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ANGLICAN SUGAR SOCIAL

The sugar social in the school-room of Christ's church Thursday evening under the auspices of the choir was fairly well attended and much enjoyed. Preceding the refreshments, a short but excellent program was given, which included a few remarks by Rev. Rural Dean Swayne, W. G. Parish and an address on some of the wonders of music by Principal Jas. E. Burchell, of the Athens High School. Mr. Burchell's address was most appropriate and showed a depth of thought that elevated what is ordinarily a commonplace subject to one of marvel. He told of the musical instruments of primitive man—the first stringed lyres and the first lutes. Speaking of the human voice he said it was produced by the most perfect of musical instruments. Comparatively few notes are used in music, although there are millions from which to select. This brought him to the effect of music on persons—how certain kinds of music induced feelings of transport or depression. A ten-minute address did not permit of the expanding of any one point, but it had the effect of causing the audience to look upon music in a new light—as one of the great wonders of the universe.

The musical program consisted of songs, violin solos, and recitations that were of a patriotic and light character fitting the occasion.

Two long tables had been set up, and hot sugar with cake, sandwiches and tea were served.

The proceeds will go toward the purchasing of choir books and other necessities for this organization.

SMITH'S FALLS MAY GET HYDRO

The Hydro Electric Commission has offered to supply Smith's Falls with electric power developed on the Mississippi River. Their proposition is being carefully considered by the town council who have asked the Hydro Electric engineers to prepare a report as to rates and the cost of acquiring present power plants.

156TH IN FIFTH DIVISION

Ottawa, April 23.—Details have been received here of the composition of the 5th Canadian Division, which has been organized in England under the command of Major-General Garnet Hughes. The division is now completely organized, and is ready to leave for France, but it is not expected that it will get to the firing line before June. The division includes battalions Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The 156th Leeds and Grenville Batt. is in it.

CHARLESTON CLEAR OF ICE

Wednesday, April 18, was the date this year on which the ice disappeared from the waters of Charleston Lake. It is interesting to note the times of this occurrence in other years:

- 1910—March 31
- 1911—April 26
- 1912—April 22
- 1914—April 22
- 1915—April 11
- 1916—April 10

Among the recent casualties is the name of Pte. Roy Eaton, of Delta, who died of tubercular abscess.

EPISCOPAL VISITS

The Bishop of Kingston will visit Lyn a.m., St. Paul's, Brockville, p. m., April 29; Trinity church a.m., St. Peter's p.m., Brockville, May 13; Ballycanoe a.m., Lansdowne p.m., May 14; Prescott a.m., Cardinal p.m., June 3; Maitland a.m., North Augusta p.m., June 4; Selby parish June 7; Westport a.m., Elgin (aft.), Newboro p.m., June 10; Portland a.m., Lyndhurst p.m., June 11; New Boyne a.m., Lombardy (aft.), Frankville p.m., June 12; Easton's Corners a.m., Burrill's Rapids (aft.), Merrickville p.m., June 13; Oxford Mills a.m., June 14.

BROWN—WEBSTER

Miss Jane Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Webster, of Tilley, and Mr. William Stanley Brown, of Lansdowne, were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. Dr. Cooper.

Mayor Dr. Fergus J. O'Connor, of Gananoque, has offered his services to the country in a military capacity.

MERCHANTS WISH TO AID PRODUCTION

Athens Business Men Seek to Close Stores Wednesday Afternoons to Permit Them and Their Employees to Work on Land.

Realizing the great food crisis that is facing the world and in order to answer the appeal of the Country for production of vegetables, the merchants of Athens are seeking to close their places of business one afternoon a week—Wednesday. It has been found impossible to procure men to work gardens as in other years and the merchants must take off their coats and go to work, as they put it. So many towns have had the Wednesday afternoon closing with good results in the past that they believe Athens can and will support a movement of this kind. Co-operation among themselves is primarily necessary, and a petition has been circulated of the following nature:

"We, the undersigned, engaged in business in the village of Athens, realizing somewhat the national crisis through which this and other countries are at this time passing, owing to the world wide war conditions unhappily prevailing, and believing that every person should do his bit (even at a business sacrifice) to lessen and prevent want and suffering both at home and abroad by cultivating to the greatest possible extent all available land.

"Do therefore agree to close our places of business at twelve o'clock noon and remain closed for the balance of the day every Wednesday of each and every week, beginning May 9th, and continuing through the months of May, June, July, and August, 1917, to provide ourselves and our employees an opportunity to work on the land and increase production so much desired and so badly needed.

"It is further agreed that rooms in which ice cream is usually sold may open at 7 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of selling ice cream but not for the sale of any other goods."

It is believed when all the merchants realize that the movement is one of the strictest good faith and that the public will recognize the compact and not ask any of them to break it, the Wednesday afternoon closing will come into force with every prospect of success.

W. I. NOTES

The monthly meeting of the Athens Women's Institute will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Institute rooms. Mr. Jas. E. Burchell will give a paper on "Birds in relation to our orchards and gardens, and why we should encourage and protect them. Mrs. C. C. Slack will also give a paper. The musical program will be in the hands of the boys and girls. Students of the schools are asked to attend. Everybody welcome.

