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## A POPULAR LECTURER

Rev. Albert H. Barker, of Delta, has given many lectures in this district with good success. He has spent years getting material for many of them, and every one is well worth attending. Mr. Barker came to Canada from Birmingham, England, where he was for a number of years a newspaper man before he entered the ministry as a Baptist clergyman. Mr. Barker's propensity for lecturing led him to take part in the Boer war controversy that swayed England for so many months. Stoned and egged by the side of Joe Chamberlain, he saw lecturing in all its many phases before the English public which is perhaps one of the most difficult public to understand.

Coming to Canada, Mr. Barker lived in Northern Ontario for a time and it is only within the last year that we in this district have made his acquaintance. Delta, Elgin, Lyndhurst, Brockville, and other places have given him a hearty welcome, for the spirit of public service in him is something good to see.

Mr. Barker will lecture in the Methodist church, Athens, on the evening of Monday, April 30, his subject, "Then and Now." This lecture is a resume of British history from George III to George V, and is not merely a dry procession of events. It is illustrated with over 100 time-light pictures which give the Canadian a new interest in the heart of the Empire. Other views of the navy and late war pictures will also bring the newspaper reader into closer understanding of the daily war news. It is a pleasure for The Reporter to endorse Mr. Barker's lecture, and we hope Athens will take the opportunity of hearing him.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN EARL

The death occurred in Athens on Sunday, April 22, of Mr. John Earl, at the age of 80 years, after several months of illness. Born at Washburn's Corners, deceased lived practically all his life in this district, with the exception of a few years in Dakota. He was a carpenter by trade, and a Baptist in religion.

His wife, who was Miss Sarah Ann Godkin, of Oak Leaf, predeceased him thirteen years ago. He is survived by one son, F. J. Earl, of Vancouver; and two daughters, Mrs. A. Moulton, Athens, and Mrs. John Jones, Hamilton.

The funeral service was conducted yesterday in the Baptist church by Rev. G. V. Collins. Interment was made in the Athens Cemetery.

## EQUINE ARTFUL DODGERS.

Deafness and Lameness That Were Just Pure Bluff.

We all know, of course, the livery nag who pretends to be deaf. You tell him to "get up," and he getteth not up; you cluck to him, and he accelerateth not his pace. Is he deaf? Not he. You know, by a certain rolling of his eye and wiggling of his ears, that he hears you perfectly well. His deafness is pure bluff. It is like the lameness which some shrewd old nags sometimes put on.

Will a horse pretend to be lame when he is not? Some horses certainly will. Two or three years ago the Nomad was driving a livery nag on a road in Vermont, when the animal suddenly began to limp terribly; couldn't go off a slow walk. It was pretty serious, for a journey of about twenty miles had just been begun. Knowing a man on the road who was a practical horseman, the Nomad drove up to his door and submitted the animal to the expert's examination. The man looked at the horse's feet, examined his legs—looked him over thoroughly. "Did the horse go all right when you started out?" he asked. Yes; the horse had gone all right for three or four miles. "Well," said the expert, "this horse is shamming; there is nothing the matter with him."

Then he addressed some plain language to Dobbin, advising him with some sharpness to cut it all out and go along as he ought to. The Nomad touched the horse with the whip, and he trotted on to the end of the journey without the slightest limp.—Nomad in Boston Transcript.

A glad heart seldom sighs, but a sorrowful mouth often laughs.—Danish Proverb.

## STOICAL CANADIAN

(Winchester Press)

There has been a good deal of unfavorable comment in Montreal, Ottawa, and other city papers because of the lack of outward display of rejoicing when news came of the splendid and gallant accomplishment of the Canadian boys in France in their capture of Vimy Hill, one of the most difficult to take and most important positions held by the Germans in France. This apparent lack of interest, enthusiasm, or whatever it is, is not confined to the cities, but seems to be a common fault throughout the Dominion. Canadians are not wanting in enthusiastic approval, and deep feelings of rejoicing when their sons prove such heroes at the battle front, but they lack the outward, noisy way of showing it. They will gather in front of the bulletin boards of the newspaper office and wait there for hours to learn the latest news. But, you seldom, if ever, hear a cheer when the good news comes.

## KEEP THE HENS IN

Many of our citizens are helping in "The Greater Production" movement, and by their patriotic action will no doubt do much to keep down the price of vegetables, etc. this coming fall and winter. Already many have started their garden work and the Country's call has not been unheeded. There are things, however, which patriotic citizens must do, (that is, those owning hens) which is—keep them from roaming into your neighbor's yard. After several hours hard work in the evening, it is most discouraging to awake in the morning and find a flock of hens scratching and digging up what you have planted the night before. Keep the hens in, and let us have this year the greatest production which Ontario has ever had.—Exchange.

