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## Guideboard Corner's

We had the pleasure of greeting Nursing Sister Caroline LaRose on her return from the war zone. Miss Caroline is to be congratulated on having passed so well through the ordeal of her trying service. She bears no other mark than an added ennobling and refining of her naturally dauntless spirit—the compensation of her work of mercy. We can further congratulate her on her appointment to a position in a military hospital at Regina, where she will report for duty at an early date.

Miss Anna Wight of "The Lilacs," spent Wednesday evening with her friend, Miss Hazel Yates, at Hard Island.

Mr. H. Farmer, a returned soldier, who is still an invalid at Kingston, is spending a few days with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. Livingstone.

Mr. Lawson had the misfortune of losing a valuable cow this week.

Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie, Brockville, drove out and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Darling.

Mrs. Martie Livingstone and children are visiting Mr. D. Bolton before leaving for the West to join Mr. Livingstone there.

## Frankville

Mrs. James Bourns is recovering after her serious illness.

Dr. Bert Sproule left here on Saturday for Virginia. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sproule and daughter Lorna as far as New York, where they will visit friends for a short time and then return to their home at Peterson, Iowa.

A. E. Davis, Charles Day and H. Watkins left here on Friday for Moose Jaw, Sask.

W. M. Hanton and F. Montgomery are contracting for large quantities of syrup.

Farmers' Friend cheese factory will commence operations for the season in a few days.

Mr. James Hewitt is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Holmes spent Sunday at James Bourns.

Mrs. Fred Pryce is recovering after an attack of flu.

Mr. P. Yates, of Athens, purchased a valuable Ayrshire cow from Geo. Cannon last week.

Mrs. C. P. Livingstone and Miss Gertrude Livingstone were visiting in Athens last week.

## Newbliss Notes

Jimmie Jacques has returned from Brockville General Hospital much improved in health.

The Connell children are still confined to the house, but are gaining nicely.

Miss Quinn is suffering from a bad cold.

Mrs. Walter Hanton was a recent visitor at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Elgin Lockwood.

Lenten service was held on Friday evening.

Mrs. James Wright and Mrs. John Wright spent Friday evening with Miss Quinn.

Mr. Joe Dean has taken up residence with Mr. Leonard Parker.

Roads are in a very bad condition but the mail carrier goes early.

## Eloida

Sugar making here again. Second run.

Farmers' Choice Cheese Factory reopened for the 1919 season, Mr. Jno. Moore, proprietor.

The farmers of Eloida had an imaginary assembly re the consideration of the daylight saving system. Their decision was "that advancing the time was a fool trick to deceive the city folks." As for us, we shall continue to rise at 4 a.m. and work until 10 p.m., thus utilizing all possible daylight.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Knapp on March 31, a son.

Our local auctioneer has added to his many resources—a professorship, having graduated at Prof. Berry's School of Horsemanship, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

## Daylight Saving for Athens

At a largely attended meeting held by the citizens of Athens on April 3, 1919, in the Agricultural Dept. Rooms, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by W. G. Parish, Seconded by A. W. Johnson, that the Village adopt the Daylight Saving Plan as already adopted by the Railways, to come into effect on Monday next.—Carried Unanimously.

G. W. Lee, Secretary  
 M. B. Holmes, Chairman

Immediately following the citizens meeting a special meeting of the Athens Village Council was called with all the members present, when the following resolution was introduced—

Moved by Mr. W. H. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Geo. T. Gifford:

That whereas the time of the Canadian Railway passenger service, and the time of the Canadian Railway Mail Service has been moved ahead one hour and this said change of time is reported as having the approval of the Canadian Railway War Board.

And Whereas it is expedient that time pieces in the Incorporated Village of Athens should harmonize with this said change.

Therefore be it resolved that on and after two o'clock a.m. on April 7th, 1919, all clocks and time pieces in the Village of Athens be moved ahead one hour in harmony with the changed time of the said Railway passenger service and the said Railway Mail service and to so remain during the continuance of said order of the said Railway Board.

