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## G. W. V. A. ATTENDED CHURCH

And Listened To Able and Earnest Address by Rev. Dr. DeWolfe.

The service at the Baptist church on Sunday evening was under the auspices of the local G. W. V. A. and a considerable portion of the centre of the auditorium was reserved for the accommodation of the returned men. There was a good attendance including something over sixty veterans of the war who gathered at headquarters and marched to the church occupying the seats provided for them. The music for the occasion was particularly fine and the vocal solo by Miss Evelyn Duncanson most enjoyable. Rev. H. T. DeWolfe, D. D., was the speaker and he delivered a characteristically eloquent and able address.

Taking for his text Luke 2:14 the speaker referred first to the utter waste and futility of war. War wastes in that it destroys actually and potentially the finest manhood, destroys those who might have been the poets, sages, leaders of the new age, cripples in mind and spirit many of those whom it spares in the body. War is futile in that it does not and cannot in the very nature of the case bring to pass a lasting peace. In many respects it is a resurgence of the brute in man, the application of force to the solution of problems which are in their nature spiritual. It is a throwback in the evolutionary process. As a consequence we have as the result of four years' war and four years of peace, so called a new militarism, a new implemented barbarism introduced to a sovereign position in Europe, black war clouds in the near east, bickerings and misunderstandings between nations, all of which may create a bolt of destruction as fateful as that shattered Europe in 1914. None of the ideals of the war for which we fought have been measurably realized.

Peace which is the great desire of all the nations cannot be secured except by presenting to mankind a moral substitute for war. If this can be presented and all the powers of man for idealism and devotion, self-sacrifice, love of justice, fair play, can be focussed upon this moral ideal, a permanent peace becomes possible. Other things do not avail. All the things which seemed to make for peace, such as the internationalization of labor, art, culture and the various means whereby man was learning to live with his fellow in the world of peace, disappeared in the great conflagration. They may be necessary but not causal and fundamental in peace.

This moral ideal is presented in the purpose and programme of Jesus Christ; is stated in his great manifesto, is illustrated in his life and presents itself to us in many concrete embodiments, such as child welfare, the destruction of all forms of evil which spring from selfishness, and the preservation of all forms of good which root in love, the establishment of right relations of love between man and man and class and class and nation and nation, the dispersal of the mists of ignorance, the spread of the knowledge of God in all nations, beginning with the unifying of the individual nature, and the maintenance of love in the individual nature.

These ideals being embraced and becoming universal will bring in the universal era of peace when the lamb shall lie down with the lion and the little child shall guide and control the destinies of antagonistic forces which have hitherto seem absolutely irreconcilable. If this thing comes not to pass then our dead have died in vain. May it never be possible to say as an English poet has recently said, Happy the English dead who died in vain, And cannot know how vainly they have died. They were, as kings do ever mine for their clothing, Longsuffering, pain, obedience fortitude, Honor and inextinguishable loathing. Were part of all their daily drink and food. These have endured and died for England proudly. Let none tell the bitter truth too loudly. May God grant that this may never be said of our sacred and honored dead. Therefore, let us seek peace and ensue it.

## A UNIQUE RECITAL

Probably a number of people who attended the recital given on Wednesday evening by Miss Helen Davis and Mr. Victor Young at The Opera House, were at first puzzled and disappointed when they discovered a phonograph cabinet occupying the center of the stage.

Mr. Young appeared and in a short and interesting address told of the birth of the phonograph by Mr. Thomas A. Edison some forty years ago. A short history of the development of the phonograph followed, Mr. Young pointing out the fact that Mr. Edison's ambition was to perfect an instrument which would recreate music so perfectly that the recreation would be indistinguishable from the original performance. Subsequent developments in the program proved this to be a reality in the New Edison Official Laboratory model.

Miss Davis was introduced and took her position beside the New Edison. Both Artist and Phonograph started the selection, but suddenly Miss Davis paused and the New Edison carried on the melody so perfectly that it was impossible to distinguish one from the other without watching the Artist closely. It was indeed marvelous as there was not the slightest difference between the re-created art and the original performance.