## "HOLLERING"

The man who has a thing to sell, And simply tells it down a well, Will never get so many dollars As he who climbs a tree and hollers!

The foregoing little ditty is homely but it conveys about as much business truth as was ever put together in a sentence of 29 words. It is according to human nature, that the more publicity a thing has, the more interest it excites in the mind of the people.

You cannot promote any kind of enterprise without pushing it and telling people about it. If you give an entertainment in a public hall, and merely open the doors, relying on the word of mouth to spread the news, you will get a handful of people. It is nobody's business to spread the news about it, and the great bulk of the people never hear about it. Moreover, people may hear about it, but if the thing is not pushed and advertised, they get the idea that it is not of much account. Anything has to create a certain amount of noise and stir before people will believe it amounts to anything or is worth their attention.

The same thing applies equally to a business enterprise. If it isn't advertised and pushed and talked about in the newspapers, people will say that it is a one-horse concern, doing a small business, that it can't afford to spend money on publicity, or they will argue that the firm lacks confidence in its proposition. People will walk right by the place day after day and never look in the windows.

The moment a place begins to advertise, that moment people begin to wake up about it. "Guess X—must be doing some business the way he pushes it," they say, and they come around to see what is going on.—Prescott Tribune.

## Local Items

The I.O.O.F. will attend divine service in the Methodist church at 11 a.m. on Sunday next.

The Earl Construction Co. yesterday shipped a 35-light acetylene generator to J. C. Brennan's summer home on the Gattineau.

Mr. J. A. Jones, of Hamilton, was in Athens attending the funeral of the late John Earl.

Mr. Kenneth Rappell, student at Queen's, has been successful in obtaining the degree of B.A.

Lieut. Wm. McLean, M. D., of North Elmsley, has been officially reported killed in action in the recent fighting in France. Dr. McLean was a son of Mr. David McLean, the well-known drover, was only 24 years old, and had gone overseas since Christmas. A few weeks before he went, he was married in Toronto. He received a commission as Lieutenant and went over not as a doctor but as a fighting man.

## GET READY FOR GARDEN

How to Plan Your Work and Work to a Plan.

## EVERYBODY GROW EATABLES

First of Series of Timely Hints—Get Your Ground Ready Now, but Don't Be in Too Much of a Hurry to Put in the Seed.

(By S. C. JOHNSTON, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

At no time in many years has the necessity and importance of the home vegetable garden been so clearly shown as for this coming summer. France, our wonderful ally, has since the French Revolution been a nation of small farmers, her people of small means cultivating some available land to produce a portion of their own household foodstuffs and to increase the wealth of the nation; Great Britain, threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs, determined to cultivate all available land possible to offset this shortage and we in Canada bending every energy toward facilitating these great nations should do all in our individual power to do something in the hope of helping ourselves and assisting the commercial vegetable growers who are seriously handicapped by the shortage of labor in the production of vegetable foodstuffs. Every city, town, and village dweller has an opportunity to help this great work, in that there are hundreds of available plots now practically unproductive which could be made grow vegetables and thus add to the wealth of the country.

Vegetables should form an important portion of the daily food of the average human being, for they possess qualities which we are told are essential in the proper digestion of the heavy foods, such as meats. To help you do your part in your backyard this column will discuss some of the practical problems in connection with vegetable growing during the next few weeks.

All backyards cannot be prepared in one year to grow vegetables of an excellent quality. Some portion of the yard, however, may be devoted to this purpose, or, if it is convenient, there are usually many vacant lots which are not too far from one's place of abode which possibly could be devoted to the growing of vegetables.

## Some Essentials.

First of all it is essential that the vegetable garden, no matter how small, be planted according to some plan or rule. No one attempts to build a house or to set out a perennial flower border without using some drawing or chart to go by. Why should the vegetable garden be treated differently? Haphazard planting will prove a failure, and in order to overcome this it should be remembered in laying out the garden that—  
(1) Tall plants will be most effective if placed behind low ones, not intermingled with them.  
(2) All plants closely allied should be grown together, not in the same row, but in rows adjoining one another.  
(3) The fences may be decorated with vine crops which may be supported on the fences by means of strings or lattice work.  
(4) All quickly maturing vegetables should be planted in a portion of the garden by themselves so that they may be harvested and the ground used for other crops later on.

