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Dreaming

Crawl C. Slack

Had I a cheese and car of spuds,
I'd trade them into cash and duds,
I'd sell my "Ford" and buy a car,
And be a wealthy produce czar.
'Twould matter not when I'd the dough
What I might do, where I might go,
I'd join the politician's club,
Where they serve up the choicest grub,
Where I could guzzle beer and wine,
And with the favored be in line.
The law would not molest me then,
For I'd be classed with privileged men.

For as a rule the "blind-pig" snubs
Don't spy around political clubs,
The working wretch with but a dime
Is he who pays or does the time.

Sir Kemp perhaps might make me Col.
Then I would be the ladies' doll.
I'd buy a dozen army suits
And give away some graft worn boots.
I'd make a military stir.
Perhaps the powers would make me Sir.

My wife would then be right at home,
You bet she would be goin' some
With chauffeur, maid and limousine.
Say she would be a social queen,
She then could visit swell cafes,
Serve purple lunches and pink teas,
And have T. Eaton's catalogs
Bound up in cloth or kid or dog.
With departmental stores close by,
Belinda would be stepping high.
Course, we'd live at Toronto where
Old old maids abound and misfits are.
Perhaps you'll take this as a lark,
But you'll find them at Queen's Park.
They have the nickle and the duds,
They're swimming in the social suds.

The Press would eulogize my guff,
And term it worthy, brainy stuff.
They'd brand me as the wisest sage,
And quote me on the women's page
So that all the growing kids might see
What graft and knaving did for me.
Some mother's kid might bear my name
And I'd be handed down to fame.

I'd go to England and I'd take
Belinda just for show-off sake.
There she would be of little use
As many colonels an excuse,
But she could eat and be a guest,
And help short circuit all the rest.
And too, it might be such a thin,
She'd come in contact with the King.
I see Bob Rogers got the shunt,
Belinda, she might do the stunt,
Although she's not so big a skin,
She has some gall and might get in.

Alas, I've neither cheese nor spuds
Nor reputation nor fine duds,
My reputation years ago,
I lost, when youth was in the blow.
Redemption now is past my power
It wouldn't suit the time or hour.
Once prophets said e'er twenty-one,
The hangman's rope would end my fun,
But somehow justice slipped a cog,
And left those prophets all agog,
For I am wrinkled, gray of pate,
An also ran, an out-of-date,
But I'm permitted yet to stay
With honest folks out here at A.

Glen Morris Honor Roll for March

Sr. IV—Roswell Morris, Albert Ferguson, Vera Hudson.

Jr. IV—Charles Heffernan, Clifford, Hudson, Francis Stevens.

Sr. III—Helen Morris, Cora Stevens, Ernest Ferguson.

Jr. III—Carroll Beale, Nellie Ferguson, Ferr. Spence.

II—Lloyd Ferguson, Vincent Heffernan, Mills Howard, Arden Spence.

Pr.—Willie Howard Elmer Covey. No. on roll—30

Average attendance—19 4
Mabel M. Jacob, Teacher

Townsend—Fair

Mr. Clark Townsend, Long Point, and Miss Mildred Fair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fair, Dulcemaine were married on Wednesday at the Methodist parsonage Lansdowne. Rev. Dr. Cooper performed the ceremony.

Elgin Enjoys "China and the Chinese"
There was a large gathering at the Methodist Church, Elgin, on Thursday March 22nd when the Rev. A. H. Barker of Delta gave one of his popular Illustrated Lectures, entitled "China and the Chinese." The gathering was presided over by the Rev. Stillwell. The lecture was under the auspices of the Ladies Aid and they were well pleased with the success of the evening. This is the second time in a month that Mr. Barker has visited Elgin and he is under promise to lecture for the Patriotic Fund shortly.

Death of Mrs. Thomas Vanarnum

Friday, March 23 at 1.30 o'clock the death occurred at the family residence, 145 Pearl street west, Brockville, of a most highly respected citizen in the person of Mrs. Thomas Vanarnum. The deceased had been ill for some weeks and bore her sufferings with great fortitude and resignation. She was born at Forthton and was a daughter of the late Peter Booth. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Hagar, wife of Captain, the Rev. A. E. Hagar, now overseas and chaplain to the 156 Battalion. Another daughter who predeceased her mother was Mrs. James Thompson, the wife James Thompson, M. P. P., East Peterborough. She was a woman of many excellent qualities. For several years the deceased lived in Athens. The funeral which was private took place Saturday afternoon at 1.45 at the house. The remains were brought to Athens for interment and were accompanied by Mr. Thos. Vanarnum, Mrs. A. E. Hagar, Brockville, Mr. Jas. Thompson, M. P. P., and son Charles, Toronto.

Delta Sees "Canada in Khaki"

On Tuesday, March 27th a good house greeted Mr. Wilmot Younz, Lieut. Douglas and others who visited the Town Hall, Delta and gave their entertainment "Canada in Khaki." They were assisted by local talent directed by the Misses Jessie Dawson and Vera Birch. But for the stormy nature of the evening there would have been a big crowd. The Revs. A. H. Barker and G. Calvert took part.

