

A Wild West at the Corners

A True Story.

(By Crawford C. Slack.)

(Reprinted from last week's issue by request.)

"Way back at Hemlock Corners things were going rather slow. There hadn't been a lecture in the Town Hall, or a show. There hadn't been a scandal, that is, one which had got out. And the gossips they were spoiling for something to talk about; There hadn't been a wedding, therefore, been no charivari. There hadn't been no quilting held around, or husking bee. The Baptists held a social quite early in the fall. And Hi Simpson had a raising and that was the newsy all.

No. There wasn't much a-doin' round the Corners since the fairs. That is, of any interest save just every day affairs. Jim Hobson was still courting the little Widow Wing. And the gossips were a-saying they'd be married in the spring. There was to be husking, at the barns of Harry Goff. But he couldn't get no liquor so they called the whole thing off. The boys as usual gathered at the corner grocery store, and occupied the counter and the nail kegs as of yore.

A lieutenant was recruiting there for men to go to France. And the boys around were lining up and glad to get the chance. They were practising with rifles, had their shooting right down fine. And the most of them were spoiling for to hit the battle line. They could certain place a bullet every time within the ring. And were sure to plunk the Kaiser if he ever lifted wing. The champion was Pat Thorney, and he feared no mortal foe. He was first to put on colors and was anxious for to go.

The Corners' girls were knitting socks to give their soldier boys. But sighed because their going would upset their winter joys. Some were signing up as nurses and were going with the lads. While others joined the "Farmerettes" and going to help their dads. The women of the Institute were on the constant run. Collecting comforts for to send the men behind the gun. They were planning entertainments and writing off afar. To get some men of knowledge to lecture on the war.

Well, they ran across a fellow who said he was a friend of England and her Allies, and was working for that end. He said he'd come and lecture any date which they might choose. That his talk was illustrated well with magic lantern views. He said they'd have to furnish some man for the machine. To throw, while he was talking, the pictures on the screen. Now the Presbyterian parson at that was right at home. He agreed to act, and so they wrote the fellow for to come.

They engaged the Village Orchestra to give the thing a tone,

It consisted of a fiddle, a cornet and trombone. The hall they decorated hanging flags and bunting there. And done their very best to make the thing a very swell affair. So on the date maturing the fellow came to hand. And started in to lecture upon the war-wrecked land; He claimed he was a Frenchman, but he had a manner shy. And Thorney said he'd gamble that he was a bloomin' spy. Now Thorney was a patriot with a love of country high. And he had an inborn hatred for a German or his spy.

The hall was overflowing, for there was a bumper crowd. Too, the chap could scarcely lecture and the praises they were loud. He eulogized old England he lauded plucky France. But he said the German armies would on Paris sure advance; He was praising little Belgium and her hero fighting King. When Thorney, clad in khaki, advanced up from the wing; Save the dim light from the lantern, why the room was rather dark. And the crowd thought Pat was having with the lecturer a lark.

Said Pat: "Let's see your papers just to make the matter clear. If you don't, you needn't dwell on France—I'll start a war right here." He was standing by that Frenchman with his thirty-two in hand. And the man was struck dumbfounded by the loud and stern demand. Pat again said, "Show your papers, and your travelling card to boot." And as they seemed not forthcoming, why he started in to shoot; First he fired at the ceiling, then he fired down at the floor. Then the crowd got panic-stricken and they started for the door.

The Parson lost his glasses when the lantern light went out. The women they were screaming and the boys began to shout. The Orchestra stampeded in a manner all their own. Jim Kelly smashed his fiddle, and Smith his brass trombone. That Frenchman made his exit, and a hurried one, you bet. He may be in France by this time, or he may be going yet. The lieutenant came for Thorney and transported him that night. For such men as he were wanted in Flanders in the fight.

Thorney may have been o'er-zealous, but this I will say for you. That he spent three years in Flanders among the brave and true. He was never known to falter nor to back up from the foe. When they called for first-line fighters he was ready there to go. He is back now at the Corners from that war-torn field afar. And you never hear him boasting of his exploits in the war. Now he wears a silver medal, and will wink his roguish eye. Should we ever chance to mention the night he ran the spy.

On Tuesday night, about 10 o'clock the cheese factory at Glen Buell, owned by Mr. Richard Kelly, was burned to the ground. For the past three months we understand there has been no fire in the building, and at present the origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

LADDERS—Leave your order now for that Ladder you are needing—Extension or Step—F. A. JUDSON, Athens

Heber Pierce and family have leased a part of the Dowsley block, Main street, and have taken up residence. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Flood have taken up residence in the Parish block, leasing the flat over the Tribute grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morrison, Kitchener, have moved to Mrs. Jos. Jones, Victoria street house. The former will be in charge of the Pentecostal mission, corner of Henry and Main streets.

