

Interesting Items

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

Lieutenant Beaumont S. Cornell, M.B., arrived in Halifax last week, having been sent back to Canada for special work.

Mr. Mahlon Yates left last week for Capreol, Ont., where he will remain for several weeks.

Westport Mirror: Mr. H. W. Lawson, of Athens, was in town this week.

Mrs. J. K. Redmond has gone to Montclair, N. J., to spend a few months with her son, Kinch.

—Bring your poultry to Athens Poultry Fair, December 7.

Government war films will be shown in the town hall next Tuesday evening. These are official and show scenes of action at the front. The light is guaranteed to be good, and the pictures clear.

Mr. J. Ritchie Bell, Montreal, was in Athens on Saturday. He has been conducting revival services in Brockville.

—The biggest Poultry Fair in the county will be held at Athens on Friday of this week.

Salvation Army collections were made in the village last week, and this week Bible Society contributions are being asked.

Rev. Rural Dean Swayne attended the Public Libraries Convention held in Ottawa.

Mrs. F. E. Gilroy, Smith's Falls, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Arnold.

Presentation by W. I.

At a special meeting Thursday afternoon, Miss Usher, the retiring president of the Women's Institute was presented with a silver baking dish. The meeting was of a social nature, and high tribute was paid to Miss Usher for her work as a member and officer of the Institute.

W.M.S. Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. will be held in the vestry of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Auction Sale.

Jas. W. Willse will sell by auction at Elaida his live stock, agricultural implements, household effects, etc., D. C. Healey, auctioneer.

Enrol 50 Per Cent.

The Military Service Council expects that at least 50 per cent of A2 class men will be enrolled and put in khaki and is taking steps to appeal from exemptions considered improperly granted.

PROFITEERING

The heaviest millstone about the neck of the Union Government is the war profiteer. Unless prompt and effective action is taken at once against men like Flavell, Union Government will be in serious danger of defeat.—Kingston Whig.

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Blanketing Horses.

The Brockville police are instituting a vigorous campaign against owners and drivers of horses who leave their horses unblanketed along the roadways.

Saturday's Market.

The market in the county town on Saturday morning was not as largely attended as usual but the produce on sale was quickly purchased in spite of the prevailing high prices. Potatoes sold at \$1.25 to \$1.35; butter and eggs 48c to 50c; apples \$1.00 a bushel; turnips and carrots 50c a bushel; beef 14c to 18c a pound; celery 5c a bunch; and chickens at 75c to \$1.25 each.

Informal Assembly.

An informal assembly was held in the lower rooms of the town hall on Friday evening. The attendance was good, and excellent music was supplied by local talent.

Another Athens Boy in the Flying Corps.

William R. Usher, Kingston, son of the Rev. Wm. Usher, of Athens, has been accepted as a cadet pilot first class in the Royal Flying Corps, and will shortly report for service.

Farewell Sermon.

Rev. Wm. Usher will preach his farewell sermon in St. Paul's Presbyterian church Sunday next. He intends removing to Bishop's Mills in a short time.

Auction Sale.

Harvey Kilborn will sell by auction at Plum Hollow, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, his live stock and farm implements, H. W. Imerson, auctioneer. As he has rented his farm, everything will be sold.

A VALUABLE BIRD.

The Rough Legged Hawk is a Helpful Friend on the Farm.

An extremely helpful friend of ours, when bird friends are few, is the rough legged hawk, says a writer in Farm and Fireside. Unfortunately this bird is little known or valued. It reaches the United States from its northern breeding range in September and October, remaining until April. It may be identified at first by its broad wings, its large size and the broad dark band which crosses its breast and under side of its wings. It is comparatively tame. The name rough legged or hare footed is made appropriate by the bird's full feathered legs and feet.

The coloration of the American rough leg and its more western subspecies, the ferruginous rough leg, varies from the type here described to almost solid black. In this darker phase the rough leg is commonly called the black hawk. On such good authority as that of Dr. A. K. Fisher, under whose direction the United States biological survey made extensive field observations of this bird's feeding habits, it is stated: "The rough leg is one of man's most important allies against meadow mice, feeding on little else during its six months' sojourn in the United States. Other mice, rabbits and grown squirrels are taken occasionally."

