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ANOTHER VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Editor,—
As some of the successful candidates at the polls for municipal honors have openly thanked their supporters, I suppose I would not be in line if I did not do the same. I cannot say what prompted those very popular and exemplary gentlemen to publish their thanks, whether it was because of habit, to be in style, or for policy, or real heartfelt thanks.

However, Sir, permit me through the columns of your worthy journal, not only to thank my supporters but also my non-supporters. Those who supported me, without a doubt were friendly toward me, and I hold their friendship sacred. But the real friends and benefactors in disguise were those who retired me to private life, and I thank you one and all. I was a "marked man" from the very hour of the clique meeting, held in the "cloud room" on Main street. I attended no meeting; did not do button-holing; did not ask one voter for his or her support. I am not guilty of perjury or baiting perjury; I courted no favors and received none. I am the victim of the "Klondike Klan" and their padded voters' list.

The little town of Athens is my home, and it is the dearest spot on earth to me. I have always done what I could for it in the past, and I intend to put forth a greater effort for its welfare in the future.

Regarding my attitude towards our educational institutions, I expressed my mind concerning the matter in the columns of the Reporter shortly after the destruction of the building. My mind is unchanged from what it was at that period. But, Sir, I am not in favor of a double sacrifice for the personal interests of a few. Let us have no unscrupulous measures, because they exist to take advantage of. Let the people decide. Let us have a square deal.

As a member of the council for 1922 I take no credit upon myself for what has been achieved. I did nothing but my common duty towards my fellow citizens. This I shall always endeavor to do, to the best of my ability. There is only one sore hair in my head, and it is this: That indolence, thrift and worth-while efforts at the polls in Athens, when hoodwinked by personal interests. To the lovers of progress this is humiliating.

I thank you, Sir, and one and all of my fellow-citizens for past favors.

CRAWF. C. SLACK.

A TRIBUTE TO ATHENS H. S. STUDENTS

(From Miss Katherine M. Shannette, of the College of Education Toronto.)

At the annual commencement the students of the Athens High School put on a play that in depth of feeling, brilliancy of expression and clearness in stage acting bordered on the professional.

It is true there is something in the selection of the play; there is a good deal in naming the actors and coaching them to render their parts—but does not the success of the performance rest with the actors? Not every secondary school in the province of Ontario can boast of a Zillah Topping, on a Muriel Gibson, on a Grace Canlon, on an Irene Gifford, and the parts carried by the young men of the school were in every respect equal to the work done by the young women. Whether "Jerry" teased the village gossip, or "Old Mose" wept with "Missy Nell"; whether "Uncle David" championed the fatherless, or the minister reasoned with the relentless "Aunt Susan"—the audience felt they were looking upon a drama of real life; and when "Wandering Tom" came into his own, and "John Ryder" became the hero of the play, the curtains fell on the closing scene of a performance as pleasing and beautiful in sentiment, as it was wholesome in its exemplification of retributive justice.

"Something wrought with wondrous skill,
Worthy to be remembered still."

The reeve of the town expressed his appreciation of the students' work in terms of highest praise. Mr. H. H. Arnold, chairman of the Board of Education, made the following pertinent comment: "We listened last night to one of the best commencement ever put on by the students of our High School."

When the Athens High School is rebuilt and has attained its own place among the best schools of the province it will be through the magnanimity of its school board, the ardent zeal of its Alumni, and the friendly co-operation of town and country—but I think most of all, it will be because of the character of its students—splendid types of Canadian manhood and womanhood, such as are bound to spring from a country like that surrounding Athens.

N.B.—The school is indebted to Mrs. V. O. Boyle for the efficient training of the actors in the play, and to Mr. Boyle for assistance during both evenings of the recital.

FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL, REAR YONGE AND ESCOTT 1923

The council met on Monday, 8th inst., at eleven o'clock, when Messrs. D. R. Sheffield, Reeve; C. B. Howard, T. G. Howorth, G. O. Hayes, W. J. Taber, Councillors, subscribed to the declaration of office and took their seats at the council table.

Moved by C. B. Howard, seconded by G. O. Hayes, that the Council of Rear of Yonge and Escott tender the condolence of the council and township to their fellow councillor, W. J. Taber, for the great loss he has sustained in the death of his beloved wife.

Moved by W. J. Taber, seconded by Thos. G. Howorth, that this council adjourn till one o'clock.—Carried.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Moved by C. B. Howard, seconded by Thos. G. Howorth, that leave be given to introduce and read the first financial by-law to appoint township officers for the year 1923.—Carried.

The law received three readings and was passed, with blanks filled as follows: R. E. Cornell, clerk, salary \$175; R. E. Wiltse, treasurer, salary \$75; Herbert Foster, assessor, salary \$45; W. C. Brown and Donald Morris, auditors, salary \$8 each; J. E. Harte, M.D., medical health and indigent officer; Erastus Livingston, member of local board of health; W. G. Towriss, sanitary inspector; Jas. H. Alguire, High School trustee; Francis Blancher, school attendance officer; Delmar Cowie, valuator of sheep killed or injured by dogs; R. E. Cornell, caretaker of town hall, salary \$10.