The honor flag in the Victory loan drive has been won by Athens, and has been placed on the post office.

Several local fishermen are at Charleston lake for the white-fish season.

Pupils of Miss M. Carl's room were accorded holidays last week as the teacher was ill of tonsillitis.

Mrs. M. C. Arnold has been suffering from the effects of a severe cold.

Master Lerverne Scott has been suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

Miss Marion Robinson is convalescent, following an attack of jaundice and now Miss Georgia Robinson is reported on the sick list.

Rev. T. J. Vickery and others were in Brockville on Tuesday, attending the sessions of the Ministerial Association and the Sunday School and Epworth League convention.

Miss Leita Arnold, B.A., is spending a few weeks with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. C. L. Lamb is at Lyndhurst, on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Yates is spending the week at Toledo a guest at the home of her father, John Drummond.

Wm. Towriss was at Garretton last week on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Hall.

Frank Brayman, Brockville, was a recent visitor at the home of W. F. Earl.

Mrs. Alex. Brown, Bedford Mills, has been here for a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Lillie, Church street.

Mr. Gordon Landon, Lansdowne who is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Burton Algure is making brief visits among her many friends here.

Rev. Mr. Fulcher, Lansdowne, District Secretary of S. S. work, was here Monday evening conferring with local S. S. workers with a view to greater efficiency in this important branch of the church's activity.

The local W. C. T. U. met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. E. Cornell.

The Junior Farmers' Club held a dance in the town hall Tuesday evening.

The high school "Commencement" takes place on Friday night.

Plans are in progress for a Democracy medal contest early in December.

Mr. George Purcell unloaded a car of coal this week.

Memorial service for Pte Everett Cross will be held on Sunday November 23rd in the Methodist.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coons, Smith Falls are spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Coon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Latimer spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheffield and daughter Helen, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rowsome spent the week end as guests at the home of Mrs. Sheffield's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Day Gannanoque.

Miss Myrtle Summers, who has been spending the past few days at Sheffield, returned to her home at Lansdowne on Monday last.

The new lease on Summer weather relieves the strain on the fuel supply to some extent.

All credit is due the local committee in charge of the Victory loan campaign, Mr. Parish and Mr. Beale, who were assisted by Mr. Jos. H. Ackland, sure did gather in the loose coin in Athens and vicinity—We are proud of our flag.

Mrs. M. A. Robinson, Brockville is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen E. Cornell.

Mr. D. L. King returned from the West on Tuesday night last.

Mrs. Gladys Kerr and little girl of Smith Falls were week end visitors at Mrs. M. A. Halladay's, Main St.

W. C. T. U. Notes

Mrs. B. H. Brown, President of the local union is this week attending the Provincial W. C. T. U. Convention at Guelph.

Mrs. John Mackie is a delegate at the Convention at Guelph.

An Evening meeting of the Union was held at the home of Mrs. Cornell on Nov. 18, when a motion was passed to ask all the Women's Societies of the Village to attend nomination meeting in a body.

Young ladies from the High School will take part in an elocution contest early in December.

CORRECTION RE REPORT TEACHER'S MEETING LAST ISSUE.

Proposed salary schedule should have read:—

"For rural teachers and urban assistants, a minimum of \$900 increasing yearly to \$1,700. Principals of 2 to 5 roomed schools \$1,600 minimum increasing yearly to \$2,400. Principals of larger schools than 5 rooms \$2,400 increasing to \$3,300."

Philipville

The regular November meeting of the Philipville Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst. at the hall, with a very good attendance. Mrs. Acheson, the president, presiding. After the regular routine of business, several communications were read and discussed. The subjects of a Community Hall and a Literary were discussed and laid aside for further attention next month. The programme, under the direction of Misses Tackaberry and Blackburn, consisted of a solo by Miss Lucille Whitmore; a very fine paper, on "Music," by Mrs. Hilliard Davison, contained many good points and given in Mrs. Davison's excellent style, was much enjoyed by all; another solo, by Miss Inez Elliott, and a paper on "Home Nursing," by L. M. M. Blackburn. The roll call was responded to by the ladies who gave recipes for "Favorite Hot Dishes for Supper."

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davison were guests at W. B. Phelps last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown and Mrs. Lynn returned to their homes here on Thursday last.

Mr. Arven Brown was able to take a drive recently.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Court will be held pursuant to The Ontario Voters' Lists Act, by His Honour, the Junior Judge of the County Court of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, at the Village Town Hall in the Village of Athens, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of December, 1919, at half-past seven o'clock in the afternoon to hear and determine complaints of errors and omissions in the Voters' List of the Municipality of Athens for 1919.

Dated this 14th day of November, A.D. 1919.