THE MAKING OF PAPER.

Thrift Was the Order of the Day When Only Rag Stock Was Used.

It was in the year 1867 that the first wood pulp paper in the United States was manufactured, and it would be difficult to estimate the benefit this has conferred upon the world, for it was a step in the dissemination of knowledge, particularly current news, just as was the invention of movable types and the printing press. It will be remembered by many still living with what care every rag was saved to be converted into paper in the days when only rag stock was used in its manufacture and how the paper, after it had served its purpose at the printer's, was carefully put aside for wrapping parcels. Those were days of automatically imposed thrift, which were followed by disregard of economies so widespread that already, after only half a century, we are confronted by a prospect of serious shortage of supply of the new raw material. Just as the supply of rags in the sixties would not have sufficed for growing needs, so it appears that soon there will not be enough wood pulp to go around. But we have grown so accustomed to finding substitutes when we had to have them that the world is not alarmed.

His Worst Book.

In "A Last Memory of Robert Louis Stevenson," by Charlotte Eaton, this curious incident is recorded: "What do you consider your brightest failure?" the novelist was asked. "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," he replied without a moment's hesitation, adding, "That is the worst thing I ever wrote." Yet in a standard book of brief biographies this is the one book title given under the name of the author.

When Real Acquaintance Began. "When did you first become acquainted with your husband?" asked one woman.

"The first time I told him that I had overdrawn my housekeeping account," answered the other.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SAVED FROM AN UNTIMELY GRAVE

Seldom has a more tragic tale been told than that of this young woman, whose parents, brothers and sisters have all died of consumption, leaving her alone to make a living as best she could.

Never robust, hard work and worry soon undermined her health, when she, too, became a victim of this dreaded disease. Shunned by friends, for she had been unable to save from her small earnings, she seemed doomed, like the others of her family, to an untimely grave. Fortunately, she was discovered and sent to the Muskoka Free Hospital, before it was too late, where she is now doing well, with every chance of ultimate recovery.

Appeals are now being made for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives to enable it to continue the great work of caring for just such cases as this. No matter how small the gift, it will be welcome.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Chairman, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, or to Geo. A. Reid, Secretary-Treasurer, Gage Institute, Toronto.

Outlet

Our sleighing is getting thin owing to the mild weather of Friday and Saturday but there was a lot of hauling and driving done while it was good.

Mr. G. A. Bradley of Athens made a short visit to friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. M. Fodey spent a few days this week with friends in Gananoque.

Mr. Everett Reid who has spent the past couple of months with his grandfather, Mr. G. A. Bradley, Athens, returned home on Friday.

Miss Aggie Marshall has gone to spend some time with friends at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Vanderburg and Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Grady motored to Gananoque on Wednesday.

Miss Amelia Fodey of Watertown New York, and Mrs. W. Yates, of Toledo, Ont., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Mary Fodey and other friends here this week.

Mr. Gordon Kelsey and sister, Anice, of Fairfax, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Reid on Friday.

Mrs. Weldon Bradley and little son, Borden, spent this week with Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny, Berryton.

Mr. Mark Fodey, who has been ill for some time, is much improved and has returned to his studies at Athens High School.

A Popular Lecturer.

The Rev. Albert H. Barker, Delta, has lectured to large audiences in the district of Delta during the past week, his subject being, "The story of the soldiers' return; from down and out to up again." The lectures are illustrated by means of 100 beautiful pictures loaned by the Military Hospitals Commission of Ottawa. Great interest has been taken in Mr. Barker's talks on some phases of the present war situation, which he gives at the close of his lecture in the form of questions and answers.

Sherwood Spring

Mrs. Robert Brown, Riverside, spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. George Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trickey, Mallorytown Landing, were guests on Sunday last at Mrs. A. Eligh's.

Miss Carrie Latham spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs. Frank Murray, Lillies.

Mr. Geo. Fraser was a guest of Brockville friends on Friday last.

Sleighs came into general use last week, and the farmers who are drawing wood hope the sleighing will last.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Martha Widdis, who died on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the home of her son, Mr. John Widdis. She was in her 78th year and had resided at Sherwood Spring nearly all of her life. The funeral, which was conducted by Rev. G. W. Bradford, Mallorytown, was held from her late residence to the church at Yonge Mills; after which the remains were laid to rest in the family plot, in the Yonge Mills Cemetery.