And be it further resolved that the citizens of Athens are respectfully requested to comply accordingly.—Carried unanimously.

G. W. Lee, Village Clerk  
 M. B. Holmes, Reeve

## Sheldon's Corners

Miss Elva Whitmore spent the week-end in Athens, the guest of her brother Percy.

Mrs. A. Berney is spending a few days in Delta with her daughter, Mrs. M. Kilborn.

Mrs. Mart Livingstone, who has been visiting at D. Bolton's, started for the West Monday.

Miss Ruby Whitmore spent the week-end with her parents here.

Will Charlton has returned to his home in Smiths Falls after spending a few days at Fred Hollingsworth's.

Farmers report a good run of sap this week.

Mrs. A. Argue, of Ellisville, was the guest of Mrs. M. Hollingsworth on Thursday.

## Home Garden Contest

A contest for boys and girls, from 12 to 16, not going to school, will be carried on if a sufficient number of entries are received. If there is a boy or girl in your home who would care to enter this contest I would be glad to have them write or call for further information. Seed is supplied free, also a blue-print of how to lay out a plot of ground and instructions re planting. Prizes will be awarded for the three best plots.

WALTER H. SMITH,  
 Agricultural Representative,  
 Athens, Ont.

## Obituary

ARZA WILTSE

On March 30th at the home of his father 25 miles south-west of Moose Jaw, Sask., Arza Wiltse, aged 25 years passed from this life; following a few days of illness with influenza, culminating in Pneumonia.

The remains which are to be interred here, are expected to arrive on Saturday; the funeral service to be held on Sunday.

Mr. Wiltse is the youngest son of Mortimer Wiltse, formerly of this village, who removed with his parents to Saskatchewan some eight years ago had taken up the government allowance of 160 acres, secured his patent and was at the time of his death in a fair way to prosperity; "but alas the uncertainty of life."

Arza was kindly disposed and highly respected by all, and his early demise comes as a great shock to his associates, and a calamity to his sorrowing parents.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

### Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Dr. Chas. E. McLean has returned to his home town to take up Medical Practice and has temporarily located in Dowsley Block, Athens—We join with his many friends in wishing him every success.

The new window signs on The Standard Bank and the E. C. Tribute store are a decided improvement to their places of business.

Ice Cream flavors of Maple Walnut, Strawberry, Orange and Vanilla at Maud Addison's.

Mrs. R. J. Campo, left on Wednesday for an extended visit to her former home at Syracuse, where she will attend the 25th Anniversary of the Kings Daughters of First English Lutheran Church—Mrs. Campo was President of the society for a period of ten years.

You will always find the best fruits obtainable at the Bazaar—R. J. Campo, Prop.

Live Poultry bought every Tuesday and Wednesdays of each week, C. H. Willson's Meat Market.

Mr. N. L. Massey, who ten years ago resigned as principal of the A.H.S. to take a position in the Moose Jaw Collegiate Institute has been appointed an Inspector of Schools for Saskatchewan. With his family he has removed to Wadena, Sask.

Mrs. Frank Blanchard, Mallorytown, spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Arza Wiltse.

Mrs. Elizabeth Halladay begs to announce that she is representative for the Spirella Corset Co. and will call and demonstrate any time.

Several slightly used Pianos always in stock. Prices range from \$100.00 upwards. Easy terms arranged.—C. W. Lindsay, Limited, Brockville.

It is said that man is an animal, and as such of course he is inclined to be gregarious. It is not surprising then that boys and young men gather in flocks and give vent to their animal spirits. This is not objectionable under proper conditions and in proper places, but when young men make it a practice to loaf and crowd street corners in business places, it becomes a nuisance, especially where their conversation is embellished with profane remarks, and where rudeness is exhibited. Perhaps some young married men are the worst offenders, who try to excel each other in big talk. This is not a very good environment for small boys and parents should keep tab on them. There are numerous agents for good in our villages, but they are not more potent than those for evil. Some features of this may be dealt with by legal proceedings.

