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## NEWS ITEMS

### Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Cadet Douglas Johnston of the R. N.A.S. left on Saturday for England.

Mr. W. I. Steacy has been recalled to the munition works at Brockville.

Fresh oysters, fruit and confectionery, at Miss Addison's.

Mrs. F. C. Kennedy, of Winnipeg, was a visitor in Athens on Wednesday last, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ackland.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ackland, on Thursday at 3 p.m.

Mr. Fred Bullis, Brockville, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Towriss recently.

Mr. Joe Tanner of Boharm, Sask., is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Jet Hawkins.

Mrs. Ailie Thornhill is quite ill at her home, Elgin street, being threatened with pneumonia.

Miss Wilma Steacy, of Brockville is spending a week or two with her mother, Mrs. Nellie Steacy.

Mrs. Mary Rappell who has been in poor health for some time left last week to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Brown.

Mrs. I. C. Alguire has been suffering from a very bad attack of the grippe during the past two weeks and is still confined to her home.

Mr. Lambert Checkley a former Athens High School boy, who has been in the West for the past seven years, is renewing old acquaintances in this village.

Miss Ruby Wilson has taken a position as clerk in Brockville.

Miss Lulu McLean, of Kingston, was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McLean.

Mrs. M. A. Johnston left to-day for Ottawa, where she will spend the winter.

Mr. Fred Kennedy, of Winnipeg, was a visitor in Athens Wednesday of last week. He was en route to Westport to spend a few days with his mother.

Quite a number of the villagers lost many of their potatoes and vegetables during the continued cold snap, frost having got into the cellars.

Captain Ambrose L. Lockwood, M. C., of Westport, and his brother, Hilliard Lockwood, of Chicago, Ill., were in town, guests at the Revere House. Capt. Lockwood lately returned from active duty in France and expects to return shortly to the war zone.—Brockville Times.

George Wilkins, of Toledo, who was severely injured during the summer, underwent a successful operation at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital recently and is making excellent progress toward recovery.

Mrs. Percy Alford, of Saskatchewan, has arrived here on a visit to relatives, and is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Gibson.

Mr. Frank Judson, of Lyn, was a week-end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Earl.

**Library Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of the Athens Public Library will take place on Monday, January 14th in the Institute room, Town Hall, at 7.30.

It is desirable that all members of the library be present in order to appoint a board of management for the new year.

**Trophies on View.**  
At Lamb's drug store is to be seen two very interesting trophies brought from the war zone by Corporal Lennius Bates. One is a German staff officer's cap of grey cloth with a black peak. The other is a British hand grenade with the "sting" extracted.

**Presbyterian Church Closed.**  
Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Alexandria, preached in St. Paul's Presbyterian church Sunday evening. The church is now closed for a period of three months.

## GOLD WATCH IS PRESENTED

Corporal Lennius Bates is Guest of Honor at Party of Wiltsetown Friends and Former Neighbors.

About seventy friends and former neighbors of Corporal Lennius Bates attended a party, given in his honor at the home of Gordon Bonstell, Wiltsetown, Friday evening last. A valuable gold watch was presented to him with an address of appreciation. Mr. Morley Earl read the address and the presentation was made by Mr. Munsell Bates. Refreshments were served, and a program of recitations and songs was concluded by various games.

Corporal Bates enlisted three years ago, going overseas with the 21st Battalion. He served two years and a month in the trenches and several months in a construction battalion. He was wounded in the leg at the battle of the Somme. During his last period he contracted rheumatism and was invalided home for discharge.

What the veterans of this war who have come home to us, have seen of suffering and hardship, must be considerable; but with Corporal Bates and the many others, there is no word of regret for their sacrifices. The gold watch given him by his home folk will be a lasting reminder of the appreciation of his many friends.

## AIRMEN TRAINED AT OLD VARSITY

School of Military Aeronautics Established in Toronto's Seat of Learning.

Those who have imagined flying to be a sort of super sport, hazardous perhaps, but still a thrilling game for young men will be surprised to learn that aviation more nearly approaches a profession.

To see the classes of smartly uniformed Cadets, notebooks in hand, moving about the Toronto University buildings, gives one a better idea of the nature of their work. A cadet is trained to navigate the air in safety. He is taught to render useful service as an aerial observer. Before receiving his commission he knows flying thoroughly, but he is also something of an expert in Chartography, Meteorology, Wireless Telegraphy, Signaling, Aeroplane and Engine construction, Aerial Photography, Bombing and Gunnery. Quite a formidable list, but all very interesting to the young aviator-to-be.

