

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

AMELIABURG 4th CON.

Mrs. R. Roscoe of Rochester, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maslin and other friends here, has returned to her home.

Miss Nellie Rosebush of Toronto, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parliament.

Mr. Jones of Belleville, who has been assisting Mr. S. Venzit with his harvest has returned to his position in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dolan spent the week-end with friends in Trenton. Mrs. H. Spencer after a month's visit with friends here, has gone to Oshawa.

Mr. Claude Wannamaker left Monday morning for a sojourn in the northern counties.

Miss Neva Carrigite of Trenton, who is holidaying in the county, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wycott.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan spent a recent Sunday in Picton, guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Purielle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parliament and family enjoyed an outing at the beach Sunday.

Masters, Reginald and Ronald Blakely of Belleville, have been visiting their aunts, the Misses Blakely. Miss Rockwell who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrison of Wellington, visited the latter's father, Mr. A. Spencer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Barlow and family were Sunday guests of D. H. Vancott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were at Wm. Morton's, Melville, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Loat were on the fourth Sunday evening.

STIRLING

Dr. F. J. Lawson is visiting at the home of Mrs. A. McCutcheon.

Mr. D. Connell and Miss Lister of Madoc, were in town recently.

Miss Pearl Perry of Toronto, visited Mrs. J. Richardson a few days this week.

Mrs. H. F. Grayne and daughter of Belleville, spent a few days in town this week.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Belleville, Mrs. J. S. Gilbert and son of Windsor, and Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Toronto, are guests of Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Howard at the Stirling Methodist Parsonage. News Argus.

NILES CORNERS

The harvest is ready and the laborers are few.

Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Switzer entertained company last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Osborne, Mrs. Caleb French, and Miss Frances Osborne, of Melville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clapp on a recent Wednesday.

Little Miss Mabel McCartney and her brother, of Rose Hall, spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ellis and other relatives at the Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thompson motored to Oak Lake on Sunday and attended the camp-meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clapp entertained company on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCartney were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dufee and son, Herman, spent Sunday at Pleasant Bay, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Way.

Mrs. L. E. Weese spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Way near Conesecon.

Rain is badly needed at present. Grain is ripening very rapidly and dust, dust! is the order of the day.

MELVILLE

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Never before in the history of Canada has the truth of the foregoing quotation from a material sense, been so deeply impressed upon the minds of the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas, Burrs, visited at J. W. Boyd's camp, Conesecon Lake, Monday evening.

Miss Elva Locklin, B.A., is entertaining a lady friend, Miss Lottie Hamar, of Aurora. Mr. Woods and daughter, of Tamworth, are also guests at Mr. Locklin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Denmore Doolittle, Burrs, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, Toronto, and Mr. R. Pearsall, spent Tuesday afternoon fishing in Conesecon Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pyne and daughter, Crofton, were callers at Fred Weeks' Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Clapp, Oshawa, are spending this week with friends here.

Miss Elva Locklin and Miss Ella spent Saturday in Trenton.

Mr. Geo. Weeks, Oshawa, spent over Sunday at Melville.

Mrs. M. Harston and Miss Alice, of Madoc, are spending this week, the guests of Mrs. W. H. Anderson.

Miss L. Ramsay is very ill. Mr. Laucelot Davern entertained Mr. K. Best, Wellington, and Mr. Bodell, Picton, for a few days.

Mr. Arthur Kinnear and W. H. Anderson spent Sunday at Huff's Island.

The quarterly sacramental service of Hallowell circuit was held at Burr's on Sunday, Aug. 5th. The evening service was held at Bowerman's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hendricks, York Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pyne, Bowerman's, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Locklin on Sunday.

Mrs. J. Kinnear visited at Huff's Island last week.

Mrs. Hineman, Milford, who spent last week with Mrs. S. Chase, returned home on Wednesday.

Miss S. White, Huff's Island, and Mr. R. Laxier, Detroit, motored to Melville Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Alexander has his telephone installed, making in all seven on line 94.

Master Earl Boyd, Algonville, spent last week the guest of George Young.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Young were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hall, Hastings.

