

News From the Countryside

VICTORIA.

The farmers are busy seeding. Mr. Harry Sager has a fine new garage and drive house completed.

The Ladies Aid will meet at Mr. D. Snider's on June 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pulver spent a day recently at Mr. G. Frymer's. Mr. and Mrs. D. Snider, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoneburg motored to Sidney on Sunday.

Miss Vera Brickman has returned home after visiting Miss Marie Weese for a few days.

Messrs. Ross and Roy Sush, of River Valley, spent the week-end at Mr. Will Bush's.

Willie Tebworth visited his parents in Belleville over Sunday.

Mrs. F. Brickman and Miss Vera and Master Gerald visited at Mr. Henry Rathbun's on Sunday along with Mr. and Mrs. Morley Carrington, Mrs. A. Lott, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Alyea.

We are all glad to see that Mrs. Alyea is improving so nicely. Mr. Sidney Hennessy is putting a great improvement on his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Vandervoort of Bayside, and Mr. John Weese spent Sunday at Mr. Norman Weese's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Brickman and Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Will Bush, called at Mr. Rae Fox's on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weese and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Crouter called at E. Brickman's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Weese is getting along splendid with his new barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brickman and Audra, took dinner at Mr. Amos Wannamaker's on Sunday.

Mrs. V. Jackson is spending a few months with her daughter in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoneburg spent a recent Sunday at E. Brickman's.

We are glad to report that Mr. Harman Weese is improving a little.

Mr. Will Elliott has returned home from the West. He and Mrs. Elliott and children are visiting at Mr. Nathaniel Wilson's for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brickman and Mrs. F. Brickman called at Mr. H. Weese's on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hennessy visited at Mr. F. Hawley's on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Allison and children visited at Mr. Everett Brickman's on Wednesday.

HILLIER.

Miss Luella Palmer is spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. Thomas Smith, 3rd Con. Consec.

Mr. Jack Campbell and Miss Beatrice Davis were quietly married at Picton on Thursday, June 1st. They will make their future home in Hillier.

A baby boy has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sherwin.

Miss Hayes of Toronto gave an interesting talk at the meeting of the Women's Institute last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Vera Crandell gave a party to her school friends last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Helen Gilbert spent the week-end with Miss Doris Stevenson, at Wellington.

A large crowd gathered at Hillier station last Wednesday morning to bid farewell to our boys of the 155th Battalion. The school children, thirty-six in number, marched up to the station to give the boys a hearty send-off.

Mr. and Mrs. Keoch and family of Rose Hall visited at Mr. A. H. Lloyd's on Sunday.

Miss Winnifred Foster spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mrs. L. Palmer was in Trenton on Monday.

Miss Velma Jones spent the week-end with her cousin Miss Post at Wellington.

MADOC JUNCTION.

The new system of finance adopted by the church here last year has proved a success. The majority are using the envelopes and find the plan much more convenient than the old system. Never before was there as much money in the treasury at the end of the year and our pastor deserves credit for suggesting the envelope system.

The service here last Sunday was conducted by Mr. Bray of West Huntingdon assisted by Mr. Phil Carr, our pastor, Rev. C. S. Reddick, being away attending Conference. The address by Mr. Carr was very interesting, from the text, Luke 14: 18, "I pray thee have me excused."

Miss Ethel Eggleton of Sidney spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Bennett visited friends in Belleville recently.

Miss Lillian Bronson has returned home from Toronto.

The sad death of Norman Payne touched many hearts here and much sympathy was felt for his bereaved mother.

Mrs. Arthur Andrews visited friends at Keene and Peterborough last week.

Mrs. Sara Stapley spent last week in Lindsay with her daughter Mrs. J.

DANFORD.

Mrs. Keegan has been on the sick list for some time and her friends will be pleased to see her around once more.

WALLBRIDGE.

The Wallbridge branch of the Women's Institute held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Phillips on Wednesday afternoon, May 31st. The following officers were elected—Mrs. Clem Ketcheson, Pres. Mrs. P. Westover, Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. A. Lott, 2nd Vice-Pres. Mrs. J. Phillips, Sec.-Treas., Mrs. S. W. Lloyd, convener of the Red Cross Work. Committee—Mrs. J. Chisholm, Miss Hattie Bird, Miss Clara Lane. Auditors, Mrs. G. A. Ketcheson, Mrs. Geo. Frost. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Westover for her faithfulness as President during the past year.

The summer meetings of the Women's Institute will be held in the Town Hall here on Monday afternoon, June 12th. Miss McMurchy of Toronto will be the speaker.

