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We invite the ladies of Athens and vicinity to visit the Big Store and enjoy our formal opening display of the season's novelties in wearing apparel and home furnishings. It will be the finest display ever attempted here and your visit will be both enjoyable and profitable. We especially invite the ladies to visit the tea room on the second floor as our guests and enjoy a delicious complimentary cup of Red Rose tea with dainty biscuits.

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NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

People are starting to tap their sugar bushes.

Thursday is the first day of Spring.

Miss Bertha Besley, Hard Island, is the guest-of friends in Lyn.

A canvass is being made this week for Red Cross funds. The response is said to be generous.

Mr. Ferguson P. Moore was a recent guest of Mr. Lawrence Noonan.

The robins arrived on Sunday and already the winter is showing signs of a break-up.

The sawmill of W. G. Parish has started work with a large supply of logs.

Miss Lucy Moore of Glen Morris has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with Miss Helena Hefernan, Ballacanoë.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King of Venn, Sask., have arrived in Athens and will take possession of their new residence on Main street, purchased from Mr. Wm. Doolan.

Mr. Gordon Lawson and Mr. Fred Scovill have accepted positions with the Athens Grain Warehouse and Lumber Yard.

Mr. E. J. Purcell has placed a large reflector electric light in front of his store, and has wired his garage.

Mrs. Robert Latimer, and brother Mr. George Percival, of the West, are visiting the former's son, Rev. Wilfrid Latimer, of London, Ont.

Mr. William Lates has returned home from Perth, where he has been employed for the past three months.

Millinery Opening.

Miss Cora Gray invites the ladies of Athens and vicinity to attend her millinery opening to be held on Monday, March 25 and following days.

Mrs. Charles Yates has returned home after a pleasant visit at her old home at Toledo, a guest of her father, Mr. Drummond. Her little niece, Laura Drummond, accompanied her to Toledo, and has spent the last two months here with her aunt. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Drummond, of Drund, Alta., who with their family have been spending the winter at Toledo and in the district visiting old friends.

Word has been received that Miss Anna Allen, Toronto, a missionary home on furlough from Japan will deliver an address at the W.M.S. thank-offering service on Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Methodist church.

Auction Sale.

The chattels of the late Charles Baker will be offered for sale 2 1/2 miles east of Frankville on Wednesday, March 27, commencing at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. D. C. Healey, auctioneer; Dr. W. H. Bourns, administrator ad litem.

Good Program at League.

National songs were the feature of the Epworth League meeting on Monday night, together with papers and songs of Ireland in commemoration of the birthday of that country's patron saint, St. Patrick. The various numbers were exceptionally well prepared and given to an enthusiastic gathering of young people.

Blue Bird Meeting.

The Blue Bird Mission Circle held their annual Thank-offering meeting in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening last.

Miss Parker, Brockville, delivered a very enthusiastic address. A dialog was given by the Mission Circle girls, "The Challenge of the Cross."

Miss Hazel Latimer gave a paper on "The Blue Bird Mission Circle and Its Work," after which Mrs. H. E. Cornell presented five life-membership certificates. Mrs. Hannah and Miss Vera and Miss Finch contributed vocal numbers while the offering was being taken, which amounted to \$29.76.

ANOTHER COMMUNITY GATHERING

Some one has said, "A man should keep his friendship in constant repair, and while not so stating their creed, the people of Hard Island section have long followed that principle in life and conduct, as evidenced by their numerous social activities from time to time.

Another of their community gatherings was held on Saturday evening last at the home of Mrs. R. Whaley, over sixty being present. Owing to the close proximity of St. Patrick's Day, the evening's program was of a character appropriate to the occasion, the Irish flag being accorded a place of honor, and the house being decorated with shamrocks.

Following the customary greetings and preliminary conversation came a very instructive paper upon the life and work of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. Another paper of merit dealt with the origin and history of the Irish potato. Then, too, there were several Irish songs, readings and recitations with examples of Irish wit and humor, for with Charles Lamb, they believe that "a laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market."

Pictures tied with bows of green paper had been placed about the room, and these were used as a basis of a contest, each picture depicting the name of a book. Miss Anna Wight as prize-winner, was awarded a calendar. Several who did not take part in the contest, added materially to the pleasure of the evening by joining heartily in well-known choruses. Considerably before the midnight hour the company dispersed, carrying with them pleasant memories of another enjoyable evening with friends and neighbors.

DEATH OF MRS. JUDITH SHEA

At the advanced age of 87 years, Mrs. Judith Shea passed away at her home here on Monday, March 11. She had been in poor health for many months.

Born at Sheatown, the daughter of the late Benjamin Slack, she married Nicholas Shea, who predeceased her a number of years ago. All her life was spent at Sheatown until 1911 when she moved to Athens. In religion, deceased was a devout Roman Catholic.

She leaves to mourn her loss, three sons and eight daughters: Edward and John of Athens; Patrick of Sheatown; Mrs. A. Taylor and Miss Mary Shea, Athens; Mrs. Keyes, Sheatown; Mrs. Noonan and Mrs. Moran, Brockville; Mrs. Dier, Sand Bay; Mrs. Judge, Michigan; Mrs. McDonald, Wilstead.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 13, from her residence, Henry street, to St. Denis' church, Athens, and to the Cemetery at Ballacanoë, Rev. D. A. Cullinane officiating.

The pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased, viz., E. Taylor, B. Shea, T. Keyes, H. Shea, and J. Shea.

Among relatives from a distance were: Mrs. Sarah Giffin and George Giffin, sister and nephew of deceased; Mrs. Frank Giffin, Lansdowne. All the children were present except Mrs. Judge, who spent the greater part of the winter with her mother.

Public Schools Inspectors Dowsley and McGuire are visiting schools in this district.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor The Reporter.

Dear Sir—There seems to be a lack of good breeding among the boys who attend entertainments in our town hall. Good order prevails while the acts are being rendered, but between acts it is simply scandalous. The noise and apparent lack of respect for the senior portion of the audience displayed by the young men and boys is very noticeable. Possibly it is somewhat the fault of the management. The applause simply becomes a burlesque with the clapping of hands and calling being continued. This renders the situation unpleasant and intolerable to well-bred people. It is time there was a protest against this kind of thing, and we hope, in future, parents will see that their sons are taught better things.

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W.C.T.U. MEDAL CONTEST

The W. C. T. U. medal contest held in the town hall Wednesday evening, was fairly well attended in spite of the bad weather prevailing. Rev. T. J. Vickery acted as chairman for an interesting program. Five High School boys contested for the medal, delivering temperance readings. William Baxter was awarded first place by the judges. Musical numbers were interspersed between the addresses.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. J. C. Peterson is changing his place of residence and will move to the Henderson property on Mill street. The house he is vacating will be occupied by Mr. Lewis Stevens and family.

Mr. D. E. Abrahams, who joined the Army Service Corps, as a baker and went to England in 1916, and invalided home about Christmas time, suffering from rheumatism, has received his honorable discharge, and will take his old position in the bakery of N. G. Scott.

Mrs. Lois Moulton has rented her farm, near Washburn's Corners, and has come to Athens to make her home with her mother, Mrs. S. Jackson, and sister Mrs. Martha Holmes. Mrs. Jackson, who has been spending the winter with Mrs. Moulton, returned to her home here and last week was stricken with a paralytic stroke which has affected her right side.

HOW IT LOOKS TO "UNCLE SI"

Of sly Uncle Si, with his spirits keyed high,

Our poet last week gave some reading

'Cause he knows some of "mun,"

"the son of a gun,"

The city folks, sure, he's been bleeding.

He should work from the dawn till the night is well gone,

No fault we can find with his slaving;

For he has a just right, the wicked old kite;

But "cuss" his abominable saving.

The sugar so sweet, he should bring us a treat;

Ten gallons of syrup for keeping.

In addition to this our bills he should meet,

And pray half the night while we're sleeping.

He should hustle and sow, his work it should go.

We don't say that he should be idle.

His weights should be heavy, considerably so.

His profits, on us he should sidle.

When we make sport of him, on us he should grin.

To us he should hand out his dollars.

Give us in the city, old Si lest you sin,

Ev'ry spud you have but the "hol-lers."

Uncle Si, he should not "cuss" or make any fuss.

For we were just born for his keeping.

Come in like a man, Uncle Si, while you can

And split wood for us while we're sleeping.

The moral is this, Uncle Si, in his bliss.

Has angels to meet on all corners.

They have hardened him so, bad angels, you know.

That sometimes he's left them the mourners.

Junetown

Mrs. Taylor of Winnipeg is here visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thos. Franklin.

Mr. Wm. Flood is remodelling his cheese factory and is putting in an up-to-date butter-making plant.

Mrs. Samuel Horton, Sr. has returned to Lansdowne, after spending some time with relatives here.

Mrs. John A. Herbison and Miss Laura Ferguson were visiting friends at Easton's Corners last week.

Miss Vera Hilliard, Escott, is spending a few days here with her aunt, Miss Mary Smith.

Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Yonge Mills was the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Herbison, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ferguson and Miss Irene were visiting relatives in Brockville on Thursday last.

Mr. J. B. and Mr. A. B. Ferguson made a trip to Brockville and Fairfield on Friday last.

Pte. Roy Andrew of the United States Army, spent a couple of days last week at Mr. John A. Herbison's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzsimons, of Rockport, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Warren.

Miss Orma Mulvaugh has returned to Lansdowne after spending the winter at her home here.

Miss Kate Purvis left on Monday for Pasadena, California, to spend some time with her brother, Mr. W. J. Purvis and family.

Miss Emma Malory is spending a couple of weeks with relatives at Gananogue and Pittserry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Modler and children of Mooretown, were recent visitors at Mr. W. H. Ferguson's.

Miss Annie Rhodes of Brockville, was the week-end guest of Miss Beatrice Avery.

Miss M. Marshall, of Lillies', and Mr. Harold White, Caintown, spent Sunday at Mr. Elmer White's.

Miss Evelena Price, Mallorytown, spent the week-end with Mrs. Harry Franklin.

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