Miss Nellie Arthur, B.A., Trenton, and Master Arthur Whyte, Haliburton, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cornish, Belleville, are holidaying at D. H. Young's. Miss Lillian Alexander is spending a few days with friends in Belleville.

Baby Henry Wallbridge is this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinnear.

Mr. Caleb French, after spending a few weeks with friends here, returned to Oshawa on Monday.

TRENTON

Trenton, Aug. 7.—The "Whiz Bang Boys" (all returned soldiers) were given a warm reception on their arrival here at the G.T.R. station at noon today, when the mayor and many citizens in numerous gaily decorated autos met them and escorted them through the principal streets of the town. Everything promised them a packed house at the Hippodrome tonight when they give their entertainment.

The Sutcliffe Apartments, where they are staying, are most lavishly decorated with flags and bunting in the honor.

Mrs. Crews, Dufferin Ave., mother of Mrs. Robert Whyte, dropped dead today while about her household tasks.

Miss Bena Sills, who is spending the summer at Twelve o'Clock Point, is in town today.

A great many from here are attending the garden party today for the Red Cross at the residence of Mrs. Jack Little, on the York Road.

Mrs. Patten leaves for Arnprior tomorrow on a visit to her sister.

Miss Georgina Hoag, Toronto, is in town, the guest of Mrs. Charles Weaver.

BLESSINGTON

There was no church on Sunday

on account of Quarterly Meeting at Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Geddes motored from Saginaw, Mich., and spent a short time visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Haight, also at Mr. D. Beatty's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Snider and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Badgley attended camp-meeting at Oak Lake on Sunday; also Mr. and Mrs. D. Hagerman and Mr. and Mrs. S. Haight.

Miss Katie Gordon, of Toronto, is spending her holidays with Mrs. Alva Hagerman.

Mr. E. Vandewater and children, of Toronto, are guests of Mrs. J. R. Haight.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Robin and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sills spent Sunday at Oak Lake.

Miss Olive Badgley, Melrose, and Miss V. Phillips, of Clinton, spent a few days last week with Mrs. S. Haight.

Miss M. Sherman, of Toronto, is visiting at Mr. Jas. Cole's.

AMELIABURG

Mr. Ernos Blakely and cousin spent Sunday with relatives at Salem. On Tuesday, Mr. R. Dempsey's team became frightened and ran away, upsetting a load of hay and breaking the wagon. Mr. Dempsey was injured slightly.

Mr. Jos. Adams spent Tuesday in Trenton.

Mr. W. Carrite, Rossmore, called at R. O. Aylea's on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Pulver and Mrs. Geo. Carley visited at A. Wannamaker's, Carrying Place, Monday.

Mrs. Savell, of Toronto, returned home on Friday after spending the week here.

Mrs. P. Carley spent Friday at Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ayrhart and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Tufts, Detroit, spent Sunday at M. Carrington's.

Messrs. D. Snider and Roy Dempsey and wives motored to Sidney and spent Sunday with Mrs. Snider's brothers.

A number from this vicinity attended the social at Carrying Place Wednesday evening.

Mrs. D. Snider is entertaining friends from Rochester and Niagara.

THIRD LINE THURLOW

We are needing rain badly, but at the same time it is fine weather for curing fall wheat and barley, which is being harvested now.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McKibbin and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McConnell and children, from Chagry Valley, motored over and were Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. A. Rutnan's.

Quarterly services were held at Cannifton church.

A good many from this section visited Oak Lake camp-meeting as it was the last Sunday.

Miss Rosa McKibbin returned home with her parents.

The lawn social held at Mr. W. Phelps' was a decided success. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walmsey and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bell, of Belleville, were present. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT PLentiful on Market Today

On the market this morning a large and miscellaneous collection of vegetables and fruits was offered. Raspberries and cherries were abundant. The red berries sold at 15c per box, the blue at 2 for 25c. Cherries were offered at 2 boxes for 25c, or \$1.25 per basket. Potatoes were the cheapest this season at 60c per peck or \$2.00 per bushel.

