BIGCEST 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 engage, 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 rememwith a bouquet of 70 roses.

PAIN /IN THE BACK.

It Should Not Be Ignored, as It May Mean Serious Trouble. Backache, like headache and many nother 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 dis-Among the initial symptoms is a backache that the patient complains of long before signs of deformity show themselves. If the backache is ignor-ed 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 physician to make sure that the the backache is not caused by a less se-rious 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 calisthemics 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 con-stant 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 arbor vitae trees in the world and, turning down a line of steps cut into the preci-pice, 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

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After 15 Months in Trenches, is In structor under Major Gault,

Corp Keith McLaughlin in writing ome 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 pleasant evening was spent. 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 belive 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 marki g 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 founderof the P.P.C.L.I. Well, he has charge of the school here now. Of course, you know he lost a log 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 mostly, 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.

To Save Fuel.

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 attend-

d the dance on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lappan, Mel-

Charleston

combe, were at R. Foster's on Friday and Saturday. A heavy storm

Saturday and Sunday. Miss Esther Baxter, of McDonald

idaying at S. Godkin's Mr. and Mrs. S. Godkin entertain ed a few friends on Wednesday

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

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

ECONOMIZING COAL SUPPLY 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. -Anonymous

In order to assist in the movement to save light and fuel, the merchants of Brockville will close at 5 p.m each day except Saturday, when the closing hour will be 9 p.m. Show windows will not be illuminated as has been the custom.

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 secre-

at Washington, D.C. Miss Agnes Blair has again been

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.

ing graduate of last term, has secured a position as book-keeper for the Hub Clothing Co. of Toronto. Miss Bernice Truesdall 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

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110 acres more or less, 11/2 miles east of Athens, on the Brockville road, 80 acres under culitvation, the balance good acres under cultivation, the balance good pasture land. On the premises are erect-ed a good stone house and outbuildings. This farm was owned by the late Erastus Rowsom, and is one of the best in the county of Leeds, well watered, convenient to churchise when and the store of churches, schools and cheese factories. Apply to HENRY D. ROWSOM FARM FOR SALE

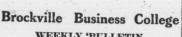
150 acres known as the Mansell farm, situate at Temperance Lake,

4 miles from the village of Athens, 3-roomed house, furnace heating, cistern, woodshed, 2 barns 30x 40 and 30x60 with stone basement, cement floor, stable for 25 cows and 6 horses, swing bales, water in stable, double silo, 150 tons capacity, 2 good wells, spring in pasture, carriage house, modern pig pen, good sugar bush, from 600 to 800 trees. Easy terms. Apply T. R. Beale, Athens:



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Peat as Fuel.



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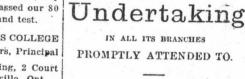
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Miss Grace Johnston, a book-keep-

word per minute shorthand test.

W. T. Rogers, Principal

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The possibilities of securing large

quantities of peat as fuel in view of

the coal shortage is engaging atten-

tion. 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 suf-

fering next winter if a new fuel sup-

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

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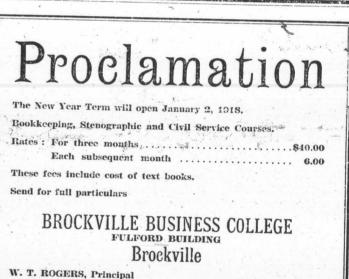
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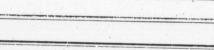
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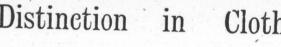
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