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### Last Divine Service

The Athens squad of the 156th attended divine service in Christ's Church (Anglican) Sunday evening. A large congregation was present to hear the last sermon to the boys in khaki, who are departing this week for Barriefield. Rev. W. G. Swayne, in his advice to the men, made an impressive appeal for godliness in their future conduct, assuring them the comfort of a watchful Providence. He spoke of the debt the people in Canada were under to the boys who offered their lives in the trenches, and of the absurd indifference of those who might don the uniform but would not. He advised total abstinence as the only sensible conduct when lives rested on the equilibrium of all the senses.

### The Rideau High (Rideau Record)

This week has everything beaten in the weather line for a period of time reaching behind the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It has been raining since Monday and as we go to press at three o'clock Thursday afternoon it is still pouring. The farmers have put their horses and implements up and have taken to playing checkers waiting till the clouds empty themselves. The water in the Rideau has risen 18 inches in the 24 hours between Tuesday night at six o'clock and yesterday morning six, and is now considerably higher than it is in the spring freshet. It is eight feet, eight inches at Jones' lock and is pouring over all the dams and through all the sluices in torrents. At Hutton's lock big timbers 12 inches square were fastened on top of the dam to increase its height but yesterday they were all swept away.

### Death of Mrs. Manford Sterry

One of the saddest events which has occurred for some time in Elgin when Mrs. Manford Sterry peacefully away in the Gen. Hospital Brockville. Deceased had been suffering for about a week of a very serious illness and was taken to that institution the same morning for treatment she was 22 years of age and of a bright, cheerful disposition. She was formerly Miss Elizabeth Tole. Besides her parents, husband and two small children, there are left to mourn her loss three brothers, and two sisters, all of whom have the sympathy of the entire community in this, their hour of deep grief. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church by Rev. J. P. MacFarlane Monday. The pall bearers were Messrs. Henry, Clinton, Edgar, Raymond, Clifford and Gordon Warren.

### Homesekers' Excursions

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### SHERWOOD SPRING

May 20—Mr. and Mrs. Blake Dickey, Yonge Mills, were recent visitors at Mrs. A. Eligh's.

Mr. M. Lloyd spent a few days last week, with his family in Brockville. Mr. Lloyd has rented his farm to Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Turner, Mallorytown Landing, were guests on Thursday last at Mr. George Stewart's.

Seeding in this district is very much behind time, on account of the continued wet weather.

Our cheese factory at Yonge Mills paid \$29.40 per ton, for milk, for the month of April.

Messrs. Geo. Clow and Elton Eligh made a business trip to Brockville, on Thursday last.

A number of picnics are under way for the 24th, and it is to be hoped the weather man will be a little more agreeable by that time.

## OIL STOVES

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## Local and District News

Sergt. D. E. Abrahams of Kingston, spent the week-end here.

Smiths Falls will celebrate the 1st of July this year.

Mr. Joseph Thompson will build a garage for his big McLaughlin.

Mr. Guy Halladay, New Boyne, spent the week-end at his home here.

The popularity of the bicycle has revived. There is a surprising increase in the number used in the village.

A number of Athens Odd Fellows were in Delta on Sunday attending church with the lodge of that place.

Major Newman and Captain Kidd were guests at the Rectory during their stay in Athens.

The Earl Construction Co. has delivered a R-gal touring car to Dr. J. F. Harte.

Mr. Harry Vollick has been engaged a barber in Mr. Wing's barber shop.

The order for the 156th Battalion to go into camp on the 26th, has been cancelled.

Mr. Melzer Ferguson has returned from a few weeks' stay in Smith's Falls.

It is reported that Rev. Father McKiernan, of Elgin, will succeed the late Rev. Father Meagher at Kemptville.

Bring your butter and eggs to the Bazaar. Highest price paid.

Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Duclon, Alexandria Bay, are visitors in Athens.

Miss Gladys Gainford who is teaching in Elizabethtown, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gainford.

A generous lunch was given the trekkers of the 156th when they left for Brockville Tuesday morning. The boys left in high spirits in spite of the drizzle.

