

New High School Building To Be Occupied Tuesday

School Board Took Over Building on Monday Last—Inspector's Report.

Athens town hall building, which has served for over three years as temporary quarters for the Athens High School, will be deserted this week-end for the better accommodation of the fine new building on Church street. The seats will probably be moved on Saturday or Monday, and school will commence on Tuesday in the new structure.

The architect made his final inspection on Friday of last week and passed the building, conditionally, subject to definite and complete adjustment of matters later. There are some parts which it will be impossible to complete this winter on account of cold weather, and which will be straightened up in the spring, but otherwise conditions were found to be satisfactory. The School Board took over the building this Monday, January 19th. Mr. Donald Fraser, formerly associated with the Eastern Hospital, Brockville, and a former Athens resident, is the janitor.

The old High School building, a picture of which will be found on this page, was burned to the ground in October, 1921, three years and three months ago. The earnest efforts of the progressive citizens of Athens and vicinity have been put forth ever since to have the school rebuilt, and the efforts of the School Board and citizens have at last been crowned with success. On June 12, 1924, the corner-stone of the present structure was laid, and the work has progressed steadily towards completion. The new building is modern in every respect. It has a gymnasium, a fine assembly hall, a room for agriculture, a science room, and play-rooms for both boys and girls, as well as the up-to-date classrooms.

The first social function to be held in the new building will be an open meeting of the High School Literary Society, to be held in the auditorium on Tuesday, January 27th, to which the public are invited.

A. H. S. NOTES

Literary Meeting—Hockey Notes—Generous Alumni Grant.

An open meeting of the Athens High School Literary Society will be held Tuesday, January 27th, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be in the auditorium of the new High School, and will be under the auspices of Form II, who are preparing a good programme.

At a meeting of the Literary Society executive, held on Monday, Jan. 19th, a number of important matters were dealt with. As Miss Beverley Purcell is no longer attending school, Miss Helen Morris was appointed as editor. Arrangements were made for boys' and girls' hockey this winter, and some interesting games should result. The school has the rink on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons—girls 4-5, boys 5-6. The captains of the boys form teams are: Form I, J. Hollingsworth; II, J. Frye, III and V, S. Hollingsworth; IV, L. Johnston. The girls' town team will consist of girls residing in the town—whether going to school or not, while the girls' school team will be composed of girls going to school from out of town. Schedules will be arranged in the near future.

The A.H.S. Alumni Association, in a meeting on Friday evening, January 16th, made some generous grants for H. S. equipment as follows: For the library, \$125; for art supplies, \$25; and for science supplies for physics and chemistry, \$450, making a total of \$600.

MISSION CIRCLE HOLDS TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Bluebird Mission Circle of Athens Methodist church was held on Thursday last, January 15, in the vestry of the church. A very interesting program was given, several letters from absent members and officers were read, and Mrs. Wm. Towriss presented life memberships to Mrs. Rev. Warren, Miss Marjorie Earl, Miss Myrtle Cross, and Mr. Brown. Miss Marjorie Gile gave a reading, and Miss Eleanor Young sang very sweetly, "Who Will Send or Go?" Miss Hazel Burns gave several piano solos, and the duets by Misses Wiltsie and Burns were very much enjoyed. Miss Marjorie Hollingsworth and Mr. Sam Hollingsworth sang a very appropriate duet and were accompanied by their mother. A dialogue was very well given by 12 girls representing 12 missionaries who were home on furlough. Each told of the work in the different fields, and one could not help but realize what a need there is for workers in our own Dominion. The singing of God Save the King closed the program, after which refreshments were enjoyed by one and all. The vestry was very prettily decorated with bluebirds and the colors of the Circle, and the waiters wore dainty caps and aprons trimmed with their emblem.

TAKES OVER STOCK.

Mr. H. R. Knowlton, having moved from Athens, Mr. G. Judson has taken over his stock of stationery and school supplies, including text-books. Mr. Judson is adding to his stock of school supplies, and will shortly have a very complete line.

