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A Letter

(Crawf C. Slack)

Dear Jinks I am writing you to-day, To learn how thing are down your way. Out here they're not to say, too good, We're shy of coal and short of wood. A Farmer's gall asks five a cord But spring is coming, praise the Lord. We do not mourn the lack of heat Nor things to wear nor things to eat, Our chief woe is that moral jinks. Have made it awful long 'tween drinks.

Of course in some secluded den We get a hooker now and then. The other day I met a chum, And he was sad and very glum. We talked about the good old days, The glad old times of social ways. Said he, "I think its pretty hard, That we old chaps can't treat a para". He asked me "if I had time to spare?" I had, Well then we went somewhere.

How's all the boys about the town? Since it went dry I ain't been down, Out here when thing get dead and dull We take the train and go to Hull Or Montreal or Old Quebec Where there's no broadaxe on our neck, For I must tell you straight, friend Jinks It's extra long out here 'tween drinks.

It seems about a year ago, I started in to shovel snow, The furnace too has been a pet, And cost me near a hundred net. And though I'm in no mood to sing, I'm righteous glad it's nearing spring. But it would smooth out many kinks. At it was not so jony 'tween drinks.

The spuds are scarce and hard to get, But we've some little runts left yet. The butter too is hard to land. Save that of the cold storage brand With whiskers on it grey and old, With an anaemic countenance cold, The smell of it would trip a goat. And make an old maid shun her vote. The taste of it gives me the pinks. And it's so awful long 'tween drinks.

Away back in the misty past Before the war lord blew his blast I dined on creamy cheese so fine, But now I can't afford a rine, I wish I were somewhere in France, Where I perhaps might run a chance With them wet votin, fighting jinks. Of being served with cheese and drinks.

I'm tired of reading foreign news The ways of war give me the blues, I'm tired of hearing people talk, And weary sliding as I walk, I wish the snow would go afar, So I could drive my Lizzy car, I'm tired of watching nods and winks To shorten up the time 'tween drinks.

Cost of Street Lights

Almonte Times

It may be of interest to the town rate payers to learn what the street lights, under the new system, cost. The large lamps, of which there are 26, will cost \$20 each per year; and the smaller lamps of which there are 106, will cost \$11 per year each, making a total of \$1,686. Under the old system street lighting cost the ratepayers 1,100, so it will be readily seen that the price has been raised \$586. Is it worth it?

CHARLESTON WHARF FINISHED THIS WEEK

Except for the Canopy, the Big New Wharf at Charleston Lake Will Be Completed This Week—Cost Approximates \$1000.

"The new \$1000 wharf will be completed on Thursday," said Secretary S. C. A. Lamb, of the Charleston Lake Association, when asked by the Reporter as to the progress being made on Charleston Lake's big landing.

Thursday the last of the planking will be nailed down, and the wharf will be complete except for a superstructure in the form of a canopy which will be erected later. The project was started less than a year ago, and the Charleston Lake Association is proud of its achievement.

The new wharf extends 270 feet out into the lake. Built in the form of an L, there is a portion extending at right angles 60 feet long by 20 feet wide. About 50 piles were used in construction besides two big cribs of the old wharf. The approach from the land to the first crib is 8 feet wide. The second portion covering two cribs is 30 feet long and 12 feet wide. The head 60 feet by 30 feet has two drop sections at the ends 10 feet wide operated by chains and to be kept even with the water. These drops are cleated so boat owners may walk up and down them without danger of slipping. The front and one side of the wharf are boarded close.

The piles, thoroughly braced, through out, are capped by 8-inch timbers and on these 8-inch stringers are placed. The planking is 2 inches thick.

The canopy will be 20 feet long by 10 feet wide with a double seat running its length.

A pile at each end of the head and a few feet in front will break the full force of an ice-shove.

Architect Bryson, of the Corporation of Brockville, drew the plans of the wharf and the superintending of construction was in the hands of Mr. Dunham also of the county town. The piles were supplied by M. J. Johnston, Oak Leaf; the timbers by F. Blancher Athens; and the lumber by W. G. Parish, Athens.

The work of erecting the pile driver for service took a long time and the first pile was not driven until February 27. The cost of construction will be in the neighborhood of \$1000. The Association has received donations from a number of cottage owners but a few have not as yet shown their appreciation of this great improvement, and they are asked to donate as they are able. The guides at the lake have given an average of a weeks work free.

