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THE NEW TOWN HALL.

At a public meeting on Tuesday eve ning of next week the ratepayers of Athens will discuss and possibly assist the Council to decide upon the best site for the new town hall, which is shortly to be erected. This is a matter of very great importance, and every ratepayer should endeavor to be present and express an opinion, so that members of the Council may act thoroughly in accord with the views of the major ity. We expect to have a building that will be an orpament to the town ; consequently it is necessary that good judgment be exercised in selecting a site. In ournews columns may be found the list under consideration. The Council have been authorized to spend six thousand dollars.

The selection of a site for a handsom structure is always a matter of much importance, and a few dollars one way or another should not be considered, if after the building is erected, it would be a more yaluable property on the more costly site. That fact ought to be taken into consideration, in case at some future time it might be found desirable to put the property on the market. Six thousand dollars ought to put up a very nice block, and, being a pub lic building, it should be as centrally located as possible. The Reporter sounded the feelings of many of the prominent business men during the last few days on this question, and solicited their views. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the proper site for the new town hall depends to a large extent upon what use will be made of the building. If a room is to be set apart for school purposes a quiet spot is preferable; if post office, store or office accommodation is to be provided for, then the best site on Main street is none too good. The question then ap pears to rest on these two points. We need another school room badly, but it is questionable if a part of the new hall would give permanent satisfaction. Many are doubtful, and of the opinion that it would be better, if possible, to Township Council for the use of their old hall, which could be nicely fitted up for a ward school, thus providing sufficient accommodation for years to come; or else build an addition to the public school or erect a small separate building. Provision could then be made in the new hall for store, office, court or post office, from which there would a nice revenue. So far as the hall is concerned there is but one opin ion. Athens has long needed a place suitable for high class entertainments and social gatherings, and should now hundred. From this there would be a handsome revenue each year. Six best possible with a small amount.

of the members to do this satisfactorily. In another column Mr. Nash advocates a park in connection with the new town hall. His arguments are worthy of consideration ; a park is badly needed in Athens, and would be highly anpreciated by citizens and visitors, but is the question. Then it would depend altogether on where the new building

But here is a matter that ought to be seriously considered by the Council. Could not a nice room be provided for a fibrary and reading room? This is really needed, and would be appreciated closing let them do so without a by-law the supply at the present time.

zens. How analous the young p-ople are to have such a place is made clear by the energetic way in which an case which is well worth consider nization of ladies known as the 'Y's' They state that their business an institution. They already have a large sum in the treasury and expect shortly to be in a position to rent a ing material, games, etc., and also put in a piano. This is a most praiseworthy undertaking, and now could not the Council come to their assistance and say : Ladies you have done a noble work, we will now provide you with a nice comfortable room in the new hall. Let this be considered with the other questions at the meeting.

IMPROVING PROPERTY

The experiment of constructing gran olithic walks in town is unquestionably success, and it is hoped that the near future will see many more streets sim. ilarly improved. A very laudable move has also been made by the residents on Church street facing the new walk, in having their fences removed. It is a lecided improvement and adds much to the appearance of their homes. The street has been nicely levelled and the frontage is quite in keeping with the new walk which now attracts so many while out enjoying their evening romenades. For some time the people of Athens have devoted considerable attention to beautifying their homes Many long ago had the fences along the treet converted into kindling wood. and their nice well-kept lawns now show off to advantage. There are many nowever, who evidently do not look on this course with favor, for their fences still reman, and in many instances in a delapidated condition. Could there not be more unanimity in the matter? To any one taking a walk along the treets it must be made clear that fences detract from the attractiveness of the esidential part of the town, and this has an important bearing on the value of the property. It ought to be the ambition of all to make the surrounding as nice and attractive as their home are comfortable. Athens would then be noted for its beauty and neatness and be much admired by visitors. The Street Commissioners have a duty to perform which they are neglecting. In many places burdocks, thistles and noxious weeds have grown very high Would it not be advisable to see that these are cut at once?

DELAPIDATED SIDEWALKS.