Word has been received here that William Grey, formerly of this vicinity, is ill of typhoid fever at his home in Balcan, Sask.

We noticed the name of Beaumont S. Cornell in the list of successful medical students of the fourth year, Toronto University.

Mr. Allan Cumming, M.A., professor of Queen's University, and winner of the Rhodes scholarship of 1914 was in Athens last week in the interest of the Cummings Flour Mill of Lyn.

Miss Mabelle Wight, of the Children's Memorial Hospital staff, Montreal, is taking a few days rest at her old home, "The Lilacs."

Lt.-Col. J. A. McCammon, C. A. M. C. sheriff of Leeds and Grenville will be in charge of sanitary work at Barriefield camp this summer.

Mr. Roy. E. Parish, one time a typo in the Reporter office, and for a number of years on the Burlington Gazette, is now in Hamilton following his chosen profession.

All tickets on the contest at the Bazaar must be turned in on or before Wednesday May 31. The June contest will be announced in next issue.

R. D. Judson and son have nearly completed their private garage on Victoria street. It has a cement floor and is easy of access from the street. They have converted one of their skiffs into an outboard motor boat, fitting it with a Caille engine.

Friday morning the home of Dr. Bisel, Mallorytown, who is at the front as a lieutenant, in the A.M.C. took fire but was extinguished owing to the good work of the soldiers of the 156th Battalion stationed there.

The following enlisted Monday night in the 156th: Carman Pennock, Leonard McConnell, Wesley Henderson, Hibbert Spence, Ross Stevens, Harold Dixie. Other recent recruits are: Harry Tolley, W. G. Allen.

A substantial contribution towards the Daughters of the Empire fund to provide colors for the 156th Battalion was handed to Major Newman. This was the result of the activity of Miss Morjorie Moore and her Sunday school class of boys, Christ's church.

Sergeant Ross V. McLaughlin, an Athens boy who has been serving for the past year with the Canadian Army Dental Corps in Belgium and France, has been granted the privilege of returning to Canada to resume his studies at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons at Toronto. Sergt. McLaughlin, who has a brother in France with the 43rd Battalion, C. E. F., expects to return to this country immediately to enter upon his final year at the Dental College. The session opened on May 1st.

## THE CLASSIC VILLAGE ENTERTAINS THE 156TH

Composite Company of the 156th Leeds and Grenville Battalion Spends Monday Night in Athens

Athens, bedecked, and in holiday humor, received the visit of the trekking company of the 156th Battalion on Monday, and extended to it real hospitality. The soldiers were met at the Town Hall square, where Reeve Holmes read an address of welcome. Quarters were assigned to them in the Gamble House, the Town Hall, and the Township Hall. Sapper was served by the ladies of the village in the lower part of the Town Hall.

Monday morning, the humid atmosphere seemed permeated with suppressed excitement. Citizens surprised themselves and their fellowmen by rising half an hour earlier than usual. Flags, ready to be tacked up, were carried here and there; streamers and banners seemed monstrous in size as they lay in heaps; boughs of evergreens, piled in confusion, waited the decorators' hands. After the decorations had been placed in position, the big arch built, and with the banners of welcome flapping in the light breeze, the village waited, going about its duties in its ordinary work-a-day fashion. The sky, overcast and sullen, promised dire things. Thoughts of last week's deluge lay heavy on the minds of the people. A few optimistic spirits declared there was no rain to come down, but in their hearts they were not sure. The municipal wagon made a trip around the village to gather up any rubbish in sight. Another wagon collected the food donated by residents.

At noon it was known that the soldiers were stopping at Eloids for lunch and a rest. Shortly after two o'clock the company arrived, the band at the head of the column playing lively music. At the rear were the transport and ambulance wagons. Circling through the town, they came to attention in front of the Town Hall. The address of welcome read by the Reeve, was received by Major Newman, officer in command. The company, after being assigned quarters, was dismissed. At 5 o'clock, the bugle sounded, and the men gathered in the Town Hall, where the ladies, of the village served supper.