Mr. J. W. Bengough, the celebrated cartoonist and lecturer, of Toronto, spoke in the Methodist church on Sunday in the interest of the Dominion Alliance. His talk on temperance was supplemented by cartoons and was much enjoyed by a large audience. Mr. Bengough is known to Athenians, having one time entertained in the High School hall. He is a poet as well as a cartoonist, his poems appearing at intervals in the Toronto dailies.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Public notice is hereby given that tin cans, broken crockery, and similar refuse will be collected on the following days:

Wednesday, May 2nd—All that portion of the village lying south of Main street.

Thursday, May 3rd—All that portion of the village lying north of Main street.

In order to expedite this work of removal, it is requested that broken cans and small articles be placed in a box or receptacle, which may be emptied into the wagons with the least possible delay.

It is also requested that leaves, grass, etc., raked from the lawns be not placed on the streets.

A warning is also given regarding the great danger of burning this dry refuse near any buildings, or when there is a wind blowing, or at or toward evening.

By order of the Athens Village Council.

A GOOD BET—A Hundred-to-One Shot

DO you know that never in the past hundred years have the opportunities offered wage earners been so entirely in their favor and do you further know that it may be another hundred years before similar conditions prevail?

A hundred years is a long time to wait, so the wise man or woman will take advantage of the favorable chances within their reach to make the present last. The only way to do this is by putting aside in the Savings Bank a small portion of to-day's good luck. Remember this cannot last for ever.

All good chances are in the present. Those who depend upon future chances are betting against themselves and this is generally a very bad bet.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Born, at the Kingston General Hospital, on Thursday, April 19, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hitsman, a son (John Mackie Hitsman).

Brockville's public utilities—gas, electricity and water—yielded a profit of \$29,369 in 1916.

Mr. R. G. Latimer, of Brockville, was in the village Thursday, a guest of his brother, R. C. Latimer.

Mr. Adam Hawkins has purchased the Albert Wiltse farm which was advertised for sale in The Reporter.

Miss Green and Miss Baker, of Delta, were recent guests of Mrs. L. B. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woods, Hard Island, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Robt. Holmes, Elvida.

Miss Keitha Latham and brother Harold, of Brockville, are visiting at the home of Mr. M. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Blancher entertained at their home on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Alton, of Lindsay, are guests of Miss E. Derbyshire.

Manford Gifford had the misfortune to break his nose while playing baseball on the Public School campus Thursday.

A field card has been received from A. A. Crawford, with the 107th Canadian Siege Battery, dated Mar. 29th, stating he was quite well.

Mrs. C. G. Rawson and her two sons, Giles and Clifford, of Toronto, and Mr. Glenn Davison, of Brockville, were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb.

Mr. J. H. Mulvena who for several years has been Chief Ranger of the local court of Canadian Order of Foresters, has been selected to represent the Athens Court at High Court Meeting in Hamilton in June.

Miss Vera Chapman, Seeley's Bay, who was one of the successful students at the recent Provincial examinations, was chosen by the board to fill one of the two vacancies on the city staff, Peterboro.

Last week negotiations were completed whereby the T. Eaton Co., of Toronto, took over the Hillbrook Creamery, conducted by James Small for some years at Prescott. Mr. Small will continue as manager of the concern.

The new provincial election act gives customs officials, postmasters, and inland revenue officers in cities and towns a vote in provincial elections. Up to the present they have been barred.

A message has been received by relatives at Toledo announcing that Pte. Stephen Lambert Fowler, infantry, had been admitted to No. 22 General hospital, at Camieres, France, suffering from gunshot wounds in the leg. Private Fowler is a Toledo boy.

The Canadian customs officials have informed the American deputies that they are now required to demand the production of the individual license cards from automobile tourists coming into Canada. The license plate on the car is no longer sufficient.

There was a large market in the county town Saturday morning. Eggs sold at 33c per dozen; potatoes, \$2.50 per bushel for seeding purposes. Maple sugar sold at 15c per pound, and maple syrup was plentiful at \$1.25 per gallon. Butter was 45c per pound. Turnips by the half-bushel basket sold at 40 cents. Whole cured hams went at 28 cents a pound.

Born, April 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Covey, a daughter.

Mrs. Stephen Knowlton has been on the sick list

Joseph Kerr has entered the employ of Dr. Bright.

Mrs. Elmer Smith has been confined to her bed, but is now improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan King recently treated the Methodist choir to warm sugar and "wax on snow."

Born, at the General Hospital, Brockville, on April 19, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham, a son.

Mrs. M. Derbyshire visited her daughter, Mrs. W. Everett Smythe, Toronto.

Mr. R. J. Seymour has taken a position with A. Taylor & Son handling farm implements.

Queen's Hospital at Kingston is very busy. There are now 2,900 beds and all are occupied.

Lieut. H. R. Kincaid, a former Athens boy, who left Canada for the front has joined the Royal Flying Corps, having been transferred from his unit in France.

The plant of the Kingston Whig was badly damaged by fire Wednesday last. Considerable damage was caused and the loss is estimated at about \$20,000.

Owners of cottages at the lake are taking on a new lease of life. The usual spring work of repairing boat-houses, painting boats and overhauling engines is claiming attention, as a warm, favorable summer is predicted. Many cottagers are seeing the advisability of lengthening the lake season by going down frequently in the months of April, May, and June, which hitherto have been allowed to pass as winter months. But the motor car, and a contemplation of the long Canadian winter have caused a change of viewpoint.

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