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NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Miss Muriel Wilson is teaching the school at Sheldon's.

Miss Muriel Seymour is assisting in Mr. J. Thompson's store.

Miss Lucy Gilroy, of Glen Buell, was last week a guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Hollingsworth.

Mrs. R. Bonsteel, Wiltsetown, was a guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Yates.

Mr. Almeron Robinson is able to leave his room, following several weeks' illness of jaundice.

Miss Mae Latimer, Charleston, is assisting in Mrs. W. T. Topping's dressmaking shop.

Mr. Maxwell, of the Maxwell Lumber Co., Montreal, has been a guest of Mr. Arza Sherman.

Miss Leita and Margaret Kilborn, of Brockville, were guests last week at Mr. Jas. Ross.

Mr. Ephraim Jackson, of the Canadian West, is enjoying a visit with old friends in Athens and district.

The large assembly room in the Athens High School has been closed to economize coal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McLean left for Smith's Falls this afternoon to attend the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. David McLean, which takes place to-morrow.

Lieut. J. H. Redmond returned Wednesday from a business trip to Western Ontario.

Miss G. Livingston, of Frankville, is a visitor in Athens, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Smith.

Miss Hazel Latimer has returned from a visit with friends in Smith's Falls.

Mr. Harold Ferrier, of the Merchants Bank, has returned from a week's vacation at his home in Perth.

The Women's Institute are making preparation to produce a play early in February.

Lambert W. Checkley, who has been visiting friends at Addison and North Augusta, left Tuesday for Trochu, Alberta.

Captain Beaumont S. Cornell, of the C.A.M.C. and wife are spending a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. H. E. Cornell.

Mrs. Nellie Steacy has closed her home here for the balance of the winter and has gone to Brockville to remain until spring with her daughter, Mrs. S. Blackwell.

Mr. Gordon Rappell, who has been connected with the staff of one of the Toronto branches of the Merchants' Bank, is being transferred to Winnipeg.

According to agreement, one third of the net proceeds of the Methodist S. S. entertainment on Christmas night was devoted to Red Cross work, and a communication has been received acknowledging with thanks the sum of thirty-three dollars.

There has been shipped to Miss Nunn (formerly of Lansdowne) at No. 3 Hospital, same here-in-France, a box containing 21 hospital shirts, and quantities of groceries and necessities for use among the wounded. Miss Nunn, who is well and favorably known here, has been recently commended by King George for her meritorious work.

Auction Sale.
George E. Stevens will offer for sale by public auction on Wednesday, January 30, his livery equipment. No reserve. - D. C. Healey, auctioneer.

Library Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Athens Library will be held in the Women's Institute room, Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th, at 8 o'clock. There will be a short program consisting of musical numbers and recitations, followed by the different reports, and appointments of officers. Everyone is requested to attend.

CULLEN—FLOOD
On Wednesday, January 16, at St. Mary's church, Sterlingsville, Miss Stella Flood, of Philadelphia, formerly of Lillies' Springs, daughter of James Flood, and Joseph M. Cullen, Mount Vernon, Ohio, formerly of Throoptown, son of Mrs. Ellen Cullen, were united in marriage by the Rev. Father J. J. Bent. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kavanagh, sister and brother-in-law of the bride.

After the ceremony they drove to the residence of the bride's sister where a wedding breakfast was served, after which they left on the noon train amid showers of rice for Watertown, Cleveland, and other western cities to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where they will reside. All wish Mr. and Mrs. Cullen a long and happy life.

District Soldiers Back
District soldiers who have just returned from the front include Ptes. Harry Dunsky, Westport, and Earnest Campbell, Seeley's Bay.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE

In The Reporter issued Jan. 16th, under the heading "Telegraph Needed" we offered a suggestion in reference to a renewal of the service in Athens.

We now learn, however, that Reeve Holmes has been working in that direction, and is receiving a degree of assurance, as the subjoined correspondence would seem to indicate:

Athens, Jan. 5, 1918
L. S. Humes, Esq.
Dist. Supt. G.N.W. Telegraph Co.
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir—Some little time ago, I had a correspondence with your company in reference to telegraph service for this town; and would beg permission to repeat, in part, what I have said in the former communication.

Our merchants and business and professional men realize, and very much deplore, the removal of the telegraph service which has been in operation here for thirty years and over; and again we are asking you to formulate some plan by means of which the service of that long period may be restored.

As stated in my former correspondence, I still find that Mr. Watt, agent and operator at this place for the Canadian Northern Railway Co. expresses a willingness to undertake this work for your company, in connection with his other duties as above noted.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, with your approval, and thanking you in anticipation, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
M. B. HOLMES,
Reeve

Montreal, Jan. 9, 1918
Mr. M. B. Holmes,
Athens, Ont.