LOST CONTROL OF CAR

About seven o'clock last night, people near the Dominion Bank, corner of Bridge and Front Streets, were startled when a car, driven by a lady, endeavored to enter the bank building. Something went suddenly wrong with the steering gear and the driver lost control, hence the sudden swerve from the pavement. Two other ladies and a little girl were in the car but no one was seriously hurt. The little girl was thrown out and received a shaking-up and a few scratches.

Opinions From Our Contemporaries

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FATA

The President of the American National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor has created somewhat of a sensation in the United States, particularly in sociological circles, by his frank declaration that, in his opinion, capital punishment is not a deterrent to murder, nor does it deter lynchings. This testimony, coming so soon after the recent interesting debate in the Canadian Commons on the resolution of Mr. Bickerdike to abolish capital punishment, is worth reviewing. Commenting upon the recent lynching of a negro near Memphis before a crowd of over three thousand men, women and children, the victim being burned at the stake, the commissioner said: "Perhaps the most astonishing fact about the situation in Tennessee is that capital punishment has been re-established there in order that just such atrocities might be avoided. It was to prevent mob violence that the legislature re-wrote upon the statute books the law authorizing the State to take the life of a murderer; and now the mob has shown that it will not await the course of justice when its passions are aroused."

In 1915 the State of Tennessee abolished the death penalty for murder in the first degree, but made it applicable to criminal assault under certain circumstances. Powerful opposition developed to the passage of the act but it became law, although the governor vetoed it. The executive action was ineffective, however, because of a time limit, and the death penalty was abolished. Then began an aggressive campaign to discredit the act before the people. Several of the more powerful newspapers in the state played up every crime and suggested that the abolition of capital punishment would increase the number of lynchings. It was said that the death penalty was a protection to the women of the state and that its abolition would increase lawlessness. It was never made clear to the people that the death penalty was still enforceable for the punishment of those convicted of crimes against women. As a result of this campaign the law was repealed early this year and capital punishment restored. The ancient theory that the state must take human life to deter men from crime was advanced, although it was not proved that crime had increased during the period of suspension of the penalty. The new bill was signed by the governor in March, and scarcely was the ink dry when the country was startled by the atrocious occurrence related in the news despatches of a week or so ago.

The decided views of the commissioner on the effect of capital punishment in states where lynchings have taken place are summed up in the following statistics:—

"But this lynching may serve to teach a moral: the abolition of capital punishment does not tend to increase lynchings; men are burned at the stake even when the State can inflict the death penalty. In fact statistics show that lynchings occur with frequency in states still retaining capital punishment. Between 1910 and 1915 ten southern states had 178 lynchings and 161 legal executions committed within their borders. During the same period, the total number of legal executions in the United States were 416; lynchings 255. Less than one-fifth of the states had over 8 per cent. of legal executions, and nearly 70 per cent. of lynchings. Despite the fact that this atrocity was committed because of rape, lynchings take place mainly for murder, not rape. Of the 255 persons lynched between 1910 and 1915, 132 were for murder, or alleged murder, and 52 were for rape, or alleged rape."

Has the death penalty a place in a civilized community? Those who advocate it are evidently convinced

that crime can be prevented through repression, but crime—certainly crime which leads to murder—is an indication of diseased mentality. Sexual crimes are induced by diseased minds. Both have to be treated individually. Murder cannot be prevented by hanging men or killing them in the electric chair or burning them at the stake. Until that fact becomes appreciated generally, Mr. Bickerdike, and others like him, have their work still to do.—Ottawa Citizen.

