

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Athens, April 3, 1925.

Regular meeting of the Athens village council held April 3 in the Council Chamber.

M. B. Holmes, reeve, in the chair, and Councillors P. Y. Hollingsworth, D. L. Johnston and W. O. Dack present.

W. O. Dack being present made and subscribed to the declaration of office as councillor for balance of term.

Minutes of regular meeting read and approved.

The following business was transacted:

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that two dollars be refunded to Charles Barton, dog tax entered by mistake.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by W. O. Dack, that the following accounts be paid and orders drawn on the treasurer for same: Matthew Foxton, shoveling snow, \$8.70; E. C. Tribute, tuning piano, \$4; Municipal World, for supplies, \$10.69; G. W. Beach, for coal, town hall, \$30.88; Ford Whitmore, for wood, town hall, \$22.50; R. M. Breese, street lights, \$10.02; the Earl Construction Company, \$80.02; H. A. Stewart, law costs, \$8.50; R. J. Seymour, charity and fire protection, \$2.35.—Carried.

Moved by W. O. Dack, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that taxes C.N.R., amount \$18, errors in assessment, be struck off, also taxes Ed. Derbyshire, amount \$5, be struck off.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that as the statute in reference to uncollected taxes require the treasurer to make a return statement on or before the 8th of April, therefore the collector is requested to notify those in arrears of the procedure that must be taken according to the act.—Carried.

Moved by W. O. Dack, seconded by D. L. Johnston, that it is advisable that a light be placed on south side of Town Hall as requested by the Women's Institute, and also a light at the top of the fire escape, therefore the village officer is delegated to attend to the installation of these lights.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that the schedule of prices for the two lower rooms in town hall be \$5.00 for same up to one o'clock, and \$1.00 extra per hour after one up to two o'clock a.m.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by W. O. Dack, that the use of this Council Chamber be set apart for the use of the Athens Public Library and that the management of said library be notified to this effect.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that Yates Avery be awarded the contract for quarrying and piling 100 cords of stone in town quarry at a price of \$2.25 per cord, and that 10 per cent be reserved pending crushing or ascertaining correct piling.—Carried.

Moved by P. Y. Hollingsworth, seconded by W. O. Dack, that the reeve be requested to take necessary steps to appoint R. J. Seymour a county constable.—Carried.

Moved by D. L. Johnston, seconded by P. Y. Hollingsworth, that this council assume the financing of the Athens skating rink property to the amount of \$400, and that the A.A.A. be charged an annual rental of \$100 per year until this debt is paid.—Carried.

Reeve Holmes reported having received \$818.17, being the Ontario Government rebate on county street construction in the village of Athens in 1924, and that he had placed this amount in the village treasury.

E. J. Purcell, M. B. Holmes, Clerk. Reeve.

LOW COST TRIP TO PACIFIC COAST.

A captivating four-week tour of Western Canada and the Pacific Coast with a trip through the United States on the return journey, is being planned for Canadian teachers and their friends this summer.

Those who take advantage of this trip will see the greatest scenery on the continent—the Buffalo herd at Wainwright; Jasper National Park, with its unsurpassed mountain scenery; Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies; the totem poles of Kitwanga, and the mystic beauty of the Skeena River.

At Prince Rupert the party transfers from train to boat for the glorious water trip of 750 miles through the sheltered Scenic Seas of the North Pacific Coast to Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle.

On the return trip five wonderful days will be spent touring Yellowstone National Park by motor, with a trip to Salt Lake City, and three days at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. Then it's Denver, Clear Creek Canyon, Idaho Springs and Lookout Mountain, before heading for Chicago and Toronto.

The Tour leaves Toronto July 9th, and you cannot afford to miss it. Full information, fares, etc., can be secured with illustrated booklet from A. E. Bryson, 44 Silverthorn Ave., Toronto, Martin Kerr, 4 Beulah Ave., Hamilton, or any Canadian National Railways agent.

Obituary

William Steacy

The funeral of the late William Steacy who died on Tuesday, April 7th, was held this (Thursday) afternoon from his residence on Elgin St. to Christ Church, where the service was in charge of the Rev. V. O. Boyle, M. A., B. D. The church was filled to overflowing by sorrowing friends, relatives and fellow citizens. The choir rendered the comforting anthem "Sunset and Evening Star" and the Rector spoke in eloquent terms of the splendid record of service rendered by the deceased to his beloved church.

William Steacy was the son of Joseph Steacy and was born in Elizabethtown October 5th, 1846. In 1869 he went to North Augusta, where for many years he pursued his trade of harness-maker. In 1895 he moved to Athens, to take charge of the House of Industry, where he was Superintendent for twenty-six years until he retired in April, 1921.

In 1872 he married Susannah McBratney, daughter of James and Margaret McBratney of Elizabethtown. There was born to this union one son, Gordon, who predeceased him in 1896.

The deceased was a staunch member of the Church of England, having acted as church warden in North Augusta for a great many years, and as rector's warden in Christ Church, Athens, for over twenty years, which position he held at the time of his death. He was also Superintendent of the Sunday School for several years, and many improvements in and about the church are indebted to his careful supervision and earnest work.

Besides his widow, three brothers and one