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Communication

Editor Reporter:—

In last week's issue of the Reporter there appeared a very short letter signed "Citizen." I would just like to repeat that letter:

"The practice on the part of young men and small boys of gathering in large groups on street corners and indulging in loud and boisterous conduct, much to the annoyance of local residents and people passing on the streets, should not be encouraged. This shows bad taste on the part of the boys and laxity on the part of the village authorities."

As one of the young men who occasionally loafs along the street, I would like to comment upon this. I would like to give you the view point of the young man on this question and speak both from practical experience and from observation here in Athens.

"Citizen" complains about us gathering along the street, but what in Heaven's name are we going to do with ourselves. We have practically no alternative and as far as I can see the people, the church and the village council of Athens are not bothering their heads about any alternative. True, we have a baseball team here, but all of us do not play baseball, and as it is there is a none too hearty response by the town to help the boys along.

As a matter of fact the young men, and might I add the young people of Athens, are given anything but encouragement in things they undertake. It does seem strange that we young people cannot undertake any line of sport or of social enjoyment but what it is made the object of criticism and opposition by the idle tittle-tattle of back-door gossipers. Maybe we are in the wrong, but it is up to the critics of our conduct to show us the right road and at least give us their sympathies and their guidance along the right paths. They must recognize too that character is caught not taught and if they propose opposition to keep us from the wrong, then surely they are obliged to give us support and guidance in the right, but they do not.

For this state of affairs I am inclined to lay some blame on our churches. I am a church goer myself, but I can sympathize with the young man who does not go to church on Sunday evenings but who prefers to loaf along the street. We have seven churches here in Athens, but it is questionable if they are fulfilling their duty to the young people of the district. The church that recognizes only the spiritual element in our lives is a church that must fail in its work. Not only have we spiritual lives, but we also have physical, intellectual and social lives, and any plan of work by the church that does not recognize this fact is not complete. Failure on the part of the church to recognize this is why the big boy quits Sunday school and why the young man does not bother his head about church. What is the use of going to a church that preaches one-sided theology and by narrowing religion to a spiritual view-point only, removes Christ and his principles of life by denying them from the reach of our understanding. This type of religion may do for us as we grow older, but it is not going to be effective while we are young with strong muscles, and blood full of fire. I would like to see our spiritual, physical and social life dominated by the church or at least under the influence of Christian forces, but as it is some of the churches of Athens will never reach the young man so long as they remain in their present rut, make no attempt to understand and appreciate the young man's view-point or give the young man the type of religion that his age and circumstances demand.

So let the churches of Athens just ask themselves if they are giving the young people the wider application of the great fundamental principles of the bible or are they sowing merely a narrow theology that must of necessity fall on barren ground.

Might I ask the village council what they are doing for the young man. True, we have local option, we have no pool rooms, and cigarettes are not allowed to be sold, but pray tell me what is the use of casting out the seven devils and leaving the vessel empty? Surely the council must recognize that a policy such as this must, in the end, come to naught. If the village council does not see fit to adopt any financial means of providing for the wants of the young people, they can at least allow the young people if they wish to aid themselves, to utilize more conveniently the means

under control of the council. It seems strange that the young people of Athens should be forced to pay \$13.00 for the use of the town hall for a little dance and then on the night before when they went to decorate be asked to pay \$1.00 per hour for the use of the hall while they were putting up a few decorations. This dance was to raise money for the Baseball Club and yet we find that this branch of athletics, a saving element in the ideals of any community, receives only discouragement and is forced to stand and deliver in such a manner that we are led to believe the village fathers look with disfavor on the young peoples' undertakings. Is this the kind of spirit in which to deal with the young people?

And now Mr Editor can you blame me if I loaf along the street nights? Mine is the view-point of the young man. Maybe I am wrong, but I cannot help feeling that there is some degree of truth in my opinions. I cannot help feeling that people of Athens do not give me any choice but to loaf along the street nights, and I cannot help but feel that until they at least give me a chance, or make it convenient for me to do otherwise, they should withhold their criticism because I do loaf.

"One of the Boys"

FRANKVILLE

Dr W. H. Bourns returned home from the West last week.

David Dowaley of Gananoque, spent a few days visiting his brother Thomas.

Miss Hazel McEwan of Jasper, has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Munroe.

The basketball and other young people held their ice cream social on the parsonage lawn on Friday evening last. A good crowd attended.

Mr and Mrs Fred Patterson of Smiths Falls spent Sunday at the home of her parents Mr and Mrs Morley Holmes, Lehigh Corners.

James Hewitt of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting friends at Lehigh Corners.

Mr and Mrs R. Hanton and children and John Davidson spent the week end at Charleston Lake.

Mrs Morley Holmes has gone on a visit to her daughter, Mrs Fred Patterson, Smiths Falls.

Wm Thompson and Walter spent Sunday in Brockville.

