

Flint Youth Awarded Highest Scout Honor

Wins Eagle Badge—Another Boy Rewarded for Saving Life.

Flint Mich., Sept. 24.—The highest service honor that can be awarded to a Boy Scout, the issuance of an eagle scout badge, was conferred upon Vernon Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram H. Hawkins, 1527 Lyon Street, Monday night, at the first meeting of the year of the Court of Honor.

The court doubly honored five other Scouts, awarding life scout and star scout badges, besides presenting Orville Hale, former scout and now a scout leader, with a letter of commendation for his act of heroism on June 23rd, 1921, in saving Miss Philomena Arndt from drowning.

Hale was swimming in the old gravel pit in South Flint when he dived into a deep hole. While under water he felt something grab him, and battling his way to the surface discovered that a young woman was clutching him. With great effort Hale brought Miss Arndt to shore. The fact that he was taken utterly by surprise, combined with his coolness in bringing Miss Arndt to safety is held by scout officials as most unusual. The letter of commendation, a lithographed manuscript, was sent here by the National Court of Honor and bore the signature of Daniel C. Beard, High Chief of Scouting.

For Scout Hawkins to win the Eagle

Badge it was necessary for him to win 21 merit badges in various lines of scout endeavor. He is only the 11th Flint boy to be so honored over a period of seven years. Other Flint scouts who have won the badge are: Herman Clapp, Harold Holland, Chas. Hatch, Lyle Koepke, B. F. Miller, Jr., Sheldon Nemias, Lawrence Pettibone, William Pontiac, Milton Pettibone and Millard Saxton.

Merit Badges Issued.

Earl Richmond, Robert Darnton, Bennie Miller, Harold Eiseman and Robert Richardson were each awarded life scout and star scout badges. First class scouts were eligible to earn the life scout badge by winning five merit badges, while the star scout badges were earned by acquiring ten merit badges. The five scouts won their ten merit badges during the summer months, entitling them to double honors. One hundred and thirty individual merit badges were also awarded.

The exercises were presided over by Nelson Webster, chairman of the Court of Honor. The Eagle Badge was presented by E. W. Atwood, president of the Flint Boy Scout organization.

Vernon Hawkins, who won the Eagle Badge, is a nephew of Messrs. Charlie and Adam Hawkins of Athens.

COUNCIL MEETING REAR YONGE AND ESCOTT.

The council met on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at one o'clock. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Accounts Ordered Paid.

Robt. J. Shaw, bonus on 49 rods wire fence, \$8.02; E. Taylor, grant on Slack road, \$50; P. Hollingsworth, supplies for the Foley family from July 10th to Sept. 1st, \$24; the Recorder and Times, advertising registration of by-law, \$9.60; the Athens Reporter, printing voters' lists and notices, \$55.20; William Flood, bonus on 42 rods wire fence, \$7.52; accounts Building Hard Island bridge, Henry Hawkins, work, \$14.50; Lucien Livingston, work, \$24.50; B. Livingston, work, \$2.50; A. M. Eaton, work, \$39.50; W. G. Parish, cement and lumber, \$79.37; expense colonization road No. 2, Jas. McAvoy, work, \$18.75; Alex. McQuinn, work, \$22.50; Jos. McAvoy, work, \$10; Frank Emmons, work, \$10; Harry Rowsom, work, \$5; Heber Burnham, bal. on stone and labor, \$248.75.

By-law to impose an additional charge for non-payment of taxes was read three times and passed. The by-law provides that on the 16th day of December in each and every year, five per cent will be added to unpaid taxes.

By-law to appoint a collector was passed, appointing Thomas D. Spance for the office at a salary of \$50, roll to be completed by the clerk on or before Oct. 20th.

Moved by C. B. Howard, seconded by Thos. G. Howorth, that the council do now adjourn until the 27th of October, or sooner if called by the receiver.—Carried.

R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.