Keep Dogs Under Restraint.

Sheep-killing dogs are, in a large part, responsible for the neglect of the sheep-raising industry in Ontario. It is possible for sheep to be produced where there are many dogs. This is actually done in England. The dogs need to be kept under proper restraint by the owners. In this part of the country too much laxity has been allowed in the enforcement of laws against owners of sheep-killing dogs. Public opinion is beginning to bring strong pressure for the protection of sheep, and the next few years should see a great number of sheep grazing on the green hills of Ontario.—Belleville Ontario.

OTTAWA WINTER FAIR CANCELLED.

The annual Ottawa Winter Fair which was to have been held in Ottawa on January 15 to 18, 1918, has been cancelled. The cancellation of the Show is due to the fact that the Militia Department are quartering troops in Howick Pavilion where the Show is held and do not intend to vacate for the time of the Show. They state that the use of the building is a military necessity at the present time.

The Executive of the Ottawa Winter Fair have taken the matter up with the Militia Department but were unable to come to an agreement whereby the soldiers should vacate to permit the holding of the Show. It is with regret that they announce the cancelling of the Show for January next, especially since the Ottawa Winter Fair has made such rapid strides during the last few years, and has had such an important influence on the live stock industry.

YOUTH'S COMPANION CALENDAR FOR 1918.

The Youth's Companion Practical Home Calendar combines the beautiful with the useful. It is especially sought for by busy people, because it gives at one glance not only the days of the current month preceding and the month following, all on the one leaf. At the same time, the calendar is decorative in design and suitable for a place in the best room in the house. It is given to all readers of The Youth's Companion who have paid their subscriptions for 1918.

NEW WINNIPEG TRAINS

Travel between Eastern and Western Canada is always heavy in the winter months, particularly during December with its holiday season. To meet the requirements of the public, therefore, a special Daily Service between Toronto and Winnipeg, is announced by the Canadian Northern Railway; Westbound, December 3rd to January 2nd, 1918 only; Eastbound, December 1st to January 5th, 1918 only. Thereafter regular tri-weekly service will be resumed. A through Tourist Sleeping Car will also be operated daily between Toronto and Calgary as part of the above special, and connection will be made with regular daily trains between Winnipeg and Edmonton. Service between Toronto and Vancouver remains tri-weekly, leaving Toronto on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as at present. For further particulars, see Local Time Table Folders, or apply to Station Agent.

WHY DOGS' NOSES ARE COLD

When your faithful dog pokes his nose into your hand, even your affection cannot prevent a little shiver because the nose is so cold. Why is it? When the body of a dog is so warm, why should this one spot be different from all the rest of him? The coldness of a dog's nose is due to the fact that it must be kept moist all the time in order to sharpen the sense of smell. And, of course, as the moisture is evaporating all the time, it keeps his nose cold. A dog depends a great deal on his powers of smell, especially in the wild state, and it is because of his keenness of scent that he is valuable to man for hunting purposes. In addition to the olfactory or smelling nerves inside a dog's nostrils, the whole black membrane around the nose is very sensitive, but this sensitiveness can only be retained by moisture. Thus it is that when a dog's nose is dry and warm, he is ill and needs doctoring.

Smith's Falls Hockey Team.

The Smith's Falls Hockey Club has organized for the season, says The News, with George Robinson as president, G. T. Bishop and Ben Wiseman as first and second vice-presidents, respectively. An endeavor will be made to have the Eastern Ontario League composed of the same teams as participated last season.

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Union Government

is concentrating its efforts to win the War. It has gone about raising reinforcements in the only practical way; under the Military Service Act, 1917.

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Where do YOU stand?

To Back up the Boys—
To Hasten Victory—
To Win the War—
SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

To Women Voters: Every woman may vote who is a British subject 21 years of age, resident in Canada one year, and in the constituency 30 days, who is the mother, wife, widow, daughter, sister or half-sister of any person male or female living or dead who is serving or has served without Canada in any of the Military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the Naval forces of Canada or of Great Britain in the present war, or who has been honorably discharged from such services and the date of whose enlistment was prior to September 20th, 1917.

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