

## School Fairs in Leeds County 1924

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Twelve years ago the first School Fair was held in Leeds County at Plum Hollow. This was one of about thirty-five held in Ontario that year by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. At that time the movement being new, very few of the older folk took very much interest, but the children were interested when they received seeds in the Spring and the more they talked about the coming School Fair the more interested the parents became and the first Fair was a success both from the standpoint of exhibits and attendance. It is quite in order, however, to state that the exhibits at the first Fairs in the various districts were not up to the high standard which they are now, and to-day every care must be taken in growing the vegetables, and very careful selection for the Fair if first prize is to be obtained. The Fairs have grown in response to popular demand until to-day they are one of the popular events in the various Townships. This Fall there will be held in the Province of Ontario 512 School Fairs, with over 100,000 school children participating.

In Leeds County this year ten School Fairs were held at various points, namely: Athens, 13th; Sweet's Corner's, 15; Elgin, 16th; Westport, 18th; Chantry, 19th; Mallorytown, 22nd; Lansdowne, 23rd; Tin Cap, 24th; Greenbush, 25th, and Toledo, 26th of September. A fine weather prevailed for every Fair except at Mallorytown, where it rained in the morning, but good accommodation was secured in the spacious class rooms and basement for the crowds while the judging was being done.

The Fairs have been characterized this Fall by wonderful exhibits of flowers, vegetables and fruits. The past season, while apparently unfavorable for normal growth in many respects, was beneficial as far as vegetables and flowers especially were concerned. Potato exhibits were especially large at every Fair and ideal specimens were not hard to find at almost every fair. The display of apples were especially noteworthy at Mallorytown, where 136 plates of five apples each were on exhibition and in spite of the prevalence of scab this season the fruit had been carefully selected and showed very little fungus.

At the Tin Cap School Fair, one school exhibited over 350 entries with one of the pupils exhibiting 37 entries and winning \$5.20 in prize money, showing that the possible attainments are for pupils who make an effort to attain the highest awards. Successful School Fairs depend a great deal upon the interest shown by the individual pupil and this is largely determined by the leadership given by the teacher and the sympathetic support of the parents.

During the past Spring over three thousand packages of seeds were delivered to the schools and grown by the pupils on their home plots. One hundred and sixty-five sets of bred-to-lay Barred Rock eggs were distributed and some of the pullets hatched the latter part of April from School Fair eggs were laying at the time of the Fair. The entries made at the ten School Fairs this Fall total over 5,000, with over 2,500 school children competing.

**The Prize List.**

The prize list affords opportunities for a great variety of exhibits. There are classes for grain, corn, potatoes, roots, vegetables and flowers, all from seed distributed by the Department of Agriculture. Owing to the source of seed being the same, exhibits in these classes show uniformity not seen at larger fairs. The distribution of seed makes the children familiar with the better varieties of different crops, while the awarding of prizes impresses on them what is the most desired in type. In poultry the exhibits must be from eggs supplied by the Department of Agriculture. There are as a direct result of this on many farms in Leeds County this Fall, the beginning of flocks which are directly descended from record hens at Guelph, as the breeding stations in the county from which the eggs are secured are strictly headed with pedigree cockerels direct from the Poultry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College.

In the livestock classes the calves and colts must be halter broken and exhibited by the pupils. In addition to prizes for the finest type of animal, awards are made where training and handling only are considered. For girls there are classes in cooking and sewing and in this department a great many very excellent exhibits are made. Prizes are given for na-

ture collections such as insects, weeds, clovers, pressed wild flowers, woods, etc. Under school work come essays, writing, drawing and art work, the competition being very keen in these classes.