SPENCERVILLE

Spencerville, Jan. 13.—Miss E. Rielly, of Shanly, is to be congratulated on the success of her pupils who were examined on Thursday, January 8, by Prof. Sharpe, of the Dominion College of Music. The successful pupils were:

Spencerville, Miss Nora Snyder and Miss Beatrice Johnston. Shanly, Miss Hilda Froom. Miss Christina Anderson, pupil of the convent, Prescott, was also successful.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson, of Garretton, were the guests of Mrs. R. J. Connell recently.

The Epworth League, Spencerville, journeyed on Friday, January 9, to North Augusta where they debated with the League there on the question "Resolved, that the benefits of the great war outweigh the evils thereof." Misses Olive Newman, Pearl Stirtan and Mr. Roode represented the League from Spencerville and successfully maintained the affirmative. The subject was so ably debated that the judges had great difficulty in coming to a decision.

The judges were Miss Gabriel, North Augusta; Miss Mundell, Roebuck, and Dr. Moore, Spencerville. At the close of the meeting a delightful lunch was served by the members of the North Augusta League. The subject of the next debate, "Resolved, that the rural schools should be consolidated," is to be held later in January, at Spencerville.

A masquerade party was held on the rink here on Tuesday evening, January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCarthy are improving in health after a lengthy illness.

Athens Council Meeting

Athens, Jan. 12.—The first statutory meeting of the Athens village council for 1925 was held in the auditorium of the town hall on Monday, Jan. 12, 1925, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Reeve-elect M. B. Holmes and Councillors-elect A. M. Eaton, P. Y. Hollingsworth, W. H. Jacob and D. L. Johnston were present and made and subscribed to their declaration of office.

The following business was transacted:—

Moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that leave be given to introduce and read a first time by-law to appoint certain officers for 1925 and fix their remuneration.—Carried.

The by-law was then read a first time.

Moved by W. H. Jacob, seconded by D. L. Johnston, that said by-law be now read a second time. Short reading.—Carried.

The by-law was then read a second time, short reading.

Moved by P. Y. Hollingsworth, seconded by D. L. Johnston, that by-law to appoint village officers be now read a third time with blanks filled in as follows: Clerk, E. J. Purcell, salary \$80 per year; treasurer, S. C. A. Lamb, salary \$75 for year; auditors, S. J. Dillabough, S. Snowden, \$15 each; Board of Health, Dr. H. M. Moore, Jos. Thompson, and M. B. Holmes; High School trustee, Geo. E. Judson, for 1925 and 1926; High School trustee, Dr. C. M. Bracken, for 1925, 1926 and 1927; village officer, R. J. Seymour, salary \$20 per month; assessor, J. H. Ackland, salary \$30; and do finally pass, be numbered 312, signed by the reeve and clerk, and have the corporation seal attached.

Amendment moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that George Gainford be appointed assessor for 1925 at a salary of \$40.—Lost.

Amendment moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that Francis Blancher be appointed village officer for the year 1925 at a salary of \$20 per month.—Lost.

The original motion was then declared carried.

The by-law was then read a third time, numbered 312, signed by the reeve and clerk and the corporation seal attached.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that Dave Thompson be appointed janitor of the town hall for the year 1925 at a salary of \$20 per month.—Carried.

Moved by P. Y. Hollingsworth, seconded by D. L. Johnston, that this council refund rent to the A.A.A.A. for the evening of Wednesday of this week, January 14.—Carried.

Moved by P. Y. Hollingsworth, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that E. C. Tribute be appointed manager of the town hall for the year 1925 at a salary of \$30 per year.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that the annual fee of \$10 be paid to the Ontario Municipal Association.—Carried.

Moved by P. Y. Hollingsworth, seconded by D. L. Johnston, that this council send \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.—Carried.

Moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that the following accounts be paid and orders drawn on treasurer for same:—Athens Reporter, printing, \$21.50; G. D. McLean, street lighting, \$15.71; Geo. E. Holmes, insurance on town hall, \$75; Geo. E. Holmes, election expenses, \$16; Geo. Gainford, election expenses, \$16.—Carried.

Moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that no funds be paid out of the treasury of the village of Athens during 1925, except by an order from the council.—Lost.

Because of the inconvenience it would cause in handling moneys raised for the purposes of the High School and Public School.

Moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that by-law be introduced governing the amount to which the municipality will be liable for the burial of indigents, and that the sum of \$30 be the maximum amount allowed.—Carried.

