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Organization Meeting of Athens High School Board

At the statutory meeting of the Athens High School Board held on Wednesday evening, the following members being present; Messrs. H. H. Arnold, Dr. C. M. Bracken, G. E. Judson, Dr. M. H. Moore, W. G. Parish, W. C. Smith and A. E. Watt, business transacted as follows.

The first Monday [at 8.00 p.m.] was chosen as night of meeting. The Committee were elected as follows: Finance, Messrs. W. G. Parish, Dr. M. H. Moore, A. E. Watt.

The Secretary-treasurer was authorized to pay monthly the salaries of teachers and janitor as they come due, without recourse to the board. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

N. A. Hagerman's work acct. for \$40.15 was ordered paid. The Village officer was appointed school attendance officer.

A deputation of the Alumni Association consisting of the President, J. D. Johnston, Vice President, M. Arnold, and secretary, S. C. A. Lamb and Principal Campbell were introduced and spoke regarding what they intended to do and asking the board's co-operation.

Mr. Donald Fraser was appointed janitor at a salary of \$65.00 per month, duties to begin Feb. 1st. An account for desks from the Canada Foundries and Forgings Co. amounting to \$225.30 less 2 per cent. was ordered paid out of Permanent Improvement funds.

Annual Vestry Meeting, Oak Leaf Church

Allan H. Ralph and Jesse Webster Re-Elected Wardens. Oak Leaf, Jan. 29.—The annual vestry meeting of Trinity church was held at Jesse Webster's on Wednesday, January 21, at 8 p.m.

The following advisory committee was appointed: Hermon Pierce, William Halliday, R. J. Green, W. F. Warren, C. W. Murphy, James Ferguson, W. B. Beale, George E. Godkin, M. J. Johnson, Manford Webster and the wardens.

The following sidesmen were elected: Harry Webster, Wallace Johnson, Bryce and Lloyd Warren, William A. Green, Lloyd Green, Carl Williamson, Roy Williamson and Harry Botsford.

After the vestry meeting a very delightful social evening was held, at the close of which delicious refreshments were served.

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ABOUT SWEET CLOVER

Hints Regarding the Cutting, Curing and Siloing.

Should Be Cut Before Blooming—In Filling the Silo Tramp Well—Some Farmers Recommend the Use of Salt—Old Dobbin Steals a March on the Tractor.

Sweet clover should be cut for hay in the green sappy state just before blooming. If cut for hay, great care should be taken to properly cure it. It would seem that the best method is to coil it in the field and dry it thoroughly before drawing it to the barn.

As sweet clover hay is difficult to cure under the best conditions a very good means of preserving it would seem to be in the form of silage. The experience of the last year, however, has revealed the fact that certain precautions are necessary in making silage if it is to come out of the silo green, succulent, and free from mould.

When to Cut for Silage. Sweet clover for silage should be cut at the same time as for hay, i.e., just before blooming. The blower should be followed as closely as possible with the wagons and the sweet clover put into the silo at once. It should not be left lying on the ground for even a day, especially during hot, dry weather.

Clover Should Be Carefully Tramped. One of the most important steps in the making of good silage is to be sure that it is spread evenly and tramped thoroughly in the silo. Seventy-five per cent. of the failures in making first-class silage last year were due to insufficient packing.

Some Farmers Recommend the Use of Salt. The use of salt either in curing the hay or in the silo is strongly recommended by some farmers, and if the sweet clover is not being handled under the most favorable conditions it would probably help in curing of the fodder.

Old Dobbin Steals March on Tractor. "Tractor manufacturers and horse breeders associations may urge the relative merits of tractors and horses as sources of farm power with all the eloquence of which they are capable," declares C. A. Pond, in charge of the cost accounting section at Minnesota University Farm.

In the Orchard. The foliage of stone fruits, as cherry, plum, and peach, is on the whole quite tender, and the arsenical sprays should be employed with caution. Arsenate of lead is least likely to do harm, though more than two applications, especially to peach, may cause withering, dropping of leaves, and burning of fruit.

Vermin in Live Stock. Much Injury Done by Lice to Farm Animals. Vermin Multiply Rapidly—Treatment for Cattle, Horse and Hog Lice—The Louse a Robber of Profits—Soft Bacon.

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Lice Multiply Rapidly. Lice multiply most rapidly in dry, cold weather, and are found in greatest abundance on long-haired, old and poorly cared for stock during March and April.

Treatment for Cattle Lice. All animals should be given a good grooming with brush and curry comb to remove scurf, loose hair, and any vermin that may be off guard, then apply the following:

Treatment for Pig Lice. Raw linseed oil applied with a brush to all parts of the body is very effective. The formulae for kerosene emulsion can also be used to advantage.

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Women's Institute Notes

Notwithstanding the inclement weather twenty-eight ladies attended the January meeting of the Women's Institute, held in the Agricultural rooms on Saturday p.m. last.

The meeting opened by singing the much favored song, "The Institute Carol," after which the minutes of the December meeting and the financial report were read.

On January 30th group one held a bake sale and a "tea" in the home of Mrs. P. Alford and in the rest room adjacent. \$25 was cleared.

Group two plans serving buns, hot-dogs and coffee after the hockey match on Saturday, February 7th.

This group also plans a bake sale, afternoon tea and supper served cafeteria style, March 17th.

Group 3 will hold a box social, euchre and dance on February 19th.

Group 4 has been fortunate in securing the famous film, "The Life of Christ from the Manger to the Cross," to be presented in the town hall on April 22nd.

After these reports the regular business proceeded, with the result that a summer speaker be secured; that the W. I. room in the town hall be re-decorated, and that the Institute move back home for its February meeting, after a nomadic existence since the burning of the A.H.S., when the room was given over for school purposes; that the indebtedness on the Park property be paid in full; and that the W. I. consider the purchase of a piano for the Community Hall.

The business over, the literary and musical part of the programme was heard. Mrs. N. G. Scott gave a splendid paper on "Our Nerves and How to Treat Them."

The Misses Doris Connelly and Elva Gifford delighted all with their piano solo. A report of what our sister Institutes in the Brockville district are doing, was much appreciated.

February meeting to be held in the Institute room, Mrs. Warren to be responsible for the paper, "Making the Most of Life," and Miss Belle Witse the musical numbers. The Horticulture Society plans holding its spring floral exhibit in connection with this meeting.

QUABBIN. Quabbin, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Robert Edgley has returned after having spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. John Edgley, Andressburg.