Interest in School Fairs is growing each year and it is hoped that these may continue to increase. We have never had such an all round uniform exhibit as we had this year and it speaks well for the future of the boys and girls who have taken part and obtained a training which could scarcely have been obtained in any other way. School Fairs are training the boys and girls to express themselves in a very practical way and the public speaking contests in which the boys and girls deliver three minute addresses mean much for the leadership of the future. The number of those taking part in these contests at each Fair varied from three to nine with an average of seven. The following list of subjects are representative of the addresses given:

"Laura Secord."  
"Florence Nightingale."  
Why and How to Protect Birds.  
The British Empire.  
Lord Nelson.  
Natural Resources of Canada.  
Trees.  
Our School, Past and Present.  
Care of the Teeth.  
Why I am Proud to Live in Ontario.  
The Eskimo.  
Bees.  
The Deepening of the St. Lawrence.  
Water.  
Pioneers.  
Exhibits at School Fairs.  
The Beaver.  
Nature Study.  
How We May Become Educated.  
Automobiles.  
Lumbering.  
Bird Protection.  
The Union Jack.  
Character or Foundation Building.  
Economy.  
Canadian Farm Home.  
Science of Agriculture.  
Junior Nurses.  
Benefits of Athletics.  
Dates.  
Rural Depopulation.

The following are the names of prize winners in Athens School Fair:

**Vegetables.**  
Sweet Corn—Dorothy Morris, Frank Robinson, Russell Pierce, Keith Burnham, Betty Fair, Charlie Pattemore.  
Field Corn—Charlie Hollingsworth, Alex. Besley.  
Potatoes, Irish Cobblers—Mae Tedford, James Hone, Herbert Hollingsworth, Betty Fair, Ernest Hampton, Elmer Burnham.  
Potatoes, Green Mountains—Lewie Cole, Kenneth Watt, Borden Dixie, Ivan Young, Rheta Kavanagh, Evelyn Earl.  
Mangel—Jack Earl, Miriam Foxmore, Douglas Neff, Maurice Kavanagh, Olive King, Mildred Hockey.  
Beets—Annabel Dixon, Maude Bailey, Herbert Windsor, Coleen Smith, Doris Connerty, Arthur Gray.  
Carrots—Orville Earl, Gerald Greenham, Clarence Pattemore, Reita Taber, Arthur Webster, Eva Pattemore.  
Onions—Marion Tedford, Lawrence Scott, No Name, Florence Pattemore, Milton Hone.  
Parsnips—Dorothy Curtis, Donald Neff, Evelyn Ralph, Bertha Pattemore, Laura Redford, Lloyd McLean.  
**Flowers.**  
Asters—Phyllis Alguire, Ivan Dillabough, Coleen Smith, Mae Tedford, Dorothy Curtis, Velma Chant.  
Sweet Peas—Lois Raymond, Jean Chant, Dorothy Morris, Goldie Parish.  
Marigolds—Reggie Purcell, Alice Biglow, Doris Connerty, Thelma MacAvoy, Olive Pattemore.  
Verbena—Helen Frye.  
Calendula—Jacob Dorman, Jean Kavanagh, Velma Berney, Albert Frye, Jack Earl, Lawrence Scott.  
Phlox—Evelyn Ralph, Robt. Preston, Helen Robinson, Kathleen Dixie, Alice Marshall, Reita Taber.  
Bouquet for dining table—Jean Kavanagh, Eldon Wood, Laura Hewkins, Alice Marshall, Albert Frye, Pearl Chant.  
**Poultry.**  
Cockerel—Floyd Sheffield, Elmer Burnham, Ernest Hempton.  
Pullet—Floyd Sheffield, Ernest Hampton, Arthur Cole.  
Pair Barred Rocks—Floyd Sheffield, Mildred Ferguson, Gerald Livingston, Orville Earl, Arthur Cole, Ernest Hampton.  
Pen (old) Barred Rocks—Evelyn Earl, Mildred Ferguson, Arthur Cole, Ivan Young.  
Pen Barred Rocks—Norma Livingston, Floyd Sheffield, Orville Earl, Ernest Hampton.  
Pair of Rabbits—Ernest Ralph, Donald Raison, Lawrence Scott, Herbert Hollingsworth, James Hone.  
Pair of Pigeons—Dorothy Curtis, Donovan Spence, Lloyd McLean, Alice Biglow, Doreen Biglow, Harry Biglow.  
Any other kind of pet—Doreen Biglow, Hester Dixon, Arnold Raison, Lloyd McLean, Eldon Wood, Edna Hone.  
**Live Stock.**  
Colt, heavy or draft type—Gerald Redford.  
Calf—Raymond Earl, Charlie Pattemore, Gerald Livingston, Allison Alguire, Eva Pattemore, Norma Livingston.  
Calf, halter broken—Charlie Pattemore, Gerald Livingston, Norma Livingston, Milton Alguire, Raymond