F. Blancher.

A cordial invitation is given to any who would like to meet Nursing Sister Caroline Larose in the Institute rooms on Friday April 11th, between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.—Bring your work and let us spend a pleasant time together.

George Stevens has leased the furniture store of T. C. Stevens and will use it for his undertaking business.

Mrs. Fenlon has returned from Brockville and taken possession of one of Erastus Livingstone's houses on Elgin Street.

Walter Fenlon and family have leased Charles Bonsteel's house on Wellington Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Covey have leased W. H. Wiltse's farm. The former tenant, Wm. Roddick, has moved to the Suffer farm, Soperton.

Phillip Hollingsworth has leased the farm of his brother-in-law, Bert Hayes.

W. B. Connerty has purchased from Dr. C. B. Lillie his property on the west shore of Charleston Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiltse have taken possession of their recently acquired property on Wiltse Street.

Mrs. Martha Holmes and Master Howard have moved to the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiltse.

Maurice Foley, recently returned from active service overseas, has purchased Hiram Laforty's Pearl St. residence.

John B. Cassels returned last week from military duty and is receiving the glad hand from friends and neighbors.

FOR SALE—Two Milk Wagons, capacity 1500 and 3500 lbs; reasonable price. Apply Alex. Mackie's, Lake Elroida.

Signaller Earl McChain, who was at one time reported killed overseas, has returned and is very much alive. Though at present his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McChain, are living in Kingston, the family for some time resided here and on a Thursday last Earl renewed acquaintances here, a guest of Mrs. Wm. Gibson.

Nursing Sister Caroline Larose, of the Laval unit, a native of this district, is enjoying a well-earned rest after a strenuous life of hospital work overseas. To give to the ladies of the village, where her school days were spent, an opportunity of meeting and greeting Miss Larose, the Women's Institute will be "at home" in their rooms in the Town Hall on Friday, April 11th, from 3 p.m. until 5.30. The Oak Leaf ladies and others affiliated with the local organization in Red Cross work, are invited to be present.

Mr. Donnelly, Kingston, was a week-end guest at the home of Mrs. M. Donnelly. Very recently he has returned from overseas, where for some three years he saw active service on the firing line, escaping unscathed through dangers indescribable.

Mrs. B. Brown has returned from Perth, whither she was called by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Webster, Brockville, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Livingstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Webster and family, Ottawa, are guests at Mrs. J. Morris.

Mrs. Charles Trye and children, of Soperton, have been spending a few days at A. W. Johnston's.

Mrs. Marshall, Lynn, was here a few days last week, a guest at the home of her brother, James Hanna.

A meeting of the citizens of Athens was called for the evening of the 3rd inst. when the question of daylight saving was discussed. The decision was to fall in line with railway time and accordingly village clocks were advanced an hour Sunday night.

The monthly examinations took place at the High School on Friday.

Sugar making has taken a "new lease of life. A good run was reported this week.

The annual Easter meeting of the Bluebird Mission Circle was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 9th inst., in the vestry of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. H. R. Knowlton is suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Burton Alguire returned on Thursday last to the General Hospital, Brockville, and underwent a successful operation.

On Friday Manford Flood was examining a revolver and "didn't know it was loaded," the result being a couple of shattered fingers on his left hand.

On Saturday morning at the residence of Edward Nolan, Mill Street, Rev. Mr. Code conducted the funeral services of the three months old son of Wm. Kranker, Brockville. Interment was made here.

On Saturday afternoon Rev. Mr. Code was at Plum Hollow conducting the funeral services of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathers.

The five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheffield, Mill Street, died of pneumonia on Monday. The funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon by Rev. T. J. Vickery.

Miss Violet May LaPointe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson LaPointe, Plum Hollow, was united in marriage to Mr. Milburn Lloyd Flood, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Flood, of Athens, at the George Street Methodist Church parsonage, Brockville, on

## Wiltse Lake

Farmers are very busy in the sugar bush. They report a good run of sap.

Mr. Emmett Covey has placed the telephone in his home.