Mr. A. McClatchie of Belleville occupied the pulpit on Sabbath morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Keene of Cannifton having motored thence in their new Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sharpe spent Sunday at Northport.

In a letter from Dr. A. Y. Massey of Belgian Congo, West Africa to his mother, he says that they are going on there as usual as if nothing was happening in Europe and that hundreds of their native soldiers are going to fight the Germans in East Africa. New Years Day he got away for a little hunt and shot his first elephant.

HALSTON.

The Women's Institute were entertained at the home of Mrs. W. Boldrick on Saturday afternoon. Miss McMurchie of Toronto gave an address which was very much enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cole and children of Blessington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Parks on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parks of Plainfield called at Mr. O. Glass' one evening last week.

Miss Pitt visited her friend Miss Mary Shannon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ruttan of the third line spent Sunday at Mr. W. McCray's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mott visited at Mr. Theodore Parks recently.

Mrs. Hinds and little daughter of Belleville are spending a few days with Mrs. H. Lawrenson.

Mrs. J. Boldrick spent Sunday with her brother Mr. Alexander of Prince Edward.

Mrs. Theodore Parks and Miss Edna were the guests of Mrs. A. Crawford one afternoon last week.

Mr. Wilbert and Miss Laura Sherry visited their aunt Mrs. Grills of Thomasburg on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibson and Miss M. Pitman spent Sunday.

Mrs. O. Robins of the fourth line.

CHATTERTON W. I.

The summer delegate, Miss Helen McMurchy, Toronto will address a meeting of the Chatterton Women's Institute, Tuesday, June 13th at 2:30 o'clock at Mrs. W. Boardman's home. Miss McMurchy is a graduate of Macdonald Institute and has wide experience in Institute work. Her address are clear, forceful and practical.

Subject:—"The Well-Dressed Woman," "Women's War Work," "Women as Buyers and Sellers," "Foods—Economy and Health," "Social Life in the Country." Everybody welcome.

SIXTH LINE SIDNEY.

Mr. W. Tuft of Holloway occupied the pulpit on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Dafe of Foxboro visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Moon last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost visited friends in Prince Edward last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dafe of Belleville spent Sunday at Mr. Stephen Sine's.

Mrs. J. Lott and daughter Mrs. J. Kiernan of Wallbridge visited at Mr. Chas. Pearson's.

Miss Addie Acker spent Sunday at Mr. C. W. Scott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clements visited at Mr. Geo. Bell's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mallory of the 4th line visited the latter's sister, Mrs. D. Sine one night last week.

Miss Blanche Appleby of the 5th line visited Miss Eva Sine on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace of Glen Ross visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lott last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shorey of the 4th line spent Sunday at Mr. Morley

SCOTT'S.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sullivan of Stockdale were guests at Mr. R. Smith's on Sunday last.

CARMEL.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Pitman and son Willet spent Sunday at Mr. J. Simons, Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Brintnell visited at Mr. O. Dafe's on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Vanderwater spent one day last week at Mrs. J. Simpson at Zion Hill.

Mrs. Pape of Toronto, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Derbyshire.

Miss Leah Gilbert spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Letta Garrison. Miss E. Elvidge spent Sunday at Mr. B. Clarke's.

Mrs. C. Reid, who has been spending a few days at Mrs. Corrigan's of Blessington, has returned home.

Mr. L. Logue and friend of Holloway visited at E. S. Gilbert's, Sunday last.

6th CON. SIDNEY.

Our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Sharpe, is attending conference in Peterboro. Mr. W. B. Tufts of Holloway occupied the pulpit on Sunday.

Mr. Egbert Sine had the misfortune to lose a thoroughbred Holstein heifer.

Miss Bradley, Deaconess of Belleville, is expected to assist in the service here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott spent Sunday in Thurlow, at Mr. Wm. Badgley's.

A few from here attended the Institute meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Phillips on Wednesday last.

Mrs. J. Kiernan of Wallbridge and Mrs. Jane Lott spent Friday the guests of Mrs. C. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dafe of Foxboro were the guests of Mr. William Moon on Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Lott is visiting her daughter in Murray, Mrs. Wilmot Herrington.

Miss Lena Smith has returned home. Miss Bessie Scott is spending a few days in Murray at her sister's, Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clements spent Sunday at Mr. C. Bell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman of Thurlow were guests at Mr. N. Hearty's on Sunday.

Mr. B. Lott of Centenary was a visitor at Mr. Ernest Lott's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Dafe, of Belleville spent Sunday at Mrs. Stephen Sine's.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorey of Wallbridge were guests at Mr. Morley Scott's recently.