Moved by A. M. Eaton, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that the first Friday of each month be the date of the regular meeting of the village council during 1925, at 7:30 p.m.—Carried.

Moved by P. Y. Hollingsworth, seconded by W. H. Jacob, that D. L. Johnston be appointed indigent officer for 1925.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that the clerk order 7 copies of the Municipal World for 1925.—Carried.

HARLEM FAN WINS CERTIFICATE.

Among the names of those successful in winning Amateur Certificates for Proficiency in Radio Telegraphy during the past month, announced on Tuesday from Ottawa, we notice the name of Mr. M. Stevens, of Harlem, Ont. These certificates are issued by the Radio Branch of the Dominion Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Obituary

JOHN FORTUNE

In the death at three o'clock Wednesday morning of Mr. John Fortune the village of Athens lost a prominent and highly esteemed resident. The deceased, who passed away after a short illness, was born at Junetown, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortune, and followed farming during his lifetime. He was in his 80th year and one of the best known residents of the district. His wife, formerly Miss Charlotte Ferguson, survives, with one son, Mr. R. J. Fortune, of Spokane, Wash., and one daughter, Mrs. William Whaley, of Glen Morris. He also leaves to mourn his passing three brothers and two sisters, namely Messrs. Robert and Frank Fortune, of Junetown; William Fortune, Athens; Miss Kate Fortune, Junetown, and Mrs. Joseph Morris, of Glen Morris.

The late Mr. Fortune was a member of Trinity Anglican Church, Oak Leaf and a staunch Conservative in politics. The funeral will leave his late residence at one o'clock on Friday afternoon and proceed to Trinity Church, Oak Leaf where the funeral service will be conducted. Interment will be made in the cemetery adjoining.

ROBERT HOGAN

Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock the death occurred suddenly at his home in the Front of Yonge township of a well known and respected resident in the person of Mr. Robert Hogan, who passed away in his 79th year. He was born on the farm where he died and always resided there, being widely known and respected by residents of the district.

His wife predeceased him 10 years ago and surviving to mourn his loss are one daughter, Mrs. Earnest Chant of Malorytown, and one brother George Hogan in the United States. Six grandchildren also survive.

Leeds County Standing

The standing of the teams in the Leeds County Hockey League is as follows:—

Team	Division 1.			Division 2.		
	W.	L.	T.P.	W.	L.	T.P.
Westport	3	0	3	6		
Newboro	1	1	2	2		
Elgin	0	3	3	0		
Athens	1	1	3	3		
Delta	1	1	3	3		
Lyndhurst	1	1	0	2		

HARD ISLAND.

Mr. S. Mainse of Sask. is a guest at Phillip Robeson's.

Mr. E. Livingstone installed a new radio in their home.

Mrs. Omar Dack and son Arthur spent several days at the home of her father and mother.

We regret very much to say that on Sunday last Mrs. E. Eaton resigned as Superintendent of Hard Island S. S., a position she has held ever since the School was organized. She has been the right one in the right place and by her untiring efforts has won the name for us of the best community Sunday School in the district. Mrs. I. Trickey was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On Friday evening Rev. H. E. Warren showed lantern slides of mission work in the west. A goodly number were present and found them pleasing and instructive.

Cutting wood is the order of the day and the men are busily engaged.

CHARLESTON.

Charleston, Jan. 19.—Miss E. Latimer is visiting at Jones' Falls and attended the dance at Elgin on Friday night.

J. Latimer is at Delta helping his brother Howard.

Filling ice-houses and cutting wood is the order of things here at present. A year ago last Wednesday the white-caps rolled on Charleston Lake. Now the ice is over a foot thick.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Slack and daughter, Nora, were recent visitors with relatives here. Arthur is one of the most practical farmers in the vicinity of Delta and takes great pride in his fine stock of pure-bred Holsteins. One cow recently gave birth to twin heifer calves weighing 172 pounds. At a week old they weighed 184 pounds. The cow gives enough milk to feed four calves.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SILVER FOX FARM AT BISHOP'S MILLS

Albert McMullen to Launch New Enterprise.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Orangemen of Portland Hold a Successful Gathering in New Quarters.