Earl, Eva Pattemore.  
Bacon Hogs—Arthur Ferguson.  
**Fruit.**  
Collection of Apples, fall varieties—Clarence Pattemore, Lawrence Pattemore, Winona Hewitt, Omer King, Mae Tedford.  
Snow Apples—Arthur Cole, Robt. Preston.  
McIntosh Red Apples—Roy Pike, Coleen Smith, Floyd Sheffield, Norma Livingston, Alice Marshall, Kerma Tolman Sweet Apples—Roy Pike, Darling.  
Hazel Earl, Lewis Cole, Evelyn Earl, Frank Robinson, Mortie Parish.  
**Cooking.**  
Potato Salad—Mildred Hockey, Audrey Town, Olive King, Velma Chant, Evelyn Ralph, Olive Pattemore.  
Jello—Anna Town, Norma Livingston.  
Layer Cake—Hazel Earl, James Hone, Evelyn Earl, Jean Kavanagh, Jean Chant, Helen Frye.  
Cookies—Velma Berney, Bernard Godkin, Lawrence Scott, Doris Foley, Evelyn Earl, Mae Tedford.  
Maple Cream—Jean Kavanagh, Evelyn Earl, Helen Frye, Milton Hone, Raisin Pie—Helen Frye, Mae Tedford, Bernard Godkin, Jean Chant, Evelyn Ralph, Jean Kavanagh.  
**Sewing.**  
Iron or Pot Holder—Velma Chant, Hilda Jeffrey, Evelyn Ralph, Marion Tedford, Lois Raymond, Winona Hewitt.  
Doll Dress—Marion Tedford, Evelyn Doreen Biglow, Helen Robinson. Sideboard or Dresser Scarf—Edith Smett, Ella Slack, Mae Tedford, Jean Chant, Blanche Slack, Jean Kavanagh.  
Knitted Sweater—Jean Chant, Doris Foley, Laura Hawkins, Kathleen Dixie, Thelma Halladay.  
Centerpiece—Edith Smett, Mae Tedford, Keith Greenham, Blanche Slack, Jean Kavanagh, Jean Chant.  
Any other article—Jean Chant, Evelyn Earl, Ella Slack, Mae Tedford, Blanche Slack, Betty Fair.  
**Manual Training.**  
Cardboard House or Barn—Ernest Ralph, Kenneth Watt, Arthur Webster, Lloyd McLean, Gerald Webster, Gerald Livingston.  
Milk Stool—Bernard Foley, Russell Pierce, Lloyd McLean, Francis Snowden, Ernest Ralph, Clarence Pattemore.  
Bird House—Ivan Young, Lawrence Darling.  
Aeroplane—Lawrence Scott, Ivan Dillabough, Bernard Darling.  
Kite—Lawrence Scott, James Hone, Mortie Parish, Donald Raison, Ivan Dillabough, Harry Biglow.  
Any other article—Lawrence Scott, Marvin Pearce, Clarence Pattemore, Elmer Webster, Gerald Webster, Arnold Raison.  
**Collections.**  
Leaves—Evelyn Ralph, Lawrence Scott, Marion Tedford, Eva Pattemore, Eldon Wood, Blanche Slack.  
Weed Seeds—Evelyn Ralph, Mae Tedford, Elton Baker, Milton Jeffrey, Arthur Webster, Robert Preston.  
Weeds—Reita Taber, Eldon Wood, Ivan Young, Mae Tedford, Arthur Webster, Ella Slack.  
Insects—Mae Tedford.  
Grain and Grasses—Eva Pattemore, Mae Tedford.  
**Writing and Essays.**  
(This Little Pig Went to Market)—Miller Jeffrey, Marion Tedford, Winona Hewitt, Helen Robinson, Audrey Town, Herbert Windsor.  
(A Wake-up Song)—Ferne Flood, Eres Hampton, Gerald Webster, Reynolds Blackwood, Edith Hawkins.  
Daffodils—Evelyn Earl, Elmer Burnham, Jean Kavanagh, Dorothy Curtis, Jean Chant, Autherina Whaley.  
Plasticene—Francis Snowden, Pearl Chant, Omar King, Arnold Raison, Kathleen Sheffield, Dorothy Wilson.  
Drawing Robin—Lillian Ferguson, Clarence Pattemore, Raymond Earl, Mabel Earl, Elton Baker, Kathleen Dixie.  
Drawing Landscape—Nina MacKenzie, Mae Tedford, Eva Pattemore, Florence Pattemore, Jean Chant, Robt. Preston.  
Essay—Helen Robinson, Audrey Town, Velma Chant, Eva Wright, Gerald Webster, Harry Upham.  
Essay—Dorothy Curtis, Ella Slack, Laura Hawkins, Frank Robinson, Jas. Hone, Milton Hone.  
Essay—Helen Frye, Mae Tedford, Marjorie Pent, No name.  
Eggs—Brown—Arthur Cole, Annabel Dixon, Norma Livingston, Edna Wood, Ernest Ralph, Elmer Burnham.  
Eggs—White—Autherina Whaley, Betty Fair, Lewis Cole, Lloyd McLean, Omar King.  
Collection, Stamps, Minerals or Coins—Tom Wright, Lawrence Scott, Mae Tedford, Evelyn Ralph, Ella Slack.  
**Contests.**  
School Parade—Soperton, Room 1 Athens, Oak Leaf, Temperance Lake, Room 3 Athens, Room 2 Athens.  
Address—Arthur Ferguson.  
Kite Flying Contest—James Hone, Lawrence Scott, Ivan Dillabough.  
Boys' Driving Contest—Arthur Ferguson, Floyd Sheffield, Robert Preston.  
Boys' Riding Contest—Arthur Ferguson, Floyd Sheffield, Donald Young.  
Darning Competition—Athens room 1, Soperton, Athens room 2, Oak Leaf, Athens room 3.  
Judging Competition—Oak Leaf, Washburn's, S.S. No. 1.  
Home Garden Products—Bernard