Little Miss Loraine Hudson is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson were week-end visitors at Royal Moore's.

Mr. and Mrs. John King, of Oak Leaf, visited at Mr. Ed. Foster's on Sunday.

Mr. John Burns, of New Boyne, was a recent visitor of Ed. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ronan were recent visitors at T. Ronan's.

There are a number of Indians trapping on the lake and they report the muskrats very plentiful.

Mr. Albert Morris was here last week with his sawing outfit, sawing wood for Kholar Wiltse and Edward Covey.

## Purvis Street

Miss A. Baile, of Brockville, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles Baile.

Mrs. John Percival, of Lillies, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Wellington Earl.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Alex. Herbison has returned from the Brockville General Hospital much improved in health.

Mr. William Herbison, of Brockville, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herbison.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gummer have moved to Junetown, where Mr. Gummer will work for Wm. Hall.

Mrs. James Pottinger spent one day in Athens last week.

Mrs. B. B. Graham and daughter Velma spent the week-end at Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franklin's, Junetown.

The roads in this vicinity were so impassable a few days ago that the mail man failed to come through.

## Athens Public School

**Results of Composition Competition March.**

The best essays on "Maple Syrup and Sugar Making" were written by the following:

Sr. IV.—Ada Leadbeater, printed in this issue.

Jr. IV.—Beverley Purcell, an excellent essay, watch for it next week.

Sr. III.—Waldon Avery.

**Sugar Making.**

One of the many interesting side lines of the Eastern Ontario and Quebec farming industry, is one which comes with the early spring and appeals to everyone, old and young, namely, the making of maple syrup and sugar. The Indian was the first to indulge in the making, handing it down later to the white man.

In olden times, syrup was made under great difficulties, as there were no conveniences in those days for tapping the maple trees. The spiles through which the sap runs from the trees was made from sumac wood, and before the coopers made cedar buckets, common wooden troughs were used to catch the sap. Now-days we have more up-to-date methods, tin buckets, patented spiles and evaporators.

As soon as the buckets are filled, then comes the gathering of the sap. Generally a sleigh bearing large barrels or cans drives around from tree to tree and the sap is poured from bucket to barrel, and then away for the boiling down process.

After the sap has been gathered and taken to the sugar house, it is deposited in a tub which feeds into the evaporator. In olden times earthen pots and iron boilers were used, but the farmer of to-day is more fortunate in having more up-to-date utensils. As the sap boils it gradually becomes thicker and thicker, until it is syrup and ready to be cleansed, and then cured.

To make sugar, the syrup has to have further boiling. Generally the syrup is taken to the farm house and made into sugar. After boiling to a certain thickness it is stirred until it cools and is then set away to harden.

Lastly, the farmer places his syrup on the market for sale and it usually brings a good price. In war times it was sent in large quantities to the soldiers.

## Harlem

Miss Eyre was the guest of Miss Blackburn, of Phillipsville, for a couple of days last week.

Mr. Wm. Lawson has purchased Mrs. Gibson's farm. Mrs. Gibson has moved back from Athens and her home will be with Mr. Lawson.

The farmers are jubilant over the vote of daylight saving in the commons. They are very much amused by the letters in the big dailies, as well as the editorials, all of which seems to sum up the fact that there was more daylight lost last season than was ever known before.

The people here were painfully shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. DeWell, of Chantry. Mrs. DeWell was very popular and by her genial and kindly manner, as well as her energetic interest in the welfare and good of the community, had made many friends, who all sympathize with her husband and little Marian in their sad bereavement.

What promised to have been a very troublesome lawsuit between two of our farmers is to be settled in the good old fashioned way of leaving it out and saving trouble.

## Charleston

Sugar making is going rather slow.

The roads are almost impassable. It is a great many years since they were as bad in this section as they are at present.

The mail carrier is making his trip in the afternoon now instead of the morning, thus we are able to get the Brockville paper the same day it is printed.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kelsey has been ill but is now better.

Miss Jennie Eyre was a visitor at her home here over Sunday.