Are the members of the council ware of the fact that part of the sidewalk on Main street is in such a delapi dated condition as to make it unsafe for people after dark. From Elma street to the turn at Prof. Johnson's, particularly at the eastern end. it s so bad that small people are in danger of dropping through, for planks have disappeared. In other places nearly half of the plank has rolled day declared that a horse trade, when away. It stands to reason that this one of the parties was under the influnearly half of the plank has rolled condition of affairs makes it very be attended to at once. If not, the town authorities need not be surprised if a serious accident occurs and they are involved in a suit for damages No walk in town is used more than this one, and strange to say there is non e in worse repair. Here is where a new granolithic walk really is needed.

THE EARLY OLOBING BY-LAW.

An effort was made last week to have the early closing by-law repealed. Some of the grocers thought they were losing custom by abiding by the law be provided with an auditorium, which and that it was also deterimental to will seat comfortably at least seven the town's welfare, consequently petition was presented to the council, upon which no action was taken. The thousand dollars is not a very large by law provides that should a third of outlay for a building of this kind, and the shop keepers of any business effectit is now simply a question of doing the ed by by-law, petition the council, that body of men may repeal the by-law. We have every confidence in the ability The Reporter went to considerable trouble to get the views of both sides and from them our readers, as well as the members of the council may safely base their conclusions as to the extent the town's business is injured. State menta were made by the parties them will the funds available permit? That is the question. Then it would depend they are losing customers, that farmers causing the grain and hay to grow as if they would never stop. In many localities the wheat is in the shot blade who for years came to Athens, are being driven to neighboring towns and villages, and that the by-law interfered with their liberty as business men, ad vancing the argument that if the dry goods men or large grocers felt like

thing else by the citi- in force compelling them to do likewise fayor of the by-law make out a good are working to raise funds to start such suffered by early closing one lota; in fact one merchant says it has increased. Many say that the farmers favor it and nsider it a proper move on the part of suitable room, farnish it, provide read- the merchants. Nor do they think that the town has suffered at all as a result. They point out that the interests of the farmer have been considered, and, if giving the question thought, he can have no reason for becoming indignant or feel that he has cause for grievance; nor do they believe that he has one. The merchants feel the need of a rest on part of the evenings of the warm summer months. It unfortunate that there is such diversity of opinion on a question

KILL WILD MUSTARD. That wild mustard can be killed out was fully demonstrated on the farm of Alfred Shann, Beachville, by Pro essor Doherty, of the Guelph Agricultural College, to whom is due the credit of devising a cheap and effective method of ridding Canada of this pernicion weed. It was demonstrated to the satisfaction of those assembled that solution of copper sulphate, or common duestone, sprayed on with a sparamotor, would effectively vid a farmer of this pest. Prof. Doherty has been for years experimenting to obtain cheap method of destroying not only this very prolific weed, but others that are equally deterimental to successful and profitable farming. The cost of killing wild mustard by this method is about 75c. an acre. Last season a series of object lessons were given in Easter Ontario and this year many of the far mers in this section are profiting by

MOTES.

The open work stocking-Ah. what could be neater 'I's especially admired By the hungry mosked

The attention of the Customs Depart ment has been called to the fact that large quantities of trout are being ex-ported in defiance of the law.

The horses bought in Canada were about the best for all purposes that were sent to South Africa during the war. "Bought in Canada" is fast becoming a patent of excellence,

An elderly spinster, evidently an ob servet of the average married gave as her reason for remaining single the following explanation: "I have a dog to growl, a parrot to swear, and

One good thing that is now being done is the withdrawal from circulation of the twenty cent pieces which are a source of annoyance and loss. People who have these coins are invited to send them to the Receiver General's Department, Totonto, and hav them exchanged.

A new York State jury the othe ence of liquor, was not binding. That ional trader will not in ture waste money buying drinks for the man he proposes to swindle. Would it not be a good ruling for ome Canadian judge to make.