## Standard and Sterling Banks to Amalgamate

Announcement has been made of the Amalgamation of these two banks in the near future. The name of the new bank will be Standard-Sterling Bank of Canada.

## Sheldon's Corners

The death angel has again visited this community and taken from our midst, Mrs. Geo. Cowle, one of the oldest and most respected neighbours, who truly lived in "the house by the side of the road" always ready in any charitable cause, she was a friend to all both old and young. How her smile will be missed, for her door was ever open with hospitality. She was a loving Mother and leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, Delmer at Wights Corners, Eber on the Homestead and four daughters, Mrs. J. Moore Lake Elaida, Mrs. F. Hammond, Brockville, Mrs. C. Taylor; Elgin, Mrs. H. Stewart, New Orleans, N. Y.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Warren at the home Fri. afternoon was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, who came to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The casket was surrounded by a wealth of beautiful flowers.

The roads are much improved since the work of the crusher was completed. Haydon Hayes of New Orleans N. Y. made a flying trip home Mrs. H. Stewart accompanied back home.

Miss Ruby Whitmore with her pupils attended the Toledo School Fair on Friday.

Mr. A. Berney has returned home after spending some time with his daughter Mrs. M. Kilborn, Delta.

Mrs. Selina Niblock has returned home after spending a week with her friend Mrs. Muriel Stevens.

Many in this district are having bad colds.

## Fire Destroys Home

Fire broke out in the home of Mr. Fred Hayes at Sheldon's Corners on Wed. morning shortly after 8 o'clock. The neighbours turned out to save it but owing to the high wind it was impossible so quickly did it burn that almost everything was lost, only a few articles of furniture being saved. The efforts of the neighbours succeeded in saving the other buildings.