Photographed Oxen

That oxen are still used for agricultural purposes in the most thickly populated of states is shown by two photographs of a haying scene snapped by Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb while on a motor tour through New York state last July. Mrs. Lamb and her party came across two men loading hay on a wagon to which a team of oxen was hitched. Mr. C. L. Castor, of Red Creek, was standing on the load, and acquiesced when the request was made to have the picture taken. He said the names of the beautiful white beasts were Pets and Jerry. After seeing the photographs a few days ago, he said the likeness was excellent.

Palatial Cottage to be Built on Charleston Lake

Lumber has been passing through here on the way to Charleston Lake for the new summer home of Mr. Klausman, New York, to be built on the north end of Long Island, which is about two miles from Charleston village. The building material is supplied by the Peter McLaren Lumber Co. of Brockville. The builders, it is said, are also Brockville people. A fine cement wharf has already been built by Samuel Kelsey, Charleston. The lumber order for the large boat-house has been placed with W. G. Parish, Athens. A 35-foot cabin cruiser went through to the lake last week.

What is Oleomargarine?

Oleomargarine is an oft-discussed word these days and its substance is not entirely clear to all. Oleomargarine is the name applied to any fatty substance which is prepared to be used in the same manner as butter. Butter substitutes are usually made from refined oleo-oil churned with "neutral" lard, milk and sometimes butter. In the process of manufacture, the beef-fat is cut into small pieces and then "rendered" at the lowest practical temperature in water-jacketed kettles. The scum is taken off the top and the scrap settle to the bottom of the kettle. The liquid fat is then drawn off and allowed to cool, when it becomes viscous. In order to extract the oil, this mass is transferred in cloths to hydraulic presses and subjected to a great pressure. The solid portion which is left is known to the trade as "oleo-stearine" and finds many uses, particularly in the manufacture of lard substitutes. The oleo-oil used in the preparation of butter substitutes is a clear, amber-colored liquid and, when fresh, it is entirely free from any disagreeable odor or taste. It is a mixture of olein and palmitin. "Neutral" is made by melting leaf lard and allowing it to "grain" by standing at a temperature favorable for the crystallization of the stearine in coarse grains. These, then, the oleo-oil, the "neutrals" and usually one of the vegetable oils such as cottonseed, peanut, or sesame, are mixed with the necessary quantities of milk, cream or butter, with or without coloring matter, and churned in the same way as cream in the preparation of butter. The product is cooled, drained worked, salted and packed in much the same way as butter.

Death of Oscar Chapin

On Saturday afternoon Feb. 3rd, there passed away at his home at Raleigh, N.C., Mr. Oscar Chapin, after an illness of only a few days, of pneumonia.

Mr. Chapin was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Chapin, Plum Hollow. He was born in Plum Hollow sixty-six years ago, residing there thirty-three years, then going with his family to the South, where he resided until the time of his death. The remains were interred at Chadbourn, N.C. Those left to mourn his loss are his wife (nee Miss Emily Bellamy, Toledo, Ont.) one son Arden, at Crystal Springs, N.Y.; two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Nance, Chadbourn, N.C., and Miss Keitha, at home. There are two brothers, Orville of Detroit, Mich., and Lincoln of Brockville, and three sisters, Mrs. Lester McVeigh, Brockville, Mrs. Asher Morgan, Elgin, and Mrs. Stephen Knapp, Iona, Michigan.

Death of Mrs. John Davis

The death occurred on March 11, of Mrs. John Davis at her home on the Oak Leaf Road, at the age of 39 years. Deceased was a daughter of the late "Squire" Moulton was in ill health for several months. Besides her husband she is survived by two sisters at home and one brother in Seeley's Bay.

The funeral service was preached in Christ's Church on March 13 by Rev. Rural Dean Swayne, and the remains were placed in the Athens vault. Interment will be made at Leeds.

Despatches received from the Militia Department, Ottawa, on Tuesday and Thursday of last week, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hart, Frankville, conveyed the news that both their sons, Ptes. Lawrence and Melvin Hart, had been wounded, the former on March 1 by gunshot in the hand, the latter on March 3 by gunshot in the hip and elbow.

Last week Major J. L. Newman had a letter from Lt.-Col. Bedell, of the 156th Battalion in which it was stated that the corps is now over-strength and expected to leave for France in a few days. The total strength of the 156th Battalion reinforcing draft is now 59.

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National Service Literature

One of the most valuable of recent literary contributions to the great cause is a booklet by Professor Stephen Leacock, entitled "National Organization for War." In this booklet, Dr. Leacock makes an urgent call for national thrift and national saving. He attacks in vigorous style the evils of extravagance at this crisis in Canada's history, and by trenchant phrase and apt illustration disposes of various common errors in regard to individual spending of money during war time.