MILLIONAIRES WANT MAN-POWER

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If all the resources of the Dominion are organized and applied to winning the war to the same extent that the man-power is called upon in the compulsory service bill, but little objection would be made to the latter, but when millionaires like Sir Clifford Sifton can plead so earnestly, as he has done in a recent letter, for the conscription of man-power, he should be willing to give up a great part of his wealth for the cause before he asks parliament to compel the young men of military age to offer up their lives. It is selfishness of the most glaring kind for wealthy men, or any other class, who for any reason are exempt from military service, to contend that young men should go to the trenches to protect them and their interests, while they either sit at home and conserve their hoards, or as profiteers seek to become plutocrats by pocketing excessive profits and causing suffering among their poor fellow citizens. Such men and those who have enlisted without any intention of going to the front, but merely to claim the pay and privileges of officers of the high rank which they have been given as relatives of M.P.s, although they know little about military work, and will be given safe positions on headquarters staff when no other excuse can be found for their absence from the firing line, have done more to hinder recruiting than almost any other cause. Col. Currie, M.P. for North Simcoe did go to the front for a short time, but it was a brief period, and since that time he has been satisfied with drawing his thousands of dollars of pay and addressing recruiting meetings, urging young men to enlist for the trenches, but he has remained in Canada. His place apparently should be in command of his regiment. Profiteering plutocrats and shirking commissioned officers would show better taste by keeping away from recruiting meetings.—Mitchell Recorder.

THE REAL CULPRIT

A negro is up in court in London, Ont., charged with bigamy, his alleged second wife being a thirteen-year-old white girl. Why do not the authorities yank the preacher into court who performed a ceremony like that?—Guelph Mercury.

THE WONDER IS

Coincident with the recent statements of life insurance experts that the average age of the city man is forty-three years, "Uncle Tommy" Edwards, of Viola, Wis., celebrated his hundredth birthday by dancing a jig before admiring villagers, and Grandpa Sherman, of Pineville, Mo., partook of cake, apples, oranges, bananas, and candies which friends had brought him in honor of the ninetieth anniversary of his birth.

"Never worry about anything," said Uncle Tommy, after cutting a final caper, and Grandpa Sherman remarked complacently as he brushed away the last crumb that, thanks to his always looking on the bright side of things, his digestion still seemed in excellent condition.

Well, it's all right for Uncle Tommy and Grandpa Sherman to advise against worry, but they never lived in the city. They never had to fight

an apartment-house janitor for more steam, stem a subway tide, try to keep up appearances, eat caviar at midnight, drink champagne at dawn, read nine papers a day, listen to the clatter of the elevated and the chatter of the highbrow, put on a stiff collar every day, cook over the gas, get unbeknownst to the landlady, eat standing up in a hasty lunch room, keep seas off a house dog, pay gasoline bills, and refrain from ever expressing an original opinion. They always could wear out their old clothes, cuss when they felt like it, and do labor that got up a healthy appetite.

It's no wonder then that they touched the century mark still going strong. The wonder is that the city man lives to be forty-three.—New York Globe.

SIZING UP CLIFFORD

Judged by his recent speeches, Sir Clifford Sifton is quite as much concerned about putting Sir Wilfrid Laurier down and out for good as he is about winning the war.—Brantford Expositor.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE

That the fraternal and hospitable efforts and good-will of the Belleville Brethren of the Craft, and citizens generally, were appreciated by our visitors from north, south, east and west, is apparent from the many letters received here since Grand Lodge met, expressive of a desire to return to Belleville again in regular course, and expressive of the good comradeship which prevailed during the session of the great Masonic governing body representing 64,000 Masons of Ontario. The following letter from Mr. Neil J. McAulay, Mining Recorder and P.D.D.G.M. of Timiskaming, addressed to E.W. Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton, is but a type of many others which make pleasing reading indeed for all interested:—

Halleybury, Ont., Aug. 2, 1917.

Dear Col. W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Ont.:

Having arrived safely home after spending a very pleasant and profitable week in your beautiful city, on behalf of myself and brethren of this District I wish to thank you and all the brethren of Belleville and the citizens generally, who so willingly and fraternally made the visit of the delegates attending Grand Lodge so pleasant for us during our stay in the city. This same feeling was freely expressed by all those with whom I came in contact, both while in your city and also on the way back to Toronto. We shall always remember and look back with a great deal of pleasure upon our visit to the recent session of Grand Lodge, and we hope that at some future date Grand Lodge may again be honored by the privilege of meeting in your city.

I should appreciate very much if you would extend to the brethren of Belleville, and also to His Worship the Mayor, our sincere appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown us during the time we spent in your midst. We are looking forward to a visit from the Most Worshipful Grand Master some time during the coming year, and would like very much if you could arrange to make the visit with him. We hope that we may again meet next year at Windsor; it is always such a pleasure to have this annual reunion. With very kind regards, I am Yours fraternally, N. J. McAulay, P.D.D.G.M.