Bishop's Mills, Jan. 19.—Albert McMullen of this vicinity, has purchased five silver black foxes and will establish a fox farm on his premises. The name of the farm will be "Silver Dawn", and the foxes were purchased from the Bix Elm fox farm, Ampror.

Miss E. Thompson, of Brockville, is visiting at her home here.

United Church service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening.

George Bigford was held from her late residence in Oxford township. Deceased was 46 years of age and died of pernicious anaemia after a lingering illness. The funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church by Rev. J. Leach, assisted by Rev. J. McAvoy and Rev. Mr. Reid. Fraternaly the deceased was a member of the L.O.B.A. and the impressive ceremonial of the order was conducted.

The direction of Mrs. W. Forbes, W.M., Mrs. L. Hutchins, D.M., Mrs. F. Hutchins, chaplain, and Mrs. Wright, D. of C. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

On Tuesday the remains of Mrs. William McCoy arrived here from Port Arthur and were laid to rest in the family plot in the Union cemetery. Deceased died very suddenly of heart disease, after being ill but a few days. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church, and Rev. J. Leach conducted the funeral service at the grave. Many of her old friends and neighbors were present at the burial, and she had many friends in this community, all of whom will join in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved. Attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston, Port Arthur, and her grandson, Gordon Johnston, a student of the Royal Den-

College, Toronto, and Mrs. David Johnston, of Athens.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Howard McLellan, Maple Avenue.

Mrs. A. Wier presided and a goodly number of members and visitors were present. Mrs. D. Cochrane read a selection from the study book, "The Island Beautiful," Misses Helen Seeley and Nellie Crozier rendered a duet, "The Garden," which was much enjoyed. As this was the first meeting of the new year Mrs. Atkinson thought it well to bring before the members the motto of the W.M.S., "Not by might nor power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith", and at the close of the meeting the president, Mrs. Wier, read appropriate selection of verses entitled "Unawares". The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Crozier.

A community bee was held on Tuesday to remove the debris from the ruins of the cheese factory. Already the razed building presents a different appearance as the work of rebuilding continues.

N. Greer and Rev. J. McAvoy attended the annual district meeting held at Burritt's Rapids on Tuesday, January 13. At the meeting Rev. Mr. McAvoy was elected district chaplain of the order.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ackland and little daughter, Helen, of North Augusta, were visitors on Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. S. Render, Main street east.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cochrane have returned after having spent a few days visiting friends in North Augusta and Kars.

MAYNARD

Maynard, Jan. 13.—Miss Maud Row entertained a few friends one evening last week.

A number of Maynard young people were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hull last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White are moving this week to the Bissell farm at Algonquin, which they have rented.

Miss Oia Duke, of Roebuck, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Nellie Barton.

Alfred Gaudin, of Prescott, was the guest of friends on Maple street on Sunday.

D. Bovard and Horton Easton, of Row's Corners, were callers at W. Robinson's on the 9th inst.

The Women's Institute will hold its regular meeting on January 21 at the home of Mrs. J. Holt Murray, the Methodist parsonage. The programme will comprise the roll call, "A Cure for Chills", an apron demonstration by Mrs. W. J. Barton. Lunch will be served and a social half hour spent.

Joe Deteir Talks of de Drummer Mans

(Crawf. Slack.)

Dere's whole lot of fellers dat's travel 'round for sold some-ting. Misuel, hees what you call de "Drummer Agent." I'm don't know me for what dey call heem drummer, he don't tote heem no drum dat I'm see, an' he don't mak de beeg noise lak 'Battile de Boyne feller, but hees get dere jus' de same, mind you fer dat.

Wall I mus' told you bout feller dat's come from beeg town on St. Lawrence Reever. Hees come peek-a-boo on my place las' summer, in great beeg car, mus' cost much as wan thousand dollar for sure. Waol, hees pas on my place, an' hees have heem great beeg smile on hees face, an' pass out hees hand an' say "Good-day, Misure De Toir, I'm come much oblige to see you, jus' lak hees know me all hees life, an' hees say dat's nice place you got here an' such fine lookin' wife an' baby. Den hees kiss heem de wife, but be-gosh hees no kiss it de wife. I'm wach for dat. Den hees make up wid de dog an' say, dat's fine collie dog you got dere, how much you want for him? An' I'm say how much you'll give for heem? Den hees say: Is he good for hunt de coon? Waal I'm say hees no good for de watch, hees no good for de cow, hees no much good for de ting 'round here, he must be good for hunt de coon. Den hees laugh like blazes an' say 'pretty good for you, my fren'.