The School of Military Aeronautics established at Toronto University by the Royal Flying Corps is reputed to be the best equipped in the Empire. The instructors are men who have fought the Hun airmen in France. Many have served for months in the trenches before entering the R. F. C. They are earnest, painstaking teachers, who realise the vast importance to the Empire of thoroughness in training men for aerial warfare.

## New Passports.

Canadian Immigration officers are starting the New Year with a new passport form, which may prove more troublesome than the old forms to Canadians who wish to make a hasty exit from the country and leave no traces behind. The new form has a serial number that gives officials a record of every paper issued. The destination of the holder must be given and date of passport must be made clear. An additional war time precaution has been made by the authorities in a space for specific statements of the signer's dependents. Applicant must state whether he is single, married or a widower.

**The Popular Butter Substitute.**  
Take a pound package of Armour's Magnolia Brand Oleomargarine home with you. We can supply your needs.—E. C. Tribute.

**Council Meetings.**  
The new council for Rear Yonge and Escott will meet on Monday at 11 a. m. for organization and in the afternoon for business.

**Criminal Audit.**  
The counties criminal audit is now going on at the Court House. The board consists of Judge Dowseley, Crown Attorney Brown, Dr. Preston Newboro, and B. Shaw, Langdowne.

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## PRESENTATION AT PLUM HOLLOW

Plum Hollow Folk Honor Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Wiltse on leaving to Reside in Athens.

Plum Hollow, Jan. 7.—A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Wiltse called on them a few nights ago to express regret at their departure and made the presentation of a lamp. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse have taken up residence in Athens and the community in the following address asks them not to forget old associations.

Eloida, Dec. 19, 1917  
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wiltse.—A few of your friends and neighbors have called on you this evening to enjoy one more social evening with you before you leave us for your village home.

We wish to acquaint you with the fact that you are, and have been, truly appreciated as neighbors.

We are aware, that, having spent so many years in this home, at this place, on this particular farm, where you have seen your children grow to manhood and womanhood, and said "goodbye" to them as they left your door to enter the pursuits of life where they have proven themselves successful, there bonds of recollection that would seem to tie you here and this seems a hallowed spot. There truly is no place like the home of one's youth.

It is not to make it hard for you to leave us that we thus address you though we do wish to make it difficult for you to forget us. New faces and new neighbors, be they ever so true and faithful, can not take the place of the old.

Therefore we wish to impress upon you the feeling of regret we feel in parting with you.

That we may always remain fresh in your memory and that your path may be well lighted, we wish you to accept this "Aladdin's Lamp" as a small token of our regard.

You have been faithful friends and neighbors. In sickness when we needed you, you were always ready.

You have been good and true and in further extending to you the compliments of the season, we hope you may look in on us and the scenes of your toil and pleasure quite frequently.

Signed in behalf of the Eloida folk,  
SAM HOLLINGSWORTH

## Sleighting Improved.

Light falls of snow this week have covered the bare roads which were becoming impassable.

## A Pleasant Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Drennan entertained a number of guests at their home on Elgin street Monday evening.

## High School in Full Swing.

Although High School re-opened on Thursday, many students from outlying parts did not arrive in Athens until Monday, when classes were taken up in earnest for the 1918 part of the term.

## Buy Barn.

Mr. Mort Topping last week purchased the barn on the Main street east property of Mrs. W. G. Johnson.

## J. E. McRostie Moves.

J. E. McRostie, B.S.A., who has been since 1915 district representative at Kemptville for the Ontario Department of Agriculture has accepted a position in the Live Stock branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, and will remove there.

## The Ice Harvest.

Last week saw the opening days of the ice harvest. The low temperature which prevailed all through December formed ice of great thickness and wonderful clarity. Most of the ice used in the village comes from Lake Eloida. Much ice is cut at Charleston Lake for the summer homes there.

## Bible Society Meeting.

A meeting will be held in the Methodist church on Friday, January 11 at 7.30 p.m., at which will be given an illustrated lecture on "How We Got Our English Bible," by Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Ottawa. Silver collection will be taken at the door.

## Last Dance

The fuel shortage in Brockville has become so acute that the dance under the auspices of the Daughters of Isabella may be the last held in Victoria Hall.

## Appreciates Gift.

December 12  
To the Editor of The Reporter  
Will you through the columns of your paper please thank the Women's Institute of Athens for me for such a generous gift which I received here in France on Dec. 11, 1917.

I am unable to say of the different articles in the parcel which I thought the most of, but I do say that the candy and maple sugar were the sweetest. I would say that the parcel came through in fine shape, although the box was jammed some. Again I thank you.

Wm. Barrington  
Somewhere in France.

## NOTICE

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