoke of the place as "a famous place that will draw the attention of the world." Chief Justice Marshall wrote of the bridge as "God's greatest miracle in stone." Henry Clay wrote of "the bridge not made with hands that spans a river, carries a highway and makes two mountains one."

Value of the Apple.
The apple is pre-eminent in the household economy, for no other fruit excels it in culinary usefulness. It graces the table in a far greater variety than any other fruit. Of all fruits grown in North America the apple leads in amount and intrinsic value. No fear of an overproduction, however, if the means of transportation and distribution are perfected. What if we do raise 125,000 carloads of apples or 62,000,000 boxes a year? This is but half a box to a person, not counting what we export. That isn't very many.—Exchange.

Scandinavians.
The term "Scandinavians" is not confined to the Norwegians. The Norwegians are indeed Scandinavians, but so also are the Swedes, Danes and Icelanders. For that matter, the Germans, English and Americans of English stock are also of the Scandinavian stock, since it is more than probable that Germany was originally stocked from the land of the northmen, and it is from the north German stock that the so-called Anglo-Saxon comes.

Chemistry of Human Body.
The average human body, besides the carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen of which it is chiefly composed, contains three and three-fourths pounds of lime, one pound eleven ounces of phosphorus, two and two-thirds ounces of potash, two and one-half ounces of sodium, one and three-fifths ounces each of magnesium, sulphur and silica and about one-sixth of an ounce of iron.

A Japanese Bridge.
One of Japan's most interesting monuments of antiquity is the bridge of the Brocade Girdle, built in the sixteenth century, a mass of pegs and crude joints—not a nail of metal in the entire length of 750 feet, and as good today as when built.

Ways of an Orchid.
One of South America's curiosities is an orchid which has a peculiar tube that it lets down into the water when it wants a drink. At other times it is kept curled up.

Australia.
Australia is the largest island in the world. Its area is nearly three-fourths that of Europe.

IS BEHIND THE LINES

After 15 Months in Trenches, is Instructor under Major Gault.

Corp Keith McLaughlin in writing home from somewhere-in-France, where he is an instructor in a military school, says: "I am glad you do not worry over me like you used to, for, believe me, I am safe here, although we do not know the day nor the hour when the battalion may call us back. However, I hope they will not need me, but if they do, I sure can go up the line again with a smile. Of course, I have every desire to return to Canada uncrippled, but I believe that I could still enjoy myself without a leg or arm."

"Now, don't think I am in a cold, dark hole writing this, for I am not. We are in a large room in an old historic chateau (eight of us), and have two electric lights in our room, a table and many of the comforts of home. I made my own little bed which is comfortable if not very neat looking, and I have three blankets, and believe me, every night when I get in between them I say 'thank God I am not marked' time up the line to-night, standing in water, cold and hungry.' Give honor to whom honor is due, and it sure is due to those boys who are holding the line to-night. Of course, I figure I have earned my job by my fifteen months work in the line without leaving the battalion, but how some fellows can join the army on purpose to get soft jobs sure beats me."

"I see in papers of Canada about fellows who never saw France, who are sent back home, are called brave men, etc. Do you know what I call them? I call them poor sticks who took government money and then double-crossed it. Do you know that not one out of every ten who returns that way has any right to go home?"

"You have all heard of the famous Major Hamilton Gault, the founder of the P.P.C.L.L. Well, he has charge of the school here now. Of course, you know he lost a leg at Ypres in 1916, but still he manages to get around with his imitation leg quite ably and is still every inch a soldier. Of course, he was given quite an enthusiastic reception from the boys, but it was Major Hamilton Gault, the soldier, they cheered most, and not the commander. He is a good soldier and encourages sport and heavy discipline while on parade."

Chantry

Our school is closed on account of our teacher being sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stanton, of Edmonton, spent a week with his sister, Mrs. T. Dewell.

Mrs. F. Hull spent a few days in Westport.

Mrs. S. Elliott has been confined to her bed for a few days with kidney trouble.

Mrs. Whaley is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. R. Trotter.

Mrs. Staey has returned to Athens after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. Knowlton.

Mrs. G. Garrett has been visiting visiting friends at Clear Lake.

Delta boys were playing hockey with Chantry hockey team Friday afternoon.

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Charleston
Messrs. J. T. and E. J. Foster, of Watrous, Sask., were recent visitors at their uncle's, R. Foster's. Quite a number from here attended the dance on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lappan, Melcombe, were at R. Foster's on Friday and Saturday.

A heavy storm prevailed here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Esther Baxter, of McDonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, is holidaying at S. Godkin's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Godkin entertained a few friends on Wednesday evening at progressive euchre. A pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster gave a dance on Friday night to a large number of their friends in honor of their two nephews, Johnny and E. J. Foster, who are on a visit from Watrous, Sask., after an absence of twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Godkin entertained a few people on Saturday evening.

On account of the bad roads no mail came through for three days last week.

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There was a town of many creeds. That never could agree Till one cold winter froze them To perfect unity. "To save our coal, if not our soul" Said they "till winter's done, Let's close our varied churches And worship all in one." If all the creeds had one belief And followed Gospel text, 'Twould save much coal in this life, And also in the next.

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Brockville Business College WEEKLY BULLETIN
Miss Sadye Ruttle, a graduate of four years ago and who for the past three years has been on the Civil Service staff at Ottawa, has received the appointment of private secretary with the Imperial Government at Washington, D.C.

Miss Agnes Blair has again been called to do a few weeks' temporary stenographic work for the Canadian Briscoe Motor Co.

Miss May McCrum, who for the past two years has been stenographer with D. A. Cummings & Co., has resigned, and expects to move to Kansas.

Miss Grace Johnston, a book-keeping graduate of last term, has secured a position as book-keeper for the Hub Clothing Co. of Toronto.

Miss Bernice Truesdell has now a splendid position as stenographer with the Brantford Carriage Co., at Brantford.

Mrs. M. C. Quinn and Miss Ray McGill have this week passed our 80 word per minute shorthand test.

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Peat as Fuel.
The possibilities of securing large quantities of peat as fuel in view of the coal shortage is engaging attention. Large deposits of peat are to be found at the door of most places in eastern Canada, and it is figured that Toronto could be supplied at \$5.80 a ton. There is no doubt but that there will be still greater suffering next winter if a new fuel supply is not secured. The view is expressed that the Dominion Government should take steps to develop the peat bogs without delay.

Ontario Needs 7,500.
Ontario will need 7500 farm hands during the coming season in addition to the army of city men who will spend their vacations on the farm, the university girls and other young women who will help with general farming this year.

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