Waal, after hees praise everyting 'round de place, hees say: My fren, Misure De Toir, I have some-ting for you. I'm say yes, what is dat you've got? Hees say, you have some leetle bug on de bed? I'm say waal mabee dere be two or three bug on de bed. Den hees say, I have some-ting for dat leetle bug. Den hees show me leetle box an' say dat sure kill de bug, every tam. You bug leetle box lak' dat an' no more bug on de bed, sure ting. Waal, I'm don't lak too much bug on de bed myself—dat's when I'm first go on de bed. When I'm pass it on de sleep I'm don't care leetle damn fer wan hundred bug. Rosa, wife, she don't lak bug on de bed, so I'm tink I'll buy dat box an' I'm a heem how much for dat box? An' hees say wan dollar an' fifty cent. So I'm pass heem de money an' took de box.

Waal, look at de box I'm see heere is no direct on de box, an' I'm heere how you use dis stuff? Den hees say, "My good fren, De Toir, I'm told you firs ting you do you pass on de bed, den you look 'round for de bug; bi-en-bi you find de bug, den you catch de bug, an' you open hees mouth, an' put a leetle bit of dat stuff in hees mouth, an' it kill heem quick. Sapree, I'm say why you no kill de bug when you catch heem. An' hees say, waal my fren, dat's very good way too. Den hees get in de beeg car an' hees gone down de road de two-forty gait.

ELGIN

Elgin, Jan. 13.—On Saturday last Westport hockey team met in friendly competition with the Elgin boys, the score resulting in 7-0 in favor of the visitors.

A large driving party of young people patronized the dance at Delta on the 9th inst. The town hall here will be the scene of a similar gathering on January 16.

A grand concert will be held in the town hall on the evening of the 23rd inst., under the auspices of the Methodist church. A playlet presented by Phillipsville young people will constitute one of the chief features of the programme. The proceeds will be used in aid of the fund for a new organ.

Mrs. Clifford Pennock has returned from Merrickville where she had been caring for her mother, Mrs. Driscoll, who suffered a paralytic stroke recently.

Misses Florence and Ethel Johnston, Forfar, were week-end guests of Miss Nell Pinkerton.

Mrs. R. J. Powell is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Robeson, Athens.

Miss Mary Peters underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils in Kingston last week.

Mrs. Horace Judson is now able to be around again after having been indisposed last week from a severe cold.

Mrs. D. A. Coon entertained to tea on Saturday evening in honor of their guest, Blake Halladay, Toronto, who is spending a few days with relatives.

Albert Kenny has returned to the home of his nephew, Thomas Dennison, from a Kingston hospital.

Charles Hamilton is visiting his brother, Harry Hamilton, at Douglas, Ont.

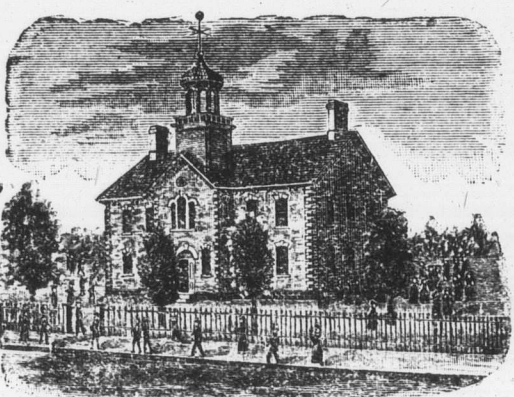
Mrs. Robert Smith has returned home from a month's visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. W. Stanley Cole, Riverside, Ont.

Robert Hamilton was in Kingston recently receiving treatment for an abscess of the eye.

H. Gus Coon, barrister, solicitor and notary public, left for Toronto recently where he is to be admitted to the bar this week, after which he will commence practice in Kingston.

Miss Gertrude Halladay has returned to her home in Toronto.

George Murphy has returned from a trip to New York City.



THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL

Built in 1878, Burned to the Ground in October, 1921.