No. 18 AMELIASBURG.

And what so rare as a day in June? Then if ever come perfect days, Then heaven tries earth if it be in tune, And over it softly her warm ear lays.

On Friday night a severe electrical storm passed over this locality accompanied by a very heavy down-pour of rain and in some places hail also. Farmers who have not finished seeding are beginning to despair of getting finished.

Mr. Henry Ayhart spent Sunday with Cecil Adams.

George Alyea is painting his house. Mr. George and Miss Alma Sager, Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kemp, and Gordon, Salem, also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alyea and Miss Annie visited on Sunday at Edgar Alyea's.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Spencer and Mr. Halton Spencer and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Spencer. Mrs. E. Gamble and children spent the week-end in Conesecon, guests of Mrs. (Rev.) Gall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams spent Sunday with their son Mr. Burton Adams and family.

Mr. Ray Carley was in Wellington one day last week.

CROOKSTON.

On Thursday afternoon, May 5th, the Ladies Aid elected their officers for the coming year—President, Mrs. F. McCauley; Vice-President, Mrs. Mark Lancaster; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Downey; Treasurer, Mrs. Ed. Holland. Rev. Mr. Buckler, a former pastor conducted the service on Sunday afternoon.

The young ladies' class held a picnic on Mr. Lancaster's lawn Saturday afternoon and those who were present enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

Mrs. H. Wood, sr., has been visiting her brother, Mr. S. Rollins, of Ivanhoe who is in ill health.

Mrs. D. Fleming of Ivanhoe and Mrs. C. Barnett of Tweed visited Mrs. W. E. Tummon on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman and family of West Huntingdon spent Sunday at Mr. E. Twiddy's.

Mrs. W. Rollins and baby of Cooper are visiting at her home, Mr. E.

Holland's. Messrs. Percy Lancaster and Will Ferris spent the week-end with friends in the vicinity of Belleville.

VARYING VIEWS OF WESTERN FRONT.

According to John Balderson, a well-informed American newspaper correspondent in London, there are four opinions among the western front. One of these is to the effect that the Germans cannot be driven out of their present positions by a general offensive, and oddly enough this pessimistic view has been strengthened by the fighting at Verdun. There, say the doubters, the Germans after months of preparation have been unable to make any material headway. How, then, can the Allies in their turn expect to crumple up the Germans, drive them out of their trenches and start on the triumphal march to Berlin through France and Flanders? Mr. Balderson explains that those who hold to this belief are almost all civilians. Among the military men he spoke of he did not find any who believed that a grand attack against the Germans in France and Flanders could not succeed.

The Optimist's View.

This brings us to the second opinion, namely, that the first great general attack upon the German lines will result in a clean breakthrough and on a wide front. Then the German armies will be caught like rats in a trap and will suffer the greatest military disaster in the history of the world. They will not retreat to Berlin; they will not be able to; they will have to stay and fight against superior forces or surrender. Those who hold this view insist that the great Allied offensive ought to be undertaken at whatever cost, since it is sure to succeed, and though the casualties will be enormous, it will end the war. Opposing this view is one to the effect that a great offensive now might imperil everything, that the Allies ought to continue their present tactics, that time is on their side, and that patience alone is necessary to bring about the downfall of the German armies in the West.

A Question of Luck.

Finally, there are those who contend that luck plays an abnormal part in modern warfare; and that it was simply bad luck that robbed the Allies of tremendous victories at Loos and in Champagne. They argue that the only thing to do is to imitate the tactics of the Germans, to attack again and again, first at this point and then at that, suffering defeats occasionally and learning from them, but never relaxing the efforts. They are opposed to a huge offensive along the whole line, because if it failed it would exhaust the Allies that they would have to give up the hope of decisively beating the German armies in the field. The generals, according to those experts, ought not to put all their eggs in one basket. It is proper to mention that the pessimists who believe that the Germans cannot be driven out of their positions in France, look to the Russians advancing through Germany and thus bringing about her defeat; while others think that from Salonica will be launched the great offensive that will crush in turn the military strength of Bulgaria, Austria and Germany.

A New Type of War.