PLUM HOLLOW

Plum Hollow, Sept. 22.—Corn-culting is the order of the day among the farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Male, of Portland, visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. Chant, on Tuesday last.

Rally Day will be observed in the Baptist Sunday school on Sunday morning, September 30.

Miss Mabel Carl spent a few days last week with Athens friends.

New gasoline lamps were put in the Baptist Church last week.

The fall fairs have all been well patronized by the people of this vicinity.

Mrs. Orm, Jackson and daughter, Audrey, spent the week-end with relatives at North Augusta.

The many friends of W. B. Newsome will be glad to know that he is gaining after a short but serious illness of throat trouble.

The Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Orm, Jackson on Wednesday, October 3.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Burt attended the funeral of Harry Kelsey, at Elgin, on Saturday.

There will be no services in the Baptist Church here on October 11 owing to anniversary services being held in the Baptist Church at Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, of Athens, spent the week-end in the Hollow.

Recent visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sweet and family, Delta, at John Wiltse's; Mr. and Mrs. Bryce White and family, of Lyndhurst, at Warren Gifford's; Mr. and Mrs. Parke Richards, of Frankville, at Bert Barber's; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Talbot, at Joseph Chant's.

FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN DESTROYS BARN NEAR ELGIN

Insurance Will Not Cover Loss of C. R. Taylor.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Harvest Thanksgiving Services to be Held Throughout Country.

Elgin, Sept. 25.—Much sympathy is felt for C. R. Taylor and family in the loss of the former's barns by fire on Sunday morning. His machinery, chickens were also lost. The origin is unknown. Some insurance was carried, but the loss will be a heavy one.

The annual school fair was held here on the 21st inst., with a large attendance, and the usual display of exhibits which reflected great credit on the pupils and teachers.

D. R. Halladay, of Sterling, Ont., was a recent visitor in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones and Masters Milton and Leonard, have returned to their home at Niagara.

Mrs. Wesley Churchill, Brockville, was a last week guest of Mrs. J. Penlock.

Leonard and Ford Kelsey, Toronto, were called here last week owing to the sudden death of their brother, Harry Kelsey.

Mrs. Hayward Ripley is on the sick list.

Mrs. T. Lee and Miss Mary attended the Kingston exhibition last week and are remaining for a few days visiting friends.

Death of Harry Kelsey

Elgin and community were shocked beyond measure when the news was circulated on Thursday morning, the 20th inst., that Harry Kelsey had passed to the Great Beyond during the night. Mr. Kelsey had discharged his duties the evening before in his usual health, and had retired for the night when seized with a terrible pain in the head which developed into a cerebral hemorrhage. Medical aid was at once summoned but to no avail, the patient lapsing into unconsciousness, and passing peacefully away about midnight.

Deceased was born near Clear Lake, i. 1868 and was, therefore, in his 55th year. In 1875 he came to reside in Elgin where he had lived continuously ever since, commending the love and esteem of every acquaintance. Being of a kind, quiet, patient and unassuming disposition, he won a host of friends all of whom learned with unfeigned sorrow of his untimely demise.

For the past few years he acted in the capacity of mail carrier and kept a well-arranged livery stable. In this connection he was well-known by the travelling public, who evidenced their true friendship by many sincere expressions of regret and the large attendance at the funeral.