## DELTA

Delta, Sept. 25.—The Women's Institute met in the town hall on Thursday, September 11, with 15 members present. There were also 60 school children present who had been invited to attend and exhibit flowers and bugs. Prizes were given the children for their collections. Joanna Slack getting first prize for collection of flowers (68 kinds), and Nora Slack receiving second (55 kinds). Arnold Kelly received first prize for bugs, and Hughie Acheson second prize. Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Howard acted as judges.

The softball which had been bought for the ball team is to be given to the pupils of the school, the Junior Institute purchasing a new one for the team. The sand box which the Institute had decided to give the school has been purchased and is on the school grounds for the children. The committee reported one sick member remembered with a gift and also visited. Ten other members are to be remembered. The report of the sports day was given, showing a balance of \$135 for each Institute. A delegate was appointed to the Ottawa convention. Mrs. Topping being chosen. Programmes for the coming year are to be prepared and a committee was appointed for the same.

The children joined heartily in singing "The Maple Leaf" after which lunch was served them, each one receiving a bag of peanuts upon leaving. The meeting closed with the singing of "O Canada."

Misses Anna Erwin and Jean Russell left on Monday to attend the Ottawa Normal school.

Mrs. E. J. Morris is visiting her brother, J. D. Godkin, at Kingston, and sister, Mrs. Beckwith at Inverary. Mrs. F. C. Kirst and daughter, Dorothy, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Morris.

Miss Viola Topping underwent an operation for tonsils and adenoids last Sunday.

The Junior Institute will meet at the home of Miss Olive Russell on Thursday evening, October 2.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will hold a carnival of nations in the form of a bazaar on the afternoon of November 7 in the town hall. A concert will also be held in the evening.

Mrs. Moulton, Peterboro, is visiting her niece, Mrs. S. H. Barlow.

## High School Initiation

On Thursday evening, Sept. 18th, 1924, the annual initiation was held in the auditorium of the Town Hall. This year the girls and boys assembled together, Maron Earl and Leonard Johnston being mistress and master of ceremonies. Splendid music was rendered during the evening by Raymond and Lawrence Taylor, Albert and Hubert Beale and Miss Kathleen Taylor. After the usual stunts were carried out and the pledges read, dainty refreshments were served to all present.

## Young Peoples Rally

The rally service of the Epworth League of the Athens Methodist Church was held on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 7:30 p.m., with the pastor, Rev. H. E. Warren, in the chair.

After the opening song and prayer, a very pleasing instrumental duet was rendered by Mrs. Warren and Miss H. Burns, followed by a few remarks by the pastor. Rev. Mr. Upham, of the Athens Baptist Church, then gave a very instructive address on "The Chains of Freedom." This was followed by a few words of greeting from the newly-elected president, Mr. A. D. Campbell, B.A., and an instrumental selection by Miss de Renzy.

Refreshments were then served and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

The list of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:  
Hon. President—Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D.  
President—Mr. A. D. Campbell, B.A.  
First Vice-president (Christ. Fel.)—Miss de Renzy.  
Second Vice-president (Miss.)—Miss Dora Clyne.  
Third Vice-president (Lit.)—Mrs. E. F. Neff.  
Fourth Vice-president (Soc. and Cit.)—Miss H. Burns.  
Fifth Vice-president (In Aff.)—Miss B. Wiltse.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Robert Rahmer.  
President Township Rel. Ed.—Miss A. M. Hunt.  
In Affiliation—Religious Education, local Tuxis Square.  
Pianists—Miss H. Burns, Miss Pearl Burnham.

## Live Stock Judging Cups

The cups and shields now on display in the Agricultural Office window have been returned from the schools winning them in 1923 and have been won as follows:  
Athens District—Oak Leaf school.  
Sweet's Corners District—Long Point school.  
Elgin District—Coon's school.  
Westport District—Mapleton school.  
Chantry District—Harlem school.  
Mallorytown District—Junetown school.  
Lansdowne District—Eden Grove school.  
Tin Cap District—Spring Valley school.  
Greenbush District—Glen Buell school.  
Toledo District—Toledo and New-bliss school.