In the course of the evening similar tests were made by Mr. Young with the same miraculous results. There must have been a slight difference in volume when the artists stopped singing or playing but it was not noticeable for the tone which came from the cabinet was round and luscious with all of the vibrant, pulsating quality of that which came directly from Miss Davis' throat and the piano of Mr. Young. It was only by watching the singer's lips or the piano keys that one could be sure when they sang or played or played and when they did not.

This proof was convincing. If it were not, another proof was offered. After Miss Davis had commenced to sing one number, the lights were turned out—ostensibly so that the audience could not watch the singer's lips.

It did not seem difficult to determine in the dark when the singer sang and when she did not. The writer was pretty sure about it himself until the lights were turned on again and it was discovered that Miss Davis was not on the stage at all and that the New Edison alone had been heard.

The continuation of the article on "The Children's Aid Society and its Task" in type and intended for this issue is unavoidably crowded out on account of the unusual demand upon our space. It will appear as soon as room can be found for it, probably next week. The series is well worthy of careful perusal and the first article has awakened considerable interest in a most important work that is going on in the county.

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## BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER



The British elections appear to have given the Conservatives a majority all groups which will place Mr. Bonar Law at the head of the Government of that Country. The above is a very good portrait of Mr. Law, photographed on the day on which he assumed the duties of directing the affairs of the British people. A native of the province of New Brunswick, his present position is a high honor to Canada.

## GASPEREAU NOTES

Mrs. Eliza Davidson, aged 84 years, relict of the late Jehiel Davidson a former highly esteemed resident of this place, passed away on Sunday, November 5th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Eagles, after an illness of a few weeks. Before her marriage she was Miss Eliza Davidson, daughter of the late Cyrus Davidson, one of the early settlers of this place. A lady of fine intellect she was a most interesting companion and had many friends. Until a few weeks before her death she retained her mental and physical powers to an unusual degree and her reminiscences of early life were most interesting. She leaves behind one sister, Mrs. Harriet Davidson; two sons, Reuben and Homer, in California; two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Fielden, also in California; and Mrs. W. S. Eagles, with whom she has made her home for several years. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. Dr. Bennett, pastor of the church, conducted the service, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eagles, and gave a comforting and most appropriate address. A quartette composed of Mrs. N. O. Benjamin, Miss Leta Gertrude and Messrs. A. D. Coldwell and J. L. Gertrude sang two favorite hymns "When My Soul Reaches Home" and "Saved by Grace" with most pleasing effect and the whole service was most fitting.

Dr. Grace Currie, of Cambridge, Ma., spent the week end with her cousin, Mrs. Mary Gertrude.

The Gaspereau "Sons of Temperance" having been closed for the summer months, was re-opened on Friday evening of last week. Members are requested to come and help in making a good Division. On Friday evening of this week refreshments will be served by the ladies.

Mrs. Charles Brown, of Wolfville, is visiting Mr. R. J. Gertrude.

Mr. and Mrs. Burpee Lyman are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

## CLINIC ITEMS

Tuberculosis Clinic at the Clinic Rooms, Weaver Block, Kentville, on Thursday (instead of the usual Friday) Nov. 23rd, commencing at 2 p. m. Specialist from N. S. Sanatorium will be in attendance.

There is one thing we should always bear in mind in dealing with tuberculosis. It is not a plague to be shunned in the same sense as our forefathers shunned leprosy for instance. No other disease plays the game, so to speak, as tuberculosis. It is the one disease that gives us ample warning and time to overcome it, if only we use common sense. And that means that experience has demonstrated to be effective in dealing with it. The one thing to be avoided is panic or any tendency to panic, for cleanliness, good food and fresh air will arrest the disease and effect a cure if only given in time. Excerpt from a paper by Dr. H. Chisholm, of the Provincial Department of the Public Health.