Some eight years ago, he was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Baker, of this place, who survives to mourn his loss, besides two sisters: Mrs. C. T. Sherwood, Elgin; Mrs. Ernest Jones, Niagara; and five brothers: Thomas Kelsey, New Westminster, B.C.; Watson W., Newboro; G. Burton, Elgin; W. Ford and Leonard R., both of Toronto. Other out-of-town relatives who attended the obsequies were: Mr. and Mrs. William Berry and son, Hilliard, Arthur Elliott, Mrs. George Williams, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Sterling; Penlock, J. A. Tabbot, Gananoque; H. N. Lillie, Miss Gertrude Penlock, Mrs. George Sly and Miss Dora, of Seelye Bay; Gordon Berry, South Lake; Mrs. Mary Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Kelsey, Newboro; Homer Kelsey of Lyndhurst.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday morning last at 10.30 to the Methodist Church of which deceased was a faithful and consistent member. His pastor, Rev. A. E. Sanderson, assisted by Rev. W. T. Keough, his former pastor, conducted the solemn ceremony, the latter speaking in very eulogistic terms of the life and character of the departed. The edifice was full to overflowing with friends, neighbors, and acquaintances from various callings. The Delta I.O.O.F. Lodge, to which deceased belonged, attended in a body and conducted their service at the grave.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful and verily expressed a sentiment too profound for mere words. They included wreaths from: I.O.O.F. Lodge, (Delta), Mrs. H. Kelsey (wife), Elgin business men, Epworth League, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sullivan; sprays from Elgin Rural Mail Route, Brothers, Leonard and Ford, Mrs. Kelsey's Sunday School class, Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Soper, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Burt, Mrs. Charlotte Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Tallman, Miss Laura Alford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and family, First Brook Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Moulton, Masters Merion, Ben and Hudson Camoëll, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkerton, Mrs. S. Smith, Misses Mary and Bertha Delong, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Leavine; pillow from Mrs. W. H. Pearson. The remains were laid to rest in the family plot.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

General Topics of Interest Discussed—The Editor Talks to Reporter Readers.

A GLOOMY PICTURE

The United States is described as the most lawless country in the world: "A country of universal cynicism, skepticism, and inhuman materialism. A country that raises a stately memorial to Abraham Lincoln and forgets or openly jeers at his teaching. A country where class hates class and class arms against class, shooting and lynching and burning and dynamiting while the law looks on and the public is so indifferent that it even looks away. A country which throws open its gates to alien criminal and alien lunatic, to anarchist, bomber and hired assassins, and where few Americans are born, few vote and few lead."

Had this appeared in Jack Canuck, or anywhere in Great Britain or Canada, it would have been denounced as a grossly unfair attack upon a friendly country. As a matter of fact it is taken from the Kansas City Star. Even so, we may allow for a certain exaggeration due to natural indignation against savage lawlessness. But there is enough truth in the picture to make patriotic Americans think.

Lawlessness is the root of the evil, and this cannot be blamed entirely on the new arrivals from Europe. Lynching has long been a reproach to the South, where the offending whites are mainly of the old stock. Associated with the lynching evil is the lax administration of the criminal law, which has been the subject of much comment. American detectives and police are accused of the harshest kind of treatment of persons under arrest, such as the use of the "third degree" to extort confessions of crime, yet many criminals escape. In Great Britain the accused person is treated with scrupulous fairness, yet crime is punished swiftly. It looks as if there were a close association between justice to the accused and justice to society.

JUNETOWN NEWS

Mrs. William Patterson, Brockville, has returned home after spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. Norris Ferguson.

Mrs. Francis Fortune has returned from Toronto where she attended the exhibition.

Mrs. A. N. Earl, Misses Evelyn and Doris and Mr. Purvis Earl were weekend visitors at Mr. Walter Purvis'.

School reopened here last week with Miss Beatrice Avery as teacher.

Miss Arley Purvis has returned from a ten days' visit at Purvis Street with her sister, Mrs. Leslie S. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Herbison, with their guests, Misses Ethel Heney and Annie Haws, of Ottawa, and Mrs. A. E. Summers, Mallorytown, motored to Oneonta, N.Y., on Tuesday to visit relatives, and returned on Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Scott left last week for Lansdowne, where she is on the public school staff.

Miss Jennie Bradley, Lansdowne, has returned home after a week's visit here with Miss Orna Fortune.

Mrs. Theo. Summers has returned to Ivy Lea, after staying here for a couple of weeks with her brother, Mr. Ira Warren.