An entertainment was held in the auditorium commencing at eight and continuing until a late hour. The hall was filled to its capacity, the music by the band, the speeches and other numbers being greatly enjoyed.

The rain, long overdue, began to fall in the early evening, and the prospect of another wet march was ruefully discussed by the men. Not that it mattered much, for they were accustomed to rain, and there would be a chance to change their clothing in Brockville. The conduct of the visitors was in every way exemplary; they are a fine bunch of men, and Athens will always remember with pleasure the visit of the 156th.

### Nolan Leaves for Prison

John Edward Henry Nolan, late lieutenant in "C" Battery, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Kingston, whose escape from a Brockville residence with a portion of the family jewels and subsequent arrest in Montreal, created a furore there last winter was taken handcuffed to three other prisoners, to the Central Prison at Guelph, by Bailiff Simser, this morning. Nolan will serve eighteen months on a charge of theft.

Nolan, then an officer in the R.C.H.A., came to Brockville to attend a social event. Following his departure a number of jewels were found to be missing from the house. After a chase of several days detectives found him at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Montreal. He was arrested, brought before Judge Dowse here and sentenced to serve eighteen months at Guelph. Nolan came of respectable parentage in England and claimed to have served in the British army in Flanders in the early stages of the war. Leaving Brockville Nolan still wore his lieutenant's uniform, though it somewhat looked the worse for wear, and wore on his cap the badge of the R.C.H.A.

Convalescents will find Ferrovin, the invigorating tonic, just the thing to put them on their feet again. Ferrovin is composed of beef, iron and wine. Large bottles \$1.00. Davis & Lawrence Co., Montreal.

### Fifty Athens Boys in Canadian Forces

The Athens correspondent of the Brockville Recorder has compiled a very interesting record of our boys in khaki: Approximately fifty recruits to the Canadian Expeditionary Force have been provided by this village, the majority of these being members of the 156th Leeds and Grenville Battalion, a unit which has made a strong appeal and met with a hearty response from the young manhood of Athens.

Men of this village now quartered here with the 156th are the following:

- E. J. Allan
- A. Bradley
- J. H. Brooker
- Arthur Bradley
- W. G. Botsford
- E. Covey
- H. Covey
- J. E. Cross
- C. Chant
- D. Cheyne
- B. Connerty
- F. Covey
- G. R. Darling
- D. Dodge
- H. J. Farmer
- C. R. Greenham
- W. Greenham
- A. Hawkins
- J. R. Hawkins
- D. S. Hayes
- E. Heffernan
- C. Hawkins
- G. Kelsey
- L. Kirkland
- D. Manson
- L. J. Paul
- W. A. Thornhill
- A. Wilkinson
- John Scott

Athenians who have enlisted in other units include the following:

- Pte. L. Bates, 21st Battalion
- Pte. George W. Brayman, 11th Battalion
- Pte. Hubert M. Correll, 8th Brigade, C.F.A.
- Pte. A. A. Crawford, 3rd Battery, Canadian Siege Artillery
- Trooper H. G. Foley, Veterinary Corps
- Pte. J. Mills Johnston, Queen's Battery, C.F.A.
- Pte. L. Moulton, 21st Battalion
- Pte. D. D. Spence, 2nd Brigade, first Canadian Division
- Pte. Fred Tanner
- Gunner Rodd E. O'Connor, 3rd Battery, C.F.A.
- Pte. R. J. Stinson, Winnipeg Battalion
- Sergt. Ross V. McLaughlin, No. 2 Field Ambulance, C.E.F.
- Pte. Keith E. McLaughlin, 43rd Battalion, Canadian Scottish
- Captain C. E. McLean, M. O., 156th Battalion
- Sergt. Manliff Berney, 80th Battalion
- Pte. Roscoe DeWolfe, 70th Battalion
- Pte. John Chassels 70th Battalion
- Pte. Roy G. McLaughlin 184th Battalion
- Private W. M. Foley, 156th Battalion
- Pte. D. Abrahams, C.A.S.C.

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