The work of planning the garden to determine what vegetables and how much of each is to be grown will be influenced by one's individual tastes. One should grow an abundance of such crops as one consumes the most.

Secure Seed Now—But Plant Only When Soil is Ready.

The backyard gardener should decide very early which crops are to be grown and should purchase his seed as soon as possible. It must be remembered, however, that much of this seed may be wasted if it is planted too early in the season. The soil must be warm to receive the seeds, and amateur gardeners must have patience until it is certain that good growing weather is really here. It is possible in ordinary seasons to plant some vegetables in April, and yet many backyard vegetable enthusiasts will be well advised to wait until the middle of May before doing very much in the garden.

Suitable Varieties.

A list of varieties suitable for gardens made by city, town, and village dwellers follows:—  
Asparagus — Palmetto, Conovers Colossal.

Beans—Davis White Wax, Golden Wax, Refugee.  
Beets—Crosby's Egyptian, Detroit Dark Red.  
Brussels Sprouts—Dalkeith.  
Carrots—Chantenay.  
Cauliflower—Erfurt, Snowball.  
Cabbage — Copenhagen Market, Danish Ball Head.  
Celery—Paris Golden, Winter Queen.

Corn—Golden Bantam, Stowell's Evergreen.

Cucumber—White Spine, Chicago Pickling.

Citron—Colorado Preserving.  
Lettuce—Grand Rapids, Nonpareil.

Melon, Musk—Paul Rose.

Melon, Water—Cole's Early.

Onions—Southport Yellow Globe.

Parsnip—Hollow Crown.

Parsley—Champion Moss Curled.

Peas—Gradus, Little Marvel.

Potatoes — Irish Cobbler, Delaware.

Pumpkin—Quaker Pie.

Radish—Scarlet White Tip Turnip, Ne Plus Ultra, (winter) China Rose.

Spinach—Victoria, Viroflay.

Squash—Bush Marrow.

Salsify—Sandwich Island.

Tomatoes—Chalks Jewel.

Turnip—Early Six Weeks.

Rhubarb—Victoria, Linneans.

## Philipsville

April 23—The farmers have retired from making syrup or have got tired, and have gone to fitting up the land for seeding. The heavy warm rain has washed the winter's dirt off the grass and it is putting on the May green.

Dr. Dwire, of Perth, was here last week having the graves of his parents looked after. While here, he was the guest of Mrs. M. Dwire.

Peter Nolan has purchased a Ford car, and is now building a garage to house it.

Mrs. Clifford Ransome and two boys of Toronto, and Glenn R. Davison, of Brockville, are the guests of their grandfather, W. B. Phelps, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull, of Addison, are week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawson.

Miss Lorette Phelps and Miss Laura Howard, of Delta, are the guests of their cousin, Miss Lucille Whitmore.

F. Acheson shipped a car of hogs and a car of calves to Montreal on Saturday.

## Charleston

April 23—Miss Julia Hudson has arrived home from Summit, N. Y. Miss Nellie Hudson, Brockville, is a visitor at her home here.

Some of our young people attended the Farmer's Club dance at Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster recently visited at Brockville.

Mrs. Mulvena and daughter, Miss Hattie, have returned to their home here.

Miss Muriel Wilson, A. H. 'S graduate, will spend the next few months on the farm with Mrs. M. J. Kavanaugh.

When Charleston residents rose on Thursday morning they found that some time during the night the ice in the lake had taken it flight and now hurrah for the salmon fishing.

S. W. Kelsey brought home his new car last week.

Farmers have commenced seeding.

J. Kelsey has rented H. Slack's farm.

A. W. Johnston is building a new pig pen and hen house on his farm.

Mrs. Howard Latimer and children have gone to Scott, Sask., to join Mr. Latimer, who left for their on April 1st.

## Sherwood Spring

April 23rd—Mr. John Quinsey, Caintown, made a fishing trip here one day last week.

Mrs. E. R. Price, of the Canadian West, called on friends here during the past week. As Miss Stella Singleton, she taught our school here, some twelve years ago.

Mrs. E. P. Eligh has returned from Athens, where she has spent some five weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gainford.

Mr. Wm. Hazlewood, of Norwich, N.Y., and Mrs. F. Baldwin, Brockville, called on the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Eligh, on Wednesday last.

Our cheese factory at Yonge Mills, has opened for the season with Mr. Cochran again in charge and several new patrons.