Miss Dorothy Tennant, Caintown, spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, Brockville, were here last week completing his course at the Shaw's of their brother-in-law, Mr. Norris Ferguson.

Mr. Francis Fortune is in Toronto completing his course in the Shaw's Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foley, Lansdowne, were here last week for the funeral of their nephew, Mr. Norris Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Avery and Master Cecil were in Mallorytown on Wednesday attending the marriage of her sister, Miss Luella Trickey, to Mr. Wilton Clow. Mrs. Avery and Master Cecil will remain in Mallorytown for a few weeks' visit with her father, Mr. N. C. Trickey.

Miss Martha Percival, Burritt's Rapids, who has been with her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Bigford, for the past two weeks, left last week to visit her uncle, Mr. J. R. McDonald, Quabbin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ferguson, of Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. George Hazleton, Mr. and Mrs. Tedford, Miss Grace Ferguson, Mr. James Ferguson of Delta, were here for their cousin's (the latter's nephew) funeral on Sunday.

Mr. J. Grant McDonald has returned home after a ten days' visit in Kingston and Brockville.

Death of E. B. Wiltse Deeply Regretted

Remains Interred in Athens Cemetery Monday Afternoon.

The remains of the late Eldon B. Wiltse arrived in Athens from Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Sunday, Sept. 30th, 1923, and were immediately conveyed to the residence of his uncle, Mr. E. Y. Hollingsworth, the funeral taking place the following day, Monday.

It appears that the deceased left St. Thomas for a motor trip to the West and proceeded to Lac Du Bonnet for his fishing and hunting, and from there up the Winnipeg River to the Seven Sisters Falls with two former pupils (Mr. Wiltse having taught school at Lac Du Bonnet for two years). About a quarter of a mile below the Falls his troubles began, and they unfortunately got into a treacherous eddy, capsizing the boat, and bringing death to Eldon B. and one of his companions. The remaining young man was saved by clinging to a tent, which the boat carried. His father, Mr. Ford B. Wiltse, immediately left for the scene of the accident and was present when the body was recovered, nine days later, and accompanied the remains to Athens. The deceased was born 24 years ago last June on a farm east of Athens and was a graduate of the Athens High School, the family leaving here for St. Thomas about three years ago. He had a very promising career ahead of him and was regarded as one of the best business men in St. Thomas, where deep regret was felt at his untimely death. While yet in love with life and enraptured with the world, he passed to silence and pathetic dust. He possessed a charming personality and held the warm affection of all his

friends and acquaintances, who deeply mourn his early passing. During his brief life he added to the sum of human joy; and were everyone to whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would to-night sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers.

The pallbearers were Nelson Cross, Wilford Coon, Lawrence Taylor, Andrew Ferguson, Everitt Rowsome, Harold Howe.

The deceased leaves to mourn his loss his father and stepmother; his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Wiltse; brothers Roy and Charlie, and sister Ciella Elaine, to whom is extended the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral, on Monday, was largely attended and the service at the church and grave was conducted by Rev. S. F. Newton.

The lesson of the grim tragedy of life was deeply engraved on the hearts and minds of all present, for it was realized that whether in mid-sea or among treacherous currents, a wreck at last must mark the end of each and all, for "in the midst of life we are in death."

Besides his father, his brother, Roy, of St. Thomas, and aunt, Miss Arietta Hollingsworth, of Carman, Man., were in Athens attending the funeral.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. F. B. Wiltse and Family wish to tender their thanks to their friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during their recent sad bereavement occasioned by the accidental death of their son and brother, Eldon B., which occurred at Seven Sisters' Falls, Winnipeg River, Man.

NEW RECTOR TAKES CHARGE OF PARISH AT NORTH AUGUSTA

Rev. L. G. Osborne Walker Transferred From Westport.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Various Improvements Are Effected in the Village of Lansdowne.