## DOG A TRAINED ACTOR

Does Wonderful Feats in William S. Hart's Picture, "White Oak"

There is a remarkable dog in William S. Hart's new Paramount picture, "White Oak", which comes to the Opera House next Friday and Saturday. In the story the canine carries a message from an emigrant train surrounded by Indians, through the circle of death to a pioneer settlement where Oak Miller, a gambler, impersonated by Mr. Hart is in jail accused of murder. The dog follows the scent to the jail window and then helps Oak escape by digging a hole on the outside while the prisoner digs inside. Then the dog follows Oak who is mounted on a fast pony and both return to the beleaguered wagon train where they arrived in the nick of time to save the emigrants from death. The dog is a fine example of the intelligent canines employed in motion pictures.

Phone the Redden Studio and make an appointment for that Christmas gift photograph. 4-21

## ARMISTICE DAY

Fittingly Celebrated by Citizens of Wolfville

The open-air service held at the post-office grounds last Saturday morning in commemoration of Armistice Day was most interesting and fitting. There was a large attendance of citizens and college students with a full turn-out of school children under the direction of Principal Silver. The program as outlined in our last issue was successfully carried out.

Mayor Sutherland presided and called upon Rev. R. F. Dixon who offered a short and appropriate prayer, after which Kipling's "Recessional" was impressively rendered by the massed church choirs of the town under the direction of Mr. W. A. Jones, head of the vocal department of Acadia Seminary.

The address by Mr. Norman Rogers, of Acadia University, was thoroughly in keeping with the occasion. Himself a returned man with an honorable war record the speaker's message well deserved the close attention which it received. In part Mr. Rogers said:

We have met together for a short while this morning in memory of a great event and for the purpose of renewing within ourselves something of the spirit which made that great event possible. Four years have passed since the signing of the armistice proclaimed to the world the victory of the allied forces over Germany and the Central Powers. There are few of us here who cannot remember the wave of relief and thanksgiving that swept over the country when the news of peace was first received. But even then as today our thanksgiving was mingled with sadness for our freedom had been purchased at a tremendous cost of human life and effort.

Since 1918 four years of peace have followed four years of war and as time passes, we become farther removed from the events of the long struggle for victory, and less able to recall the impressions it left upon our minds and the spirit it awakened within us. Military uniforms are no longer seen on the streets; military bands no longer call us from our shops and houses to watch regiments marching by, and there are no daily casualty lists to bring to our minds the sacrifice and suffering of war. We have returned to business as usual and have left the war to the historians and the military experts.

It was inevitable that we should return to business, but it will be a tragedy if we return to business as usual. Often during the war itself, and these four years of peace that have followed, we have asked ourselves the question, What was it all for? What change is it going to make in our lives as individuals and nations?

What was it all for? There is only one way to answer this question. What would fifty thousand Canadians in France have thought it worth dying for? Would they feel satisfied if in 1922 we were beginning to regard the war as but a mere interlude in our daily struggle for existence? Would they have thought it worth while to have given their lives for mere territorial expansion and indemnities from the defeated nations? You cannot put a material value like that on human sacrifice. Time and again we have heard them say and have read in their letters, that all that made the suffering and hardship endurable was the thought that they were on a crusade for a better world and that the future generations would be saved from a like calamity. Business as usual after 1918 is not a motto of progress. If we con-

## BOARD OF TRADE

Interesting Meeting Addressed by Mayor King, of Annapolis Royal.

The Board of Trade held an interesting meeting in Parish Hall on Thursday evening when Mayor King, of Annapolis Royal, gave an instructive and inspiring address on the leading features of the Agricultural Exhibition held in Annapolis a few weeks ago. Mr. King was introduced by the president Mr. Eaton Graham, and received a cordial greeting. He spoke of the new spirit that had come into the business men of his town, which found expression in Commercial Club and culminated in a most successful exhibition. Wolfville is looking forward to conducting the exhibition of the three Counties, Hants, Kings and Annapolis, next autumn and the suggestions given by Mayor King were greatly appreciated by those interested in the forth-coming event.