Register of Available Labor

April 3, 1917

Editor Reporter:—

I am in receipt of a communication from the Director of National Service District number 3, which reads in part as follows:—

"I desire to draw your attention to the fact that the farmers of this Province are very seriously handicapped in their farming operations through the shortage of help and as seed time is rapidly approaching this lack will be more keenly felt; and as the call for more food by the Empire is urgent, and the farmers are urged to undertake greater production in order to meet the insistent demand, it must be obvious to all that to meet the great need something out of the ordinary will have to be done, and as immediate action is necessary in order that timely aid may be given, I would ask you to ascertain what available help may be secured in your village."

Complying, therefore with the least possible delay, to this emergency call I have arranged that those who wish to enter this department of service may come and register at the office of village clerk, A. M. Lee, Elgin St. Athens, and that farmers who need help may apply at that office and secure the same while the supply holds out.

Thanking you for space in your valuable journal.
Sgd.

M. B. Holmes
Reeve

SHERWOOD SPRING

April 2

Mrs. Widdis Stewart, and son Clinton, Addison, visited friends and relatives in Saerwood Spring, recently.

Mr. James Eligh who has been ill at his home here is still under the doctor's care.

Sugar making is in full swing and a good run of sap is reported.

Messrs Robert Mallory and Howard Trickey Mallorytown Landing, called on friends here, on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart, were recent visitors at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Riverside.

Letters were received here recently from Pte. Allen Clow saying he had been promoted to Lance Corporal.

Mr. Elton Eligh spent the week end in Athens and was accompanied home by his little son, Harold.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Easter Sunday is early this year, occurring on the 8th instant.

Pte. Leonard McConnell, of Kingston, is a guest of friends here.

Miss E. Stewart, of Frankville, is a guest of Mrs. E. Prichard.

Mr. Ora Grundy left this week for Toronto.

Messrs. Ed. Parish, Jas. Scott and Roy Alguire left this week for the Canadian West.

Mr. John Earl, Main Street East, is very ill. His daughter, Mrs. John Jones, Hamilton, has arrived to assist in his care.

Two men were fined \$10.00 and costs in Westport recently for violation of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wiltse were last week recipients of a box of oranges from friends in California.

The work of installing the new telephone exchange is going forward rapidly.

Ice in Charleston Lake is lifting slowly, endangering property in the vicinity of the village.

Gunner Hibbert Johnston, of the R.C.H.A., Kingston, is a guest of his parents here.

In the future no more commissions will be granted in the Canadian Expeditionary forces in Canada, according to an announcement made at Ottawa last week.

Special yearly rate given by having your piano tuned regularly by our expert. C. W. Lindsay Ltd., Brockville.

The Reporter will next week publish a very interesting letter from Private John Corr, who is serving his country "somewhere in France."

Mills Johnston, of the C.E.F., is very ill in a military Hospital in England. His condition is causing his relatives some uneasiness.

Ten telephone poles on the Delta road were split by lightning Sunday morning.

Mr. Alex Eaton purchased the stock of Mr. E. A. Putnam who has discontinued business to take charge of the new Rural telephone exchange.

Among the names recently brought to the notice of the Secretary of War for valuable services rendered on the field is Staff Sergeant H. H. McNish, of Lvn. The young man was a member of the First Battalion in the first contingent and has been wounded once.

Mr. A. E. Donovan, M. P. P. has secured a grant of \$400.00 to be expended during the summer on Charleston Road. This is the largest grant that has ever been secured for this much used road. Mr. Donovan will again see that a large quantity of salmon fry and bass fingerlings are placed in the lake.

The body of Mrs. W. H. Baker, of Bellamy's, was found this morning in Mud Creek, after a search which commenced Sunday morning following her disappearance scantily clad in night dress, kimona and slippers.

NOTICE

By laws of the village of Athens strictly prohibit hens running at large at any time. Owners take notice.
F. Blaicher, Village Officer

A legal holiday this week—Good Friday.

When you need your piano tuned write C. W. Lindsay Ltd., Brockville.

Mrs. Alex Taylor is ill and confined to her home on Wiltse Street.

The St. Lawrence became free of ice last week.

Ganacque is proposing a summer Carnival at the Thousand Islands in the year 1921.

Brockville Times: Roy Mullen has appeared on the taxi-stand with a Dodge car.

There is a possibility of the Fifth Division of which the 156th Battalion is part, being moved to Scotland for training purposes.

Mr. Adam Duclon leaves this week for Fairfield East where he intends making cheese this season.

The next meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario East will take place at Kingston in 1918.

Brockville bricklayers, masons and plasterers will charge 55c per hour after April 15th.

Mr. Robert Mackie has taken possession of the Wiltse Street residence which he recently purchased from J. McKinney.

Capital expenditure totalling nearly seven million dollars is proposed by the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31st, 1917, according to further supplementary estimates tabled in the Legislature last week.

Word has been received from Lilliestrom, Sask., of a distressing occurrence during a wild storm a few weeks ago. Asa Wiltse a native Athenian, was overtaken by the blizzard and, while wandering about to find his way in the night, nearly perished from exposure. In the gray dawn he arrived at a shack and sank down exhausted. He is now a patient in Moose Jaw hospital.

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