This pamphlet was originally published by Dr. Leacock himself, but the National Service Board were so convinced of its value with their Thrift Campaign that they have had it republished and have undertaken its distribution. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the National Service Board at Ottawa, or by applying to the National Service Director in any Province.

Former Athenian Medical Practitioner in France

A post card to friends here from Dr. G. H. R. Hamilton reveals his place of abode in war-stricken France. He is on the staff of surgeons at Chateau de Lamothe, a temporary hospital at Villeneuve-sur-Lot. The magnificent chateau is owned by a member of the Chamber of Deputies and his wife who pays all the expenses of the place which has been converted into a hospital where surgical work is done for various other hospitals in the immediate vicinity. It has 100 beds.

Dr. Hamilton was a medical practitioner in Athens for four years. He left here for the British Isles, where he took up surgery in earnest, and then crossed to France where he in company with other army physicians is saving hundreds of mutilated soldiers which in previous wars would have been adly covered and carried out to the long trenches that are not defended.

Time for Government Action

Carp Review

We thought it an "awful" thing when we reported an Arrprior man asking \$10 for a cord of hardwood, but some of our nearby farmers are fast becoming just as greedy. We asked one the other day the price of wood not No. 1 stuff either and without even blinking an eye replied \$9.00 a cord. Those who have potatoes to sell are as "bashful" in stating their price, some saying they don't know whether they have any to spare or not, when in reality they are waiting and wishing for the price to go higher. Because a man has to have an article is no reason why he should be asked exorbitant prices and the last cent squeezed from him. The public should boycott such people and refuse to buy from them even when prices are normal. It is time the government would step in and control the selling price of some of the necessities of life.

"Is Canada to have the electric chair? A Toronto news despatch says: The Sheriffs of Ontario in convention assembled here yesterday discussed the substitution of the electric chair for hanging and will pass a resolution in favor of the electric chair and forward it to the government at Ottawa." This hanging business is no fun, especially for the sheriffs who live and have memories. Who can blame them for seeking a more refined method?

WILL OPEN NEW EXCHANGE

Plum Hollow and Eloida Rural Telephone Co. Have Leased Building on Main Street for New Exchange—Continuous Service

Early in April the Plum Hollow and Eloida Rural Telephone Company Limited will open a new central office on Main street in the brick building between the Parish block and Purcell's hardware store, with Mr. E. A. Putnam as manager. Continuous exchange service will be given.

Free service will include the hours between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. from April to October inclusive, and the hours between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. from November to March inclusive. All calls not within these hours will cost 10 cents. The Lyndhurst Rural Telephone Company has indicated its intention of giving similar service.

Rural subscribers will be permitted to talk from their own telephones over all Bell lines at the usual Bell rates.

The new manager of the exchange, Mr. E. A. Putnam has conducted the West-end Grocery in Athens for about two years. Before coming here, he was a resident of Seeley's Bay, where he operated a Rural switchboard for five years. That he is entirely fitted for the position is the opinion of the officials who are doing their utmost to swing the increased business of the company into an efficient gait.

Mr. Putnam will dispose of his stock, and with his family will move to his new home the first of the month. The building has been used during the winter by the Young People's Club which is foregoing a month of its lease to permit the establishment of the exchange at the earliest possible moment.

The Country Paper

When the evenin' shade is fallin' at the endin' o' the day—an' a fellow rests from labor, smokin' at his pipe o' clay, ther's nothin' does him so much good, be fortune up or down as the little country paper from his ol' home town. It ain't a thing of beauty an' its print ain't always clear, but it straightens out his temper when a fellow's feelin' queer, it takes the wrinkles off his face and brushes of the frown, the little paper from his ol' home town. It tells of all the parties an' the balls of Punkin Row, 'bout who spent Sunday with who's girl, and how the crops 'll grow, an' keeps a fellow posted 'bout who's up an' down, the little country paper from his ol' home town. Now I like to read the dailies, an' the story papers to and at times a yaller novel, and some other trash, don't you? but but when I want some reading that will brush away the frown I want the little paper from my ol' home town.

Evil of Church Social Grades

The Editor of the Reporter

The St. Pierre murder case reveals a record of three generations of crime and also our apparent record of neglect on the so called Christian population of that section. This indifference to our submerged One-Tenth is far too common. The tendency of the churches to form and maintain social grades and to form a moral aristocracy creates a gul between them and this unfortunate class who no doubt would respond in many cases to the proper appeal.

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