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JUNETOWN

June 29th

Mr and Mrs Claude Purvis, Purvis street, were guests of Mr and Mrs J B Ferguson, on Sunday.

Roy Foley, B.A., Lansdowne, was visiting his sister, Mrs Chas Baile, last week.

Mr and Mrs Chas Truesdell, Mallorytown, spent Saturday at Walter Purvis'.

Miss Maude Avery, Toronto; Miss Gertrude Scott, Gananoque; Miss B Avery, Brockville; are spending the summer holidays at their homes here.

Arden Warren was visiting his brother, Leland G Warren, Brockville, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss M M Purvis, Brockville, spent the week end at her home here.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr and Mrs John A Herbison on Friday evening, when about fifty friends of Mr and Mrs Sanderson Ferguson, surprised them with a miscellaneous shower before leaving to spend the summer at Ivy Lea.

George H Purvis and Frank Parvis, Brockville, were visiting relatives here Thursday and Friday.

Mrs J D Bigford was visiting her sister, Mrs Vincent Booth, Lyn, last week.

Clinton Avery, who has been ill for some time with blood poison, is recovering under the care of Dr. Judson, Mallorytown.

Master Willie Purvis had a number of little friends in to a birthday party on Saturday afternoon.

Dr and Mrs Judson, Miss Mable Mallory and Miss Francis Judson,

Mallorytown, were calling at Mr Alvin Avery's on Saturday.

Miss Marion Scott was in Brockville last week trying the entrance exams.

Mr and Mrs Jas S Purvis visited friends in Brockville on Tuesday.

SHERWOOD SPRING

June 26—The strawberry season is fairly well started now, and berries are quite plentiful.

Mrs Geo. Stewart has been on the sick list.

Miss Helena Dodge, Mallorytown, is spending a few days at the home of her uncle, David Dodge.

Mr and Mrs A. Young, Brockville, called on friends and relatives in the neighborhood recently.

Miss Lera Emper, who has been attending school in Brockville, returned to her home this week to spend the holidays.

Mr and Mrs Blake Dickey and children, Yonge Mills, were recent visitors at Mrs A. Eligh's.

Miss Vera Latham has returned to her home, after writing on the entrance examinations and spending a few days in Brockville with her aunt, Miss Mabel Everts.

D. A. Cummings, Brockville, made a business trip to this section last week.

As a result of a cut on one of his fingers, Merrick Lloyd has a very serious looking arm, and blood poisoning is feared.

Miss Fanny Latham and Mrs James Clow went as delegates from our Sunday School to the Convention held at Yonge Mills on June 24th.

PHILIPSVILLE

Many of the telephone subscribers are cut off from the outside world by the burning out of their telephones by lightning during the storms of the past two weeks. They now have to pay the extra deadhead tax on their letters.

The thinking public thinks it is about time to close up those baseball games. In nearly every game there is a lot of hard talk and vicious language used by those who would not be heard using such language in their own homes or on the street.

J. L. Laishley, after attending school here for the past two years, returned to his home in Toronto last Saturday.

W. B. Phelps had a horse which he values very highly, cut and torn last Friday by a barbed wire fence to which the driver had tied him.

Spring rains are doing fine since the heavy rains came and the meadows were proving a poor crop, are thickening up in the bottom.

We saw many heavy pieces of grass in our drive last week and in many fields mustard and daisies predominate. In many places in this section the low lands were flooded by last Tuesday's rain.

W. B. Phelps unloaded a car of flour and feed last Wednesday.

WASHBURN'S CORNERS

Sunday School has reopened for the summer with a large attendance.

L. Washburn is improving his barns with a new galvanized roof.

Glen Sherman was in Brockville last week to visit his father, who is in the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital.

Joe Moulton and Wm. Earl, both prosperous farmers of this place, have died recently.

E. J. Sufel and Chas. Frye have improved their surroundings with beautiful barns.

Frank Tackaberry of Plum Hollow and Miss Shire of Delta passed through our village last week.

Dr Preston of Newboro, is visiting his brother here.

Mr and Mrs Henry Crummy of Elmdale and Mrs S Hamblin of Delta, were recent visitors at Mrs Herb Stevens'.

H. Newsome, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved.

Miss E. Culbert of Athens spent the week end with her uncle Maylon Yates.

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It is believed by the police that Mrs Wilkinson, who had taken the children out for an airing, left the carriage standing upon an incline and that it started down toward the edge of the canal.

It is supposed that in her effort to catch the carriage, she overbalanced and fell in with it.

CHARLESTON

Miss Nellie Hudson, Brockville, is visiting at her home here.

The Lansdowne and Gananoque Motor Club motored to Charleston on Friday about sixty in number, and had dinner at Foster's hotel.

Mr and Mrs Samuel Waddell and children, Brandon, Manitoba, were recent visitors at Thos. Hefferman's.

Quite a number attended the Anglican social at Ballynecoe on Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs E. King spent Sunday at Caintown.

E. King visited last week at Lyn.

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