The cups have been won in most instances by teams of two representing a school for stock judging competitions at the school fairs. At the Tin Cap and Toledo fairs a shield and cup respectively are given for the school obtaining the highest average number of points per pupil.

## H. S. Field Day

The Annual Field Day of the Athens High School was held this Thursday. Although the weather was extremely wet the first of the week, it cleared up for the occasion and Old Sol favoured the day with a smiling countenance.

The events were held from 11 a.m. to noon and in the afternoon commencing at 1:00 p.m., and were very keenly contested. A full list of events will be published in next week's issue of the Reporter.

## IMERSON—The Auctioneer

Write or Phone early for dates or call the Reporter and arrange for your Sale.

H. W. IMERSON, Auctioneer

## HOW THE LATE WAR HELPED OUR CAUSE.

(Crawf. C. Slack.)

I have often heard it stated that there was good and bad in all. That good came out of evil, though the portion might be small. While I'm not a close adherent of old slogans or old saws, I must bear testimony that the great war helped our cause. It's about the only blessing I off-hand can call to mind. But I've no doubt there are others of a less important kind.

We built a place of worship, "way back here in ninety-nine. Had a union congregation, everything was working fine. Working fine with one exception, which I most regret to state. But a mystery was encircled around our collection plate. The adherents were all thrifty and of the free-hand sort. But when weighed in the balance our collections they were short.

At first Old Deacon Skinum passed around his castor hat. But after years of patience, we did away with that. Then we got a nicker tea-tray and appointed Elder Gore. To take up the collection from the members at the door. This move was an improvement and went on from year to year. When we all got wise to something which we couldn't cypher clear.

Elder Gore had bought an auto, and had paid for it in part. And we all knew well the Elder couldn't buy a kiddy-kart. We sought his resignation, which he gave and left the church. And for an honest mortal we started in to search. We held a score of meetings and decided that we'd try. The female of the species and we put in Mrs. Sly.

This seemed to right the matter, but only for a time. For where we used to get a quarter, soon we only got a dime; We approached her on the matter, and she told us blunt and stout, That she bossed the situation and we dare not turn her out; Thus we left the matter standing, thus it stood from day to day, Until fate dealt with us kindly—Mrs. Sly was called away.

Then we called another meeting to decide and wisely plan. And shrewd Silvester Skinner of judgment picked the man; He selected Silas Doughboy and his choice worked like a charm. For Silas had been through the war and only had one arm; This is the only blessing I off-hand can call to mind, But I've no doubt there are others of a less important kind.

## Football League Formed

A Leeds and Lanark Inter-scholastic Football League was formed at Smiths Falls on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The league comprises Smiths Falls, Perth, Brockville Collegiate Institute and Athens High School.

The officers elected were:  
Hon. President—G. E. Evans, M.A., Smiths Falls.  
President—A. D. Campbell, B.A., Athens.  
Vice-president—J. H. Hardy, B.A., Perth.  
Secretary-Treasurer—A. E. Thompson, B.A., Brockville, with a representative of one student from each school.

The schedule of games is:  
October 11—Perth at Smiths Falls.  
October 11—Brockville at Athens.  
October 18—No games.  
October 25—Perth at Brockville.  
November 1—Brockville at Smiths Falls.  
November 1—Athens at Perth.  
November 8—Brockville at Perth.  
November 15—Smiths Falls at Perth.  
November 15—Athens at Brockville.  
November 22—Smiths Falls at Brockville.  
November 22—Perth at Athens.

## ELOIDA

Eloida, Sept. 24.—A number from this vicinity are attending Frankville fair.

There passed away after a short illness, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Moore, a well known resident of Sheldon's Corners, Mrs. Geo. Cowles, in her 74th year.

The farmers report a bountiful crop of grain this season.

Mr. D. Rutherford, of Lyndhurst, made a number of calls through our neighborhood this week.

Rev. Mr. Upham, of Athens, called at W. Henderson's recently.

Mr. Hubert Craig has resumed his studies at Kingston University.