

COWANSVILLE and SWETSBURG

A Record of the Happenings During the Week in

THESE TWO VILLAGES

Have Assigned

Well & Kerr made a voluntary assignment Monday, and closed that evening.

Dressmaking

Miss C. Laduke, late with Miss Ball, is prepared to do dressmaking at her home, Church street, or at the residence of those so desiring.

The Richford Disaster

Many of our citizens have taken a trip to Richford, Vt., during the past week to see the result of the terrible disaster to the grain elevator last Thursday.

New Undertaking Shop

Mr. M. B. Judson has moved his undertaking headquarters to the upper store in the new Hull Block. Everything is very tastefully arranged in the new quarters, and right up to city standards.

Ill at Her Brother's

Miss Beryl Duboyce is ill at the home of her brother, Mr. P. C. Duboyce, and under the care of Nurse Hall of East Farnham. Mr. Duboyce has also been under the weather, but we are hoping to hear his cheery laugh before long.

Council Meeting for List Revision

A council meeting was held Monday evening for the purpose of revising the electoral list for the coming election. Good feeling prevailed, but both Liberals and Conservatives tried strenuously to get their innings. As usual both sides did not get all they wanted.

Cheese Board

At the weekly meeting of the Eastern Townships Dairymen's Exchange on Saturday, creameries offered 686 boxes butter; six factories offered 150 boxes of cheese, 542 boxes of butter sold at 24 1/2 c; 300 boxes at 25 1/2 c; and 10 boxes at 25 c; 38 boxes unsold. Cheese sold at 11 7/8 c to 12 c.

Apple Weighed a Pound

Mr. William Budd brought to THE OBSERVER office last Thursday two very fine Alexander apples, one tipping the scales at a pound, and the other at twelve ounces. This heads the large apple list so far, and Mr. Budd says this style of apple is very plentiful with him this year.

Concert to Night

Music lovers want to keep in mind the grand concert this evening at the town hall, under the auspices of the Emmanuel Girls Club. Dr. A. E. Rykert and Mrs. Donaghy are to sing, the Misses Kimball and Perley will render piano selections, and other local talent will take part. Admission at popular prices.

To Those Interested in Missions

All women and girls interested in missions are cordially invited to meet Miss Diadem Bell, of central Africa, at the residence of Mrs. O. N. Hull, on Tuesday next, Oct. 20th, from 3 to 5 p. m. A public meeting will be held in the Congregational church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited. Silver collection.

His Picture in the Star

The Montreal Star of Tuesday published the photo of H. Clinton Johnson, of Cowansville, who is to take part in the big Star running race to be held on Oct. 24th. Under the picture is the title: "This is H. Clinton Johnson, of the Cowansville Harriers, one of the dark horses for the big fifteen mile championship race on October 24th."

PERSONAL MENTION

The Movements Back and Forth of Residents and Visitors.

Mr. Geo. Macfarlane, of Knowlton, visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Edna Steel, of Richford, Vt., spent the week end at her home here.

Mrs. P. A. Ruiter left on Tuesday morning for a visit to friends in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Wm. Johnston is attending the

W. C. T. U. convention this week, which is meeting in St. James Methodist church, Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Owens and family of Barre, Vt., have been visiting at the home of Mr. H. Persons.

COWANSVILLE CHOIRS

Suggestions From the Editors of our Woman's Page

A lady, who is much interested in things musical, asked me a question a short time ago, which I failed to answer at the time, and which I have been turning over in my mind ever since.

The question was this, "Why are the choirs no better than they were twenty years ago?"

There is no denying the fact that the singing in our churches is decidedly poor. The simple, old hymns, that we all have known from our youth up, we should at least be able to sing in time and rhythm and with correct attack.

Years ago when singing schools were the fashion, when the average singer could read at sight with ease, and knew the exact value of each note, and each rest; good concerted singing was prevalent. Then the choirs of some of the country churches sang in a way, that to-day some of the city choirs might envy.

Individual vocal culture has greatly increased. We have specialists in voice training to-day like we have in any other branch of learning, and this is well, tho' too often, too often, a beautiful voice and good musicianship do not go hand in hand, teachers spend too much time upon the technique of the voice and neglect the general musical training.

With the decline of the singing schools in the country, has come the decline of good singing in our choirs. The old singing master, gave his pupils a thorough grounding in the exact value of the notes, his hobby was "time," to-day with our various systems of sight reading each trying to make the path easier and our multitudes of other studies, students are really handicapped instead of helped, on the road to a musical education.

It is much the same in our other branches of learning. I know a number of University graduates proficient in ancient languages, but who very often make mistakes in spelling simple English words.

In the old-fashioned school days of our fathers, they learned few branches, but what they learned, they knew thoroughly. Who shall say they were not as well educated in the right source of the word?

Surely, with the increase of general musical culture that has taken place in the last twenty years, our choirs should show some signs of it.

Far be it from me, to criticize unkindly. We have good voices and good musicians in our choirs, but we evidently lack, the one thing needful, thorough practice.

The lady referred to above, who asked me the question, as to why our choirs were no better than they were twenty years ago, wanted to know if it would not be possible to organize a choral society in Cowansville. One for mixed voices, or one for ladies' voices alone.

To have a good conductor and do some serious work this season. It would mean a good deal of mutual pleasure, mutual benefit in musical progress. Musical interest in the village would be awakened. It would be common bond of musical union. Concerts should be given in the spring and the proceeds devoted to a musical end, such as a sinking fund towards a good concert hall or a new piano.

I predict, after the formation of a live choral society, in a very few weeks the choirs in each of our churches would show a marked improvement.