Moved by C. B. Howard, seconded by Thos. G. Howorth, that the Athens Reporter printing establishment be given the printing of the Township of Yonge and Escott for the year 1923.—Carried.

Election accounts ordered paid:—W. C. Brown, Dis. 1, \$12; T. D. Spence, Dis. 2, \$12; Fred. S. Hayes, Dis. 3, \$14.

Moved by W. J. Taber, seconded by G. O. Hayes, that the Clerk be authorized to order six copies of the Municipal World and dog tags required.—Carried.

A delegation composed of the reeve and councillors of Athens village attended during the meeting in reference to carrying out the proposed agreement to raise by issue of debentures the amount of \$40,000 for rebuilding the Athens High School, and were promised a consideration of the question, report to be made to the village clerk.

Moved by W. J. Taber, seconded by Thos. G. Howorth, that we adjourn to meet February 10th, or at call of the reeve.—Carried.

R. E. CORNELL,
Clerk.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AT HOUSE OF INDUSTRY

(Intended for last week)

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment at the House of Industry—an event always looked forward to with interest and pleasure by the inmates, was a pronounced success this year. The tree, which occupied a conspicuous place in one of the largest rooms of the institution, was laden with presents, and with its numerous colored candles made a pleasing appearance. Speeches were delivered by Rev. S. F. Newton and James Currie and were much appreciated. The tree contained suitable presents for all the inmates, and no one was forgotten. It is a sacred duty that society owes to the unfortunate to provide for their immediate wants, and it is to the credit of Leeds County that she has erected such a fine home for those of her citizens who may require assistance. Great things have been done during the past and present generations to improve the condition of the poor, and such gatherings of Christmas cheer as took place at the House of Industry during the festive season appeals to all who feel that in any way they owe a debt to humanity. In this connection "The Reporter," on behalf of the citizens of Leeds County, wishes to commend Mr. and Mrs. Burnham for their unselfish work at the House of Industry. They have the interests committed to their charge at heart, and in season and out of season have faithfully performed their full duty. It requires system, patience and brotherly love to fill this important role.

NEWBLISS

Newbliss, Jan. 4.—A number of pupils and teachers spent the holidays here with their parents.

Mrs. R. Poik, of Smith's Falls, has returned home, having spent the past few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Whiting.

Miss Mildred Seymour has returned to Merrickville to resume her duties as teacher there.

C. Weatherhead, of Brockville, spent a few days with Mrs. J. McEwen and Mr. and Mrs. C. McMillen.

Miss Myrtle Pryce has returned to her school at Outlet after having spent the holidays at her home here. Miss Mildred Howe has been engaged as teacher at Kinch's school.

CANADAS LOVELIEST CHILD

Mr. Thos. G. Howorth, our esteemed township representative, has the honor of being uncle of Canada's loveliest child. Little Doris Elizabeth Hyde, of Toronto, granddaughter of James Howorth, a former Athens boy, is winner in a contest in which over 8,000 children participated. Points considered were development, intelligence, innocence and beauty. Joshua Smith, B.A., eminent artist of Toronto, is now painting a picture of Baby Doris, which will be presented to the Queen. A duplicate will also be given to the mother of the child.

ADDISON

Addison, Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blanchard spent New Year's with friends at Charleston.

Miss N. Dickie, Athens, was a week-end visitor at the home of her friend, Miss Mildred Howe.

Mrs. Sheldon Brown left on Tuesday to spend the winter in Athens.

Miss Mary Grey has gone to take charge of her school at Kilmarnock.

Miss Mildred Howe left on Tuesday for her school near Newbliss.

Mrs. Almeron Blanchard has been ill, but all are glad to learn is improving.

On Tuesday afternoon the marriage of Miss Helen Tackaberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tackaberry, Rockspring, and Richard Hinton was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. D. D. Elliott officiating. The bride looked very charming in her travelling suit with hat to match. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Brockville en route to New York, where they will spend their honeymoon with relatives. All join in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

M ALLORYOWN

Mallorytown, Jan. 3.—The concert which will be given in the Oddfellows Hall, Mallorytown, on Friday, January 12, under the directorship of Mrs. V. O. Boyle, vocalist and elocutionist, Athens, promises to be of a most unusually interesting and entertaining nature. Mrs. Boyle will contribute largely towards the programme and will be assisted by master Bernard Godkin, the boy comedian and impersonator of Harry Lauder, also by a splendid and clever cast of other local artists. Special numbers on this occasion will be two dialogues "Fleur-de-Lys and Company" and "A Matter of Discretion" and a very beautifully costumed sketch "The Sun Goddess."

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

An educational campaign along health lines is being started in the Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Dr. Smith and Miss Campbell, ladies of exceptional ability and well informed in this phase of Government work, are in charge. At central points illustrated lectures will be given on children's diseases, physical and mental defects—how these may be remedied, and the deplorable results of negligence. Every man, woman and child are urged to be present. The possible date for Athens is January 22nd. Watch for further announcements. These lectures are free to the public.

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