A hearty vote of thanks was, on the motion of Mr. L. E. Shaw and Mr. B. O. Davidson, tendered Mayor King for his instructive and useful address.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Eagles, Gaspereau wish to express their thanks to the friends who so kindly helped in caring for the latter's mother, Mrs. Eliza Davidson, during her recent illness.

Thanks are also extended to the Women's Institute and relatives for fruit and flowers. Seldom have we been favored with such lovely music as was furnished by the Valley choir especially the two quartets.

## CANNING NOTES

A wedding of interest, was solemnized in Church St., Rev. Gordon Brown, rector of St. John's church, officiating, when Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milledge DeWitt, Medford, became the bride of Donald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. F. Smith, Canning. The bride wore a tailored gown, with hat to correspond; both bride and groom being unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Canning.

## Pay your Subscription to-day

duct private and national business today in the spirit of 1913 we have missed the significance of sacrifice. There is a further lesson the armistice should teach us. That is a new conception of patriotism. We have interpreted it too often in terms of marching regiments, and have held it in leash in times of peace. But a high conception of our duty to our country and our fellow citizens, is just as essential to peace as it is to war, and without it we can hardly hope to consolidate the moral position we gained on Armistice Day.

On the stroke of eleven by the clock two minutes of silence in honor of those who fell in the great War was observed, followed by "The Last Post" sounded by James Northover and John Johnson.

A recitation entitled "The Lads Who Are Paying Still" was effectively rendered by Doane Hatfield after which the exercises closed with the singing of "O Canada" by the children accompanied by the school orchestra and the National Anthem. Beautiful wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial Tablet by the G. W. V. A., the Give Service Girls and the I. O. D. E.

Special credit is due Mr. E. Percy Brown, who is largely responsible for the very creditable manner in which the affair was arranged and conducted.

# WOLFVILLE BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION

## ITS HISTORY

The Boy Scout Association of Canada was incorporated in 1911, and the Wolfville Association was formed during the same year.

Wolfville Troop of Boy Scouts is registered at Halifax as No. 1 of the Nova Scotia Troop.

The present Scoutmaster, Mr. E. P. Brown, obtained his warrant, signed by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, in 1911.

The first Wolfville Troop consisted of only 8 boys. Now nearly every boy in town of scout age is a member.

Meetings have been held almost every week since organization, and camps every summer except one, during the war.

First camp was held without equipment of any kind at Davison Lake in 1911.

In 1912 tents were borrowed and a larger camp located at Black River. Original patrol was given a trip to Chester.

## PRESENT EQUIPMENT

The Wolfville Troop owns three acres of land on the north shore of Sunken Lake, and thanks to the late Capt. J. Pratt, a commodious building 50 by 12 feet with kitchen in rear.

This building is fully equipped with tables, benches, stove and cooking utensils for 100 boys.

In this building are stored three canoes, two boats, two punts, six large bell tents and four smaller tents, all belonging to the Association.

The Association also owns the building in Wolfville which is exactly suited to the needs of the work. This building is now being used in the afternoons and evenings by groups of boys and girls from the Sunday School for their weekly meetings.

All this equipment is used by the Girl Guides and organized S. S. Classes as well as the Scouts.

## FUTURE NEEDS

The friends of the Boy Scout movement in Wolfville believe that the time has now come when the citizens generally should assume responsibility for the financial support of the work which has been demonstrated of such vital importance to the community. In order to ensure its permanence under competent leadership a sum of not more than Two Thousand Dollars is required each year. The provision for this amount in the town budget would relieve the necessity for private solicitation and leave those in charge free to give the best possible effort for the promotion of the welfare of our young people.

The undertaking has the approval of the Town Council, and citizens will have an opportunity to give their assent at the public meeting on November 22nd. Will you consider the proposition carefully and in the interests of our boys and girls.

The Boy Scout Association Solicits Your Support. Be on Hand Promptly at the Meeting on Nov. 22nd, and Vote for the Two Thousand Dollars Required.