Dear Sir—Your letter of January 5th duly received.

The matter of opening an office at Athens was the subject of some previous correspondence which was not brought to a conclusion and I have written the Canadian Northern Station agent again asking if he is agreeable to accepting our agency, and will look after the proper handling of our business. Will advise you further in the matter, as soon as I receive his reply.

Yours truly,
L. S. HUMES,
District Superintendent

BEACH—RABB

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Smith's Falls on Thursday evening last when Rev. Mr. Wright, Baptist minister of that place, united in marriage Miss Lillian Pearl Rabb, daughter of Mrs. David Rabb, of Smith's Falls, and John L. Beach, of Goodwater, Saskatchewan, formerly of Brockville. The young couple were unattended.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach are in Brockville now, the guests of Henry Beach, brother of the groom. They will remain for a few days and will then return to Smith's Falls, en route to their western home, where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

John L. Beach is one of Brockville's sons who went west about seven years ago, after resigning his position as salesman with R. Davis & Sons.

W. I. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 3 o'clock. The subjects will be "Important Events of 1917," and "Canada's National Resources." Mr. Burchell will give a paper on the latter subject. A number of letters from the boys at the front will be read. Everyone is cordially invited.

Prescott Papers Amalgamate

George Mason the enterprising proprietor and editor of the Prescott Journal has purchased the plant and good will of the Prescott Tribune and in future the Fort Town will be supplied with one weekly paper. The increased cost of living—the lack of support and other reasons are given as the cause of the change.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Delta to Play Again
Delta Hockey Team will play the A.H.S. team on the rink to-morrow afternoon at 3.45 o'clock.

Bible Society Meeting Postponed.
It is likely that the postponed meeting of the Bible Society will not take place before August. This, at least, is the present intention.

Red Cross Contribution.
The Athens Women's Institute wish to publicly thank the Junior Farmers' Association for the donation of \$50 contributed to the Red Cross Fund. Many letters have been received since Xmas from our boys at the front all expressing sincere thanks and appreciation of what is being done for them by those at home.

Joins Medical Corps.
Dr. Arthur Johnson, son of Mr. M. J. Johnson, of Oak Leaf, who has been practicing medicine in Milwauke, Wis., and who, for several weeks, has been, with his wife, a guest of his parents, last week joined the Army Medical Corps at Kingston with the rank of Captain.

R.F.C. Man Accidentally Shot.
Cadet Vernon Stoddart, attached to the Royal Flying Corps at Deseronto, died in Belleville Thursday as the result of being accidentally shot. He was twenty-four years of age, and came from New Glasgow, N.S.

Captain Earle, officer commanding at Mohawk Camp, referred all inquiries for particulars to R.F.C. headquarters in Toronto. He refused to say anything about the tragedy save that it was accidental.

Refused Exemption to Four.
Montreal, Jan. 21.—From-November 26th to January 14th, Tribunal No. 336 meeting at 480 Rachel street east, has refused exemption to only four applicants. In that time it gave exemption to several hundred. The record is second to that of Soulange, where every man asking for exemption was freed.

Rachel street is in the French-Canadian part of Montreal.

The Pioneer Railway.
The Grand Trunk, Canada's pioneer railway, will this year celebrate its sixty-sixth anniversary. The Dominion owes much to this road which blazed the trail in the early days, and did so much to unite its scattered settlements.

The Strafer
Corporal E. E. Carncross, at one time of the Athens branch of the Department of Agriculture, is editor of the "Strafer" published every once in a while by the 66th Battery C.F.A. The Reporter is in receipt of a copy from Gunner Cecil Taber and in next issue will reproduce some of the gems found therein.

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THANKFUL FOR PARCEL

Athens Boy at Front with Artillery Writes to His Old School at Charleston.

The following letter of appreciation was received last week from Gunner Hibbert Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnston, of the Athens Post Office:

France, Wed., Dec. 12, '17
To the Teacher and Pupils of Charleston School.

Dear Friends—I wish to express to you my most sincere thanks in acknowledgment of the parcels of good things which I received Dec. 10. I wish to convey through you to the ladies of Charleston my appreciation of their thoughtfulness in remembering me. When I got the parcel I noticed on the outside that it was from the ladies of Charleston, but on opening it I was both surprised and pleased to see the "best wishes of the school". It made me think of and gave me pleasant recollections of my early schooldays at Charleston, and the good times I have had there. Thanking all concerned once more and wishing you all the best of success for the coming year, I am,

Yours sincerely,
G. Hibbert H. Johnston,
13th Battery, Can. Field Artillery
B. E. F. France

NOTICE

Owing to E. Taylor going out of the auctioneer business, I hold a license for the Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and will conduct all sales that I may be favored with.

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D. C. HEALEY,
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