The fishing season has started with the samenoisy nights and Sundays. It is hard to say what would happen to the residents of this place if they went to the neighboring towns and villages and acted as their residents do here every Sunday. A case for the police no doubt.

## Soperton

April 23rd—The Girls Red Cross Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Miss Alice Horton on Saturday April 28 at 2 o'clock.

The W. A. of St. Pauls met at the home of the president, Mrs. Sheridan on Wednesday last. Secretary reported receipts from the sugar social \$20.00.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray spent Sunday at F. Stones, Forfar.

James Hunter, who has lived here for some time has enlisted and visited Elgin on Sunday.

The Women's Institute of Delta, is collecting papers, magazines, etc. to be sold for Red Cross work. The last netted \$20.92. Kindly save all you have and a later date a place for collection will be announced.

Miss Pearl Danby, who has spent the winter at Portland, is home now.

Chicago packers have been ordered to hold in reserve 8,000,000 pounds of meat, commandeered by the U.S. Government, upon declaration of war.

## SUBWAY AT LYN CROSSING

Dangerous Crossing Is Ordered Protected by Railway Commission

Ottawa, April 20.—The railway commission has ordered a subway at the Lyn Roads crossing over the Grand Trunk Railway, near Brockville. In giving such judgment, Mr. D'Arcy Scott, assistant chief commissioner, divides the cost of the subway as follows: 20 per cent railway grade crossing fund; 15 per cent, corporations of counties of Leeds and Grenville; 15 per cent, township of Elizabethtown, and 50 per cent, the railway.

The work of the subway is to be done by the railway company and the diversions of the highways necessitates to be done by the two municipal councils as they shall agree. In the case of disagreement, the board will determine the matter. All the work is to be completed by the 1st of November.

The board has ordered the subway after full investigation, including a visit to the crossing by Mr. Scott. On March 29th last year a man was killed there. On May 1st of that year, the board ordered an electric bell at the crossing. In July, H. A. Stewart, K.C., applied for a subway on behalf of Elizabethtown on the ground that the bell was insufficient, with which the railway disagreed.

On Mr. Scott and the board's engineer visiting the spot, they came to the conclusion that a subway was needed owing to the peculiar outlay of the roads at this point. By the subway, three level crossings will be overcome.

Waste of rice at weddings has come under the ban of the new Food Controller of England, and emphatic prohibition of any such use of food stuffs is expected shortly.

## Greenbush

The sugar-making season is over and the makers report a good season both in quality and quantity

Mr. Ross Blanchard has leased his farm to Mr. Orvil Charlton and has moved with his family to Metcalfe where he has been engaged to make cheese for the coming season.

Mr. Geo. Evans, of Athens, has been engaged as foreman on the Carter farm.

Mr. Harry Carter left a few days ago to take a position as engineer on one of the boats plying the great Lakes.

The auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., at its Easter meeting was given a treat in having Miss Edith Giles, of Brockville, as its chief speaker on the evening of Good Friday. Miss Giles gave a vivid picture of mission work as she saw it at the Coqualeza Institute, British Columbia, which place she visited during the past year.

Pte. Roy Johnston was home on last leave before going overseas last week.

Mr. Asa Peterson had the misfortune to get a bad kick in the face from a horse which he was clipping.

Miss Bernice Taplin, who has been successful in her normal school course, has been engaged to teach the Addison school for the remainder of the term.

Byron W. Lovrin recently made a trip to Markdale Bruce Co. where he purchased three thorough-bred Clydesdale horses.

## Electric Restorer for Men

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## LEEDS FARMERS

TREAT YOUR GRAIN FOR SMUT AND SAVE 100 PER CENT OF THE CROP

The usual procedure is as follows: Mix one pint of formalin with 40 gallons of water, or two tablespoonsful to 1 pail of water. Place the grain to be treated in a heap on clean canvas or floor. Sprinkle the formalin solution over the grain, then shovel. Repeat this until every grain is moistened by the solution; then cover the pile with sacking and leave 4 hours. At the end of this time, spread the grain thinly to dry; shoveling it over three or four times will hasten the drying. Forty gallons of formalin solution is sufficient to sprinkle thirty or forty bushels of grain, smaller amounts in proportion.

Immersing sacks of grain in a barrel of the above solution is a very effective and practicable method of treatment.

Detailed information will be gladly furnished by

Sir William Hearst,  
Minister of Agriculture  
Toronto, Ontario

Walter H. Smith  
District Representative  
Athens, Ontario

## We Are Not Philanthropists

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