The close season in Ontario for bass may be changed. Many statements have reached the Fisheries Department at Toronto that bass caught between June 15th, when the close season ends and July 1 have in many instance not spawned, and in consequence the close season may be advanced so that fishing may not begin until July 1st. The Federal Government which fixes the close season, has the matter under

Reporter readers who have found their lemons dry and hard when they wanted to use them, need not be troub led that way again if they keep them under glass. They will kep for months If you are not going to use them im-mediately, lay them on a flat surface ind invert a goblet over each one of them, or put them in a glass jar. After se eral weeks imprisonment in this way they may be taken out as fresh and juicy as ever.

Reports received from nearly every part of Manitoba and the west as to enefits and effects of the existing weather conditions on the crop prospects are very optimistic. Frequent showers and hot, humid weather are and, if the hay continues growing at the present rate, it will be too thick on the ground to cure without handling. The market gardeners are jubilant, vegetables of all kinds are growing at nomenal rate, and a bumper crop is ked for. The demand for farm looked for. The demand for

From Neighboring Firesides.

Newsy Budgets by the deporter's able staff of Correspondents

CHARLESTON LAKE

W. J. Banta has returned h A great many went to Brockville Miss M. A. Foster is visiting friends

n Brockville Hhomas Hefferon is recoveri

severe attack of the mumps. W. H. Flood, Sheatown, had a party on Saturday evening in honor of his sister-in-law who has returned nome after an absence of five years

Visitors:—B. Leader, Tryvelyan; Mrs. Danby, Lyndhurst; Mrs. Modler and children, Eden Grove; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Yates and children, Tole-

Mrs. H. J. Smith and children Ottawa, arrived last week and intend spending the remainder of the summer with Mrs. Smith's mether, Mrs. M.

Howard W. Blanchard, of New York City, and Clifford Blanchard, of Greenbush, and E. S. Clow, Athens, accompanied by two friends from New York City, are spending their holidays at Mrs. C. B. Lillie's cottage.

GREENRISH

Miss L. Stevens spent a couple of lavs last week at Greenbush Misses Winnie and Lulu Olds ar

People will be glad to hear Mrs Wm. Connell is convalescent. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kerr paid Athens a business trip Tuesday of

Messrs. Root and Ricket, of Lyn, were in town last week planning heir mill. The trustees of this school section

met on Tuesday evening to discuss Miss Geraldine Eyre, of Athene

who has been visiting her cousin, Elma Gifford has returned home. Mr. N. Gifford, who lost a two year old heifer a few months ago, has abanloned the idea of her being lost in the

swamp, but now thinks someone who admired her beauty has simply taken unto himself the fine animal. Mr. J. Hannah is doing an extensive business in this vicinity. He has

been away for some time selling

machinery, especially hay forks, and has engaged Mr. L. D. Kerr to assist him in putting them up.

Master Roy Davis, who has been spending a few days in Athens has re-turned home. We extend hearty congratulations to the two pupils who passed the entrance examinations, viz., Misses Ethel Olds and Smith. Their

hemselves and teacher also. PROMOTION EXAMS. From Jun. 4th to Sen 4th-Ethel

good standing reflects much credit on

Kerr, Bertha Webster, Jessie Olds, Omet Davis, Harry Smith, Lewis Langdon, Beatrice Miller. From Sen. 3rd to Jun. 4th.—Stella Loverin, Millie Smith, Lillian Ken-From Jun. 3rd to Sen. 3rd—Roy

Davis, Myrtle Loverin, Charlie Hen-

ford Webster. Lena Miller, Ethe Kennedy, John Horton, Ida Forsythe From part 2nd to Jun. 2nd-Etta Loverin, Gordon Kennedy, Lewi Blanchard, Fred Smith, Willie Edge

ley.

Average attendance for half year Lou Stevens,

PHILLIPSVILLE,

Miss Verna Davison is spending a couple of weeks at Idylwild, on the

Mrs. Geo. Whitmore was in Brockville last week consulting a specialist as to her health. Miss Lena and Master J. L

Laishley, of Idylwild, spent a day with their grandparents last week. Byron Brown, of Elbe Mills, was

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Phelps last week. Miss Celia Kennedy has returned home after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. Foster, at Toledo.