G. W. LEE,
Clerk of said Municipality.

At R. J. Campo's you will find a full line of Vegetables and Fruit. Pop Corn of first class quality. Squash at 20c & 25c each. Indian Corn Meal and the Old Fashioned Granulated Oat Meal, also Rolled Oats of very finest quality. We have recently opened a Hot Lunch and Drink Parlor at The Bazaar—Prices moderate.

Hard Island

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fluwham and family motored to Brockville on Sunday last.

Mrs. Landon, Lansdowne is, visiting her sister Mrs. Burton Algure.

Mr. D. Young's have sold their farm to R. Gardiner we understand.

Miss A. Whaley who has been visiting at Mr. M. Livingston's recently is spending a few days at her home in Toronto.

Mr. Jack Young has returned from the Canadian West to his home here. Messrs Parish and Brown have been making general calls testing every phone on this line.

Mr. Herb. Stephenson has returned home from a visit in Hamilton.

Charleston

The season for catching white fish opened on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fisher recently visited friends in Brockville.

Mr. Markette, Smith's Falls and E. Foster, Glen Morris called here on Saturday.

Some of our young people attended the party at Delta on Wednesday.

W. Roberts has entered the employ of A. Taylor & Son, and is moving to Athens.

The farmers are nearly all through with their fall plowing.

A horse driven by Miss Cox, Sheatown, ran away and did considerable damage to the rig.

The Misses Ross, Row's Corners are visiting at Mrs. Boyd's.

Mr. and Mrs. Danby, Soperton and Mr. and Mrs. Woods and little daughter, Lyndhurst were at H. Slack's on Sunday.

Guideboard Corner's

We celebrated Armistice Day very quietly—we stopped our clocks as King George would have us, and

paused in our occupations with very full hearts in which joy and tears were not far apart. A year ago it was almost impossible to separate our glorious fallen heroes from their victorious comrades, they still seemed to have their places in the ranks, but after the passing of a year, we realize that they sleep far from us—but their deeds "live forevermore."

Miss Dorothea Wight visited Mrs. Mackie, Elaida, this week, and called on a number of other friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Livingstone and daughter, Mrs. Eaton, entertained a number of friends on Friday evening. In music and dancing, games and conversation the hours passed merrily away, all unmindful of the murky November outside.

Dr. Harte made a professional call Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Delmer Cowles is making improvements on the old Derbyshire home, which is now his property.

Wiltse Lake

Rev. Mr. George Code was the guest at Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Moore on Saturday.

Miss Lucie Moore of Wiltse Lake was the guest of her cousin, Miss Marguerite Hull of Athens, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson and little daughter Lillian were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Moore on Sunday.

On account of so much rain this fall the farmers were held back from doing their fall ploughing.

Mrs. F. R. Moore, who has been sick for the past week is better now.

Mr. Paul Ferguson attended New Dublin dance on Wednesday evening last.

Mr. Hilliard Kavanagh and Mr. Herbie Foster of Wiltse Lake attended New Dublin dance on Wednesday evening last.

Mr. Ferguson P. Moore of Wiltse Lake has recovered from his serious illness.

Miss Hattie Moore of Smith's Falls and little Mildred Leach spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Moore of Wiltse Lake.

Mrs. F. R. Moore and her daughter Hattie and little Mildred Leach were the guests of Mrs. John T. Moore on Monday last.

Plum Hollow

Miss L. Whaley, Athens, spent the week end at D. M. Kilborn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore, Seeley Bay spent Sunday at E. Donovan's.

A few Plum Hollow people spent a pleasant time at Mr. E. Livingston's on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Moulton have returned to Athens for the winter.

Mrs. Frank Tackaberry is visiting Brockville friends.

Mr. D. M. Kilborn has purchased the Milles Farm at Greenbush.

Mrs. Benedict had the misfortune to dislocate a bone in her knee last week. Dr. Kelly was called to replace it.

Mr. John Wiltse is again able to be around after his illness.

Mr. Ormand Jackson and Miss Audrey, spent the week end at Greenbush.

Card of Thanks

Brockville, Ont.,
November 17, 1919.

To the members of Committees and Victory Loan Workers, Leeds and Grenville:

Gentlemen:—It is my pleasant duty to extend to you my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the magnificent work you have done for these Counties in making the Victory Loan such a great success, an achievement which brings us much honor and a place near the top among the successful units in connection with the campaign.

At the time of writing the reports give our unit the grand total of about \$4,200,000. Your faithful work and active co-operation has greatly assisted the canvassers in rolling up such an unexpected total.

I deem it an honour to have had the privilege of acting as the executive head of such a fine body of workers.

THANK YOU.
Yours faithfully,
J. K. Dowsley,
Chairman

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