PLEASANT PICNIC

Emmanuel Church Sunday school picnic took place yesterday. By the kindness of Rev. Father Killeen, the beautiful grounds at Pine Grove were the rendezvous. Robert Orr's carryalls took the picnicers to and from the ground. The weather was all that could be desired, and a happy outing was enjoyed by a large number of the school and their friends.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY BELLEVILLE AND HASTINGS COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. parlor yesterday and considering the very hot weather and that it is vacation season, a good attendance was present. Matters pertaining to the welfare of the noble work being carried on by the society were discussed but the most important subject was the financial side, the need of more liberal help by the public. It was mentioned that an idea was prevalent that the Institute was supported and maintained by the Government, now this is not so. They do not receive any financial help whatsoever, the work is just under government supervision. Also many believe that the County and City financed the work. What they get from the County or City is a sum awarded by the court for the support of a child made a ward while it is in the Shelter only. They are entirely dependent upon voluntary subscriptions and membership fees and unless a more liberal response is made to the society it will have to curtail its activity and no investment gives a better return today on the capital put out than work among children of the poor. It will pay any community twice over to rescue and protect its helpless and friendless children, assisting them to become self supporting and self respecting rather than to provide reformatories, prisons, asylums and other institutions at immense cost. There has been during the last month, six children made wards of the Society, fourteen wards have been placed out in good homes and the inspector has investigated nine cases of neglect. There are thirty children in the Shelter today, ranging from three months to twelve years of age. The public are invited to visit the Shelter, Tuesday's and Friday's, 2 to 5 P.M. Thursday's, 5 to 8 P.M. No visiting on Sundays.

Editor Ontario, Will you permit me on behalf of the Management Board of the Children's Shelter to acknowledge the following gifts of the public:

Thanking them most heartily and wishing others would do likewise, Yours Sincerely, Thos. D. Ruston, Insp.

Miss Pierson—Dresses and hats. A friend—Twelve baskets strawberries and rhubarb.

Mrs. Jones—Fruit, milk and cake cream. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Sharpe—Large basket of strawberries.

T. D. Ruston—Half gallon of ice cream. Miss Ferguson—Dresses and Blouses.

Mr. Pratt—Fork chops. Zam Buck Company—Six dollars worth of Zam Buck.

Mr. A. Farley—Two pairs of boots and parcel of clothes. Y. W. C. T. U.—Two boxes of candies.

Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson—Parcel of children's clothing. A little boy's gift pair of pants. A friend—Parcel of clothing, toys and oranges.

Mr. G. Ritchell—Water melon. Wallbridge and Clarke—Large bag of biscuits. Kellaway's—Groceries, bag of potatoes.

RESULTS OF HONOR JUNIOR MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS

The results of the examinations for honor junior matriculation are given below. The standing obtained in each subject is indicated after a candidate's name: I, indicating first class honors; II, second-class honors and III, third-class honors respectively.

Hastings:—F. E. Baker, Latin I, Ger. II, chem. III; B. S. Baistone, Eng. II, hist. II, Latin, III, Fr. III, Ger. III; D. M. Burton, Eng. III; A. L. Laxier, Eng. III; H. McKown, Eng. III.

Lennox and Prince Edward:—K. Boulter, Fr. III, Ger. III; K. B. Daly, Fr. III; B. Woods, Latin, III, Fr. III, Ger. III.

Sergt. C. 254th Signal Bn.

Mrs. G. following a most inter. of the 254th 6th Res.

Dear Mot. Received tonight death to a long one. written about glad to be telling that I just got night about one with burgh and to this life a fine time Seaford six don about taxi to the is one of too good f. We had a of clothes ourselves a taxi for Br but he was to the hotel. Heve me v had order menu from our dinner were finish and it cam or \$7.50 for Harrison a still have dinner we Strand, Pic White Chas places in I around there few old B. up here all ing and wh tel at-nigh each for the ty as I had rest of the same. We o'clock, for slept until ing and ju dressed w roar of big