Among those who believe that the war will be won in France and Belgium, however, is one distinguished officer whose name, of course, cannot be mentioned. He is reported as saying:—"The course which the present war has taken, tying down millions of men to trench positions and forcing the bulk of the artillery of both sides to hide in specially constructed shelters from which it can be removed with difficulty and not at all in a hurry, has brought with it terrible dangers. For a long time those dangers threatened us, and not the enemy, then they threatened both sides, but now, after the failure of the Verdun attack, they threaten the enemy alone. We are safe for the Germans no longer command the requisite numbers of good infantry to carry out a successful attack on our lines. To understand what is going to happen to the Germans it is necessary to realize why our offensives last year were relatively unsuccessful. At Neuve Chapelle the British and at Souchez the French won some ground but the attack was delivered on a front so narrow that the guns of the enemy were able, from both sides, to enfilade our troops who had poured through the gaps and cause them very serious losses. In addition to this we underestimated the power of resistance to artillery attack possessed by dugouts and even sandbags, and the Germans were nearly always able to hold up our men with a few sur-

viving machine guns before barbed wire which our shells had not destroyed.

What Happened at Loos.

"In the Autumn our capture of Loos was made by troops advancing on a front of less than two miles, and to some extent the same difficulties were met there. But that fact doesn't mean that the high commands had not learned the lessons of the previous Spring, but that a great part of the designed infantry attack along a front of nearly 10 miles was unable to get going, owing to the peculiar strength of the German fortifications in this district of slag heaps, which are almost proof against artillery fire. The French attack in Champagne was made along a front of 20 miles, so that if the infantry broke through the advancing troops could not be enfiladed by field guns on either side. That attack was successful up to a certain point, but the German third line proved very strong, and a great toll was taken by machine guns concealed in dugouts 50 feet underground and brought up by the Germans, after the bombardment stopped, in time to concentrate upon the charging troops. The public does not realize how near that attack came to decisive victory; if the third line had been broken, as it might have been with better luck, better weather and—let us be frank—with less heroic defence, there was nothing between the French troops and the frontier, and the war would now be over."

S. S. NO. 1, THURLOW-MAY REPORT.

Fourth Class.—Willie Bradshaw, Earl Brown, Russell Hall.
Third Class.—Estelle Grass.
Senior Second.—Edward Bunnett, Ula Brown, Vera Bradshaw, Alfred Loft.
Junior Second.—Leah Grass, Gertrude Bradshaw, Arthur Bradshaw.
Primer.—Aethia Brown, Bessie Bradshaw, Adam Woodcock, Wilfred Luffman, J. McKenna, Teacher.

SIX NAMES PICKED OUT

The committee of ninety-nine to select six names to submit to the electors of Berlin met Monday night in the city hall, Aid. Hahn in the chair, and proceeded to their difficult task with considerable despatch and harmony. The question of adding Waterloo to the list of names to be submitted to the voters was thoroughly discussed and finally turned down. The following six names were finally chosen for the final vote of the ratepayers: Huronto, Bercaun, Dunard, Hydro City, Renoma and Agnoles.

SHOWER TO BRIDE-ELECT.

Given by Girl Friends of Miss Marjorie White in Sidney.

On Wednesday afternoon the many girl friends in Sidney township of Miss Marjorie White gave her a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Frank Alkens.

The many beautiful gifts of which she was the recipient, evinced to a great extent the esteem in which Miss White is held.

After the serving of light refreshments, the gathering dispersed, with many expressions of good wishes to the bride-elect.

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.

The remains of the late James Archibald who died in Belleville on Saturday afternoon after an extended illness since February, were today shipped to Marmora for interment. He was 24 years of age and married, but leaves no family. He was a native of Marmora and last fall joined the 80th Battalion. During the winter he contracted a severe cold which resulted in a decline.

TO BE RELEASED.

An order-in-council from Toronto has come down to Belleville for the release from jail there of Joseph Gage, J. B. Mackenzie was brought into the case as counsel on February 6th, and has been working assiduously at it ever since. He has convinced the Attorney-General's department that such irregularities exist in connection with the trial that the accused cannot be held. He was fined \$528.25 or a total of six months' imprisonment on two charges of selling and keeping for sale liquor without a license. He was arrested at Orillia.

Like a Grip at the Throat. For a disease that is not classed as fatal there is probably none which causes more terrible suffering than asthma. Sleep is impossible, the sufferer becomes exhausted and finally through the attack passes, is left in unceasing dread of its return. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is a wonderful curative agent. It immediately relieves the restricted air passages as though sands can testify. It is sold by dealers everywhere.

PRESENT CLAIMS OF THE CAUSE

Bay of Quinte Conference Decides on Patriotic Movement in Churches.

CANDIDATES ADMITTED.

Laymen's Report Provoked Discussion—Ordination to Ministry on Sunday

The Methodist Church has fourteen new members in the Bay of Quinte Conference. The probationers with the exception of Major C. G. Williams, of Lindsay, were admitted to full connection at a special service in Conference Church at Peterboro. Major Williams the recruiting officer of the Third Military District found it impossible to be present. Two of the probationers were ordained by President Sexsmith at George St. Methodist Church on Sunday morning. They were W. E. Woodger, B.A., and W. R. McWilliams, B.A., B.D.