M. C. W.

Masons Attended Funeral

Several of the Cowansville Masons attended the funeral services held for the Masons who lost their lives in the Richford disaster. Among those attending from here were: Dr. Lauder, J. A. McClatchie, Geo. Short, A. L. McClatchie, J. W. Brill, J. F. G. Barrette, and L. Fuller. They were joined at Sutton by a number of the brethren from there. There were sixty Masons in the procession, and very impressive services were held in the auditorium at Richford.

The more you know about tea, the more you will appreciate the delicate fragrance and delicious flavor of "Safada" Tea.

Don't lay away the things you don't need. Sell 'em. Put a little ad. in THE OBSERVER. Somebody else wants them.

WEST BROME

The News of the Week as our Correspondent Hears It

INTERESTING BUDGET

The Ladies Guild which met at Mrs. D. B. Taylor's was very well attended. The Rev. Mr. Mason of West Sheffield was present. A good program was rendered.

Miss Jessie L. Rockwell of Waterloo is visiting at Mr. C. Pettes' this week.

Many from this vicinity went to Farnham last Monday to the Laurier demonstration.

Miss Lena Carlin was Mrs. French's guest last Sunday.

Miss Edith Galley spent last week end with her friend Miss Orpha Miltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darrah spent last Sunday at Sutton Junction.

There will be a political meeting in the Methodist church hall on Friday the 19th. The Hon. Sidney Fisher and others will speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Kathian accompanied by Master Earl spent last Sunday at Farnham where they were joined by Mrs. Casper Scott.

Master Sherm Kathian returned with his parents for a little vacation.

Last Wednesday when returning from the West Brome Creamery, Mr. Fred Hartley and Howard Short met with an unfortunate accident, which has laid them both up. The side strap of the harness broke which caused the waggon to run on the horse. At this the animal took fright and both occupants of the waggon were thrown into the road. Mr. Hartley has a severe cut on his ankle and Howard Short a badly bruised and swollen leg.

Sunday last during the heavy rain about 9.30, Mr. Homer Sweet went to secure his barn doors and doing so discovered a white cotton bag just inside the barn. He looked inside and found a number of new razors and jack-knives. Such a queer find aroused his suspicion that someone was sheltering in his barn. He removed the bag and left the boy on watch while he went for one of his neighbors. No sooner had he reached Mr. Fred. Savage's than his boy came up saying two men had come out of the barn and were looking around for something. Later in the evening officer Stowell and Messrs. Savage and Sweet, made a search round the place. They discovered a place in the hay where some one had been lying and tracks outside in the direction of Brome Corner. The goods have been identified by Mr. James Pettes as some that were stolen from his store about three months ago.

Mrs. James Pettes has returned from a very delightful trip to Boston, Mass.

SCOTTSMORE

Dr. Hugh H. Miltimore who should have left for St. Johnsbury, Vt., last Monday, is confined to his bed with neuralgia of the back.

A tramp called at Telescope Hill farm last Monday and asked for something to eat. One of the daughters-in-law present was very annoyed at food being given to him, saying that it encouraged such characters to visit the neighbourhood. It was only after great arguments that she could be dissuaded from telephoning Mr. Bisjver of Swetsburg. Imagine her surprise upon learning that the tramp was her husband.

Mr. Dean H. Pettes is on the sick list, with a severe cold.

EAST FARNHAM

Recent arrivals: Mrs. Young of Vermont and infant, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Morris.

A large Conservative meeting was held here last Saturday evening in the vacant house, owned by Mr. Jas. Gilbert. Mr. Harold Baker delivered a lengthy speech which was listened to attentively.

Mrs. Jones, formerly of Fordyce has brought a village property from Mr. James Dougall, of Brigham.

Mr. Vaughan and family are to move on to Mr. Arthur Collin's farm at Fordyce.

A large number from here went to Farnham on Monday, to hear the Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mrs. Hobart A. Buck is visiting her sister Mrs. W. F. Vilas, at Cowansville.

You can have THE OBSERVER for a year and the Weekly Mail and Empire o Toronto till Jan. 1st, 1910, for \$1.50. This a genuine bargain.

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The rate for small ads. under this heading is as follows: One insertion 50c; two for 65c; three for 80c, and four for \$1.00.

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GLEN H. FARNAM

Farnam's Corners, Oct. 1, 1908—10-8-31

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In Small Furs our collection is very select. We are showing very nice stoles in Mink at \$50. A Stone Martin Stole at \$35. Sable pieces from \$10 up to \$30. Sets in Grey Squirrel, marmot, mink and coon. A very large line of Low-priced Furs. Now is the time to make your selection while the stock is complete. They are selling readily.

Women's and Children's Cloth Jackets

We are selling more than usual in this department at this time of the year. Do not delay in making your choice. See those 7-8 Beaver Coats in black, brown, green, navy at \$12.50. Other cloths from \$6 up.

Dress Goods, Mantle Cloth Suitings

We are showing the new shadow effects in Dress Goods, and they are very popular. We are keeping this department in good supply.

Millinery Millinery

New Goods received this week makes our assortment most complete. Kindly bring in your orders early as possible.

Boots and Shoes

Fall stock all now on hand. We have made our Slipper Department very complete for Men, Women and Children. Ask to see our Solid Comfort Line of which we make a specialty.

MEN'S DEPARTMENT—Clothing, Furnishings

New Suits, New Overcoats. The best makes in Underwear, unshrinkable and all wool.

NOTICE—All Departments are being well assorted, and we are out for Big Fall Trade.

Wanted in Exchange

New Laid Eggs this week 24c. Maple Sugar in cakes 6c and 7c. Potatoes 65c per bushel 60 lbs. Block Wood \$2—must be sound and hard wood. We can handle your fresh made Butter and allow 25c. Bring in your produce now.

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