North Augusta, Sept. 26.—Rev. L. G. Osborne Walker, newly-appointed rector of the parish of North Augusta and recently of Westport, arrived here with his family last week and very ably filled the three appointments of the parish on Sunday. He succeeds Rev. R. P. D. Hurford, who accepted charge of the parish of Tara early in the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greene, of Ottawa, (recently married), arrived here on Monday from an extended motor trip. They visited several points in Northern New York. They returned to Ottawa on Tuesday.

John D. Ralph, Tom Warren and Harper Perrin went to Kingston on Tuesday to resume their studies at Queen's University.

Much sympathy is felt here for the bereaved family of R. John Connell, of Roebuck, whose very sudden death occurred on Tuesday.

Mrs. D. W. Carpenter, of Brockville, is visiting at T. W. Ralph's.

Workmen on the Bell Telephone line are making needed repairs.

Mrs. D. Donovan, of Brockville, visited friends here over Sunday.

LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, Sept. 26.—The annual school fair takes place to-day. The women's institute is conducting a booth on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall and little daughter, Gananoque, spent Sunday with friends in Lansdowne.

Mrs. Harry Rantall and Mrs. James McDonald, of Morrisstown, N.Y., were recent visitors at Fred McDonald's.

Mrs. C. Sawyer and infant baby, who have been visiting Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McNeil, for the past few months, returned to their home in Northern Ontario on Monday.

A new iron roof is being placed on the town hall. Herb Cook and Geo. Steacy are doing the work.

George Phillips and family are preparing to move to Ottawa.

James P. Lappan is improving his residence by adding a coat of paint.

An addition is being put to the telephone office. William McConnell is doing the work.

Mrs. R. Bulger, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. James P. Lappan, returned to her home in Kingston on Friday.

JUNETOWN SCHOOL PUPILS SCORED AT MALLORYTOWN FAIR

Captured Silver Cup for Second Consecutive Year.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Another New Dwelling to be Erected at Village of Mallorytown.

Junetown, Sept. 29.—The pupils of Junetown school are all delighted with the result of the school fair held at Mallorytown on September 25.

The school won the silver cup for the second consecutive year. The stock judging team consisted of Willie Ferguson and Donald Turner. The school parade and drill took second place and was very pretty, especially in the way in which the name of the school was shown.

The number of points for exhibits alone were as follows and the prize money received was \$17.30: Eileen Avery, 40; Annie Scott, 22; Vera Scott, 16; Donald Turner, 27; James M. Purvis, 10; Willie C. Ferguson, 9; Gerald Warren, 10; Jessie Scott, 5; Kate Charleton, 2; Phoebe Blancher, 2; Morris Ferguson, 6; Nettie Blancher, 1; Cecil Avery, 6.

Besides this a number of prizes were won in the sports. The day was a marked success and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The teacher, Miss Beatrice Avery, and her pupils are to be congratulated on their success.

The people of Junetown were very pleased that the school has secured the silver cup again this year and wish them every success next year.

MALLORYTOWN

Mallorytown, Oct. 1.—Leon Hagerman is starting to build a new house in front of A. W. Mallory's. There will be five new houses on the A. W. Mallory street.

Mrs. Buell Avery, of Toronto, passed through the village on Friday en route to Athens to attend the funeral of a nephew.

The school fair this year proved to be a great success.

W. I. Mallory, who has been acting as a judge at fall fairs, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. Chisholm, the contractor, will complete the road in this place this week.

James Curtis, who makes cheese in the Union factory, is ill and Mr. Haird is taking his place until he recovers.

Mr. Flood, of Yonge Mills, has been employed in the Royal Bank.

Clarke L. Griffin, aged 25, of Belleville, brakeman in the employ of the Canadian National Railways, was instantly killed at 4.08 o'clock Sunday morning when he was struck at a point about one mile west of Mallorytown station by train No. 16, the Chicago-Montreal flyer, which was travelling at a high rate of speed.

TO RENT

Frame House, Pearl Street. Apply H. J. HAWKINS, Athens.