J. V. Phelps is taking in the land seeker's excursion to Manitoba. He has some loose property out there that he will trade for finds everything to suit him.

There is no need of making any mention of the crops only to say that the prospect is great for this season so far. The last week has given the corn a fair start and if we have continued warm weather that will have a chance to grow yet. Some have commenced that she dug potatoes as big as her fists and if they had been any larger would have said so.

The strawberry festival in the M.E.

hall on Thursday evening, 3rd inst., was a decided success. About 250 was a decided success. About 250 partook of strawberries and bread and butter and cake. The ministers and cake. The ministers were Rev. Mr. Clendinnen present were Rev. Mr. Clendinnen, pastor in charge; Rev. J. P. Dunham, Rev. F. Chisholm The speakers of the evening were, Bros. M. Lockwood, A. E. Whitmore, H. A. Laforty and A. Williams. The proceeds of the social, which amounted to a neat sum will be used for expenses on church

FRONT OF YONGE.

Mrs. J. W. Dickey and family are

roperty.

Mr. E. Chant and wife have gone to isit their host of relatives and fri at Rockport. A. Root has not yet moved to Gree

oush, but is making preparations for a arge fall trade in his line of business. Miss Emma Kincaid, our popular school teacher, during vacation will make an extensive tour of the Thous and Islands and other points.

Mr. Wm. Connelly, son of M. J. Connolly, who went to South Africa with the fourth Canadian contingent, is now on his way home.

Some fifty years ago the writer at tended an Orange demonstration held at Charleston, when it was just emerging into a state of civilization. Here loyal subjects in that early procession. I think two Mr. Runnings headed the Orange army with fife and drum. Jesse Gordon came next with Mr. D. Flannigan. Mr. Hamilton kept the only hotel in the village at that time.

AT THE ALTAR.

Former Well-Knewn Athenians Find Life Partners.

BARBER -GRACEY.

A pretty wedding occurred at noon to day, at the residence of the Misser Gracey, when Miss Helena Evelyn Gracev became the wife of Ernest Clifford Barber, of this city. None but the immediate family were present Rev. Dr. J. E. Price, pastor of the first Methodist Church performed the cere-

mony.

The parlor was prettily decorated bride was dressed in grey silk crope de par, with real lace, over taffetta silk, and carried a bonquet of pink sweet peas. She wore a diamond

gift of the groom.
Charles, S. Elliott, of this city, was best man. Miss Etta S. Gracey, a sister of the bride, who was maid of honor, wore a white dimity with laven-der trimmings and carried a bonquet of

nvender sweet peas.

The bride's gift to her maid was a pearl brooch, and the groom's gift to the est man was a diamond stick pin.

A wedding luncheon was served and after congratulations, and shower of rice and good wishes, the newlymarried pair left for the 2.07 train They will take an extended trip through Canada, stopping at Nisgara, Charles-ton Lake, Thousand I lands, and other points of interest. On their return they will reside at 175 Warburton verue.—Yonkers Statesman. Mr. Barber and his bride are spend

ing this week with Athens friend

BELL-SHERMAN.

The following, taken from the Deloraine Advertiser, is a report of the marriage of Miss Edith Sherman to Mr. H. Bell. She is a daughter of Mr. A. M. Sherman, a former well known

resident of this place. At Boissevain, on Wednesday, June 18th, Edith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sherman, was united the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. H. Bell. Rev. Mr. Matheson performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in cream tucked silk, trimmed with lace and pearls. Miss L. Gilroy, who acted as bridesmaid, wore white organdic trimmed with lace and rabbon. Mr. L. Bissett supported the groom. The brides travelling dress was of blue velvet trimmed with white silk and braid. A black hat trimmed with feathers and ribdon completed the

The many gifts testified to the esteem in which the young couple were held. The groom's gift to the bride

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F. B. BLANCHARD,

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