Rev. S. C. Moore, of Belleville, moved the reception of the probationers, in one of the most impressive addresses ever heard by a church audience in the city. He dealt at length with the question and put forth the claim that the church has failed to prevent it because love for country was stronger than the love, for God. If the church had been universal in its scope the war would never have broken out. Mr. C. E. Weeks, of Lindsay, seconded the resolution.

Rev. Fred Woodger, the veteran pastor of St. Ola and father of one of the candidates, occupied a seat on the platform by special invitation.

The candidates admitted with their present addresses, are as follows:—H. A. Butn, B.A., Cloyne; T. A. Carmichael, Minden; R. G. Carruthers, B.A., Toronto; J. E. Griffith, B.A., Wilfred; E. Harston, Melville; M. L. Hinton, Warsaw; F. G. Joblin, Bay-side; L. M. Sharpe, Sidney; W. P. Woodger, B.A., Cambury; W. R. McWilliams, B.A., B.D., Yarker; A. R. Walsh, Victoria Road; C. C. Washington, B.A., Roseneath; R. M. Paterson, Montreal.

Since the last meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference three ministers belonging to it have passed away. They were Rev. Amos Campbell and Rev. John Ferguson, both of Belleville, and Rev. William Kenner of Peterboro. Conference held a memorial session Friday afternoon, when the highest possible tributes of praise were rendered the departed, each of whom had been a pioneer in the service and had grown old in the ministry.

Rev. J. N. Clarry, of Belleville, former pastor of St. James Church, in Peterboro read the eulogy on the late Mr. Campbell. Rev. S. C. Moore, performed the same office in the case of Mr. Ferguson, while Rev. R. G. Peever rendered eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Kenner.

The centenary of Bishop Ashbury was observed at a special session, the memorial address being delivered by Rev. Dr. A. H. Reynar, of Victoria College.

The Laymen's Association met and elected their officers as follows:—T. H. Everson, Oshawa, president; W. H. Hopper, Cobourg, vice president; and treasurer; J. Robinson, Nanpue, secretary; J. O. Fife, Peterborough, and Dr. S. F. Ford, Norwood, were placed on the executive committee.

The Laymen's Report.

The report of the laymen always stirs up lively discussion at all church meetings. They invariably have something novel to suggest. This report of the laymen, introduced by W. S. Payne, Coborne, started out with deploring the fact that the mid-week services of the church were not better attended.

The ministers seemed to think this was a matter that was up to the laymen themselves.

Judge Deroche, who opened the discussion on behalf of the laymen, favored one of the suggestions, to the effect that the financial year close April 30, that the district meetings be held not later than May 15 to give the elected candidates chance to prepare for the conference. President Sexsmith explained that the financial year of the circuits closed April 30, that for the district May 31, and for the conference June 30. If these dates were observed there would be no trouble.

Mr. Sharpe says he finds himself in the ministry eleven years behind time. He was married and the discipline of the church kept him out of the rank of probationers. When the church law with regard to married men was rescinded a few years ago, Mr. Sharpe at once began preparations for the position he holds today. The law was changed because it was found impossible to keep up an adequate supply of ministers. Last year the Bay of Quinte Conference received nine new ministers, this year's record showing a gratifying increase.

Report of Special Committee

The following report of a special committee was submitted: Recommended, that in view of this serious world-war situation in which we find ourselves, and in view of the fact that we believe the issue at stake is whether the Christian ideals that have been at the very foundation of our civilization shall perish and be displaced by the pagan, false and demonized ideal of force and a lustful world conquest;

Therefore, impress upon our people that the interests for which we are contending in this great struggle are not national aggrandizement or national glory, but are as certainly the interests of the Kingdom of God as righteousness, justice and liberty are attributes of God and are the only foundation upon which any permanent civilization can or ought to rest.

We recognize the services our ministers have rendered in cultivating within their congregations the true spirit of patriotism, and that Christian atmosphere that has caused so many to enlist; also by the personal enlistment of ministers, probationers, as well as the sons and daughters of the parsonage, who have gone as combatants and nurses.

We recommend that, our ministers in all our churches, present the claims of our cause to their people, seeking thereby to personally influence the young men of our congregations to enlist. We believe, that, if our appeals fail in securing an adequate response and the present condition in Europe continues, some form of conscription must come into force. To avoid this, and still to furnish a sufficient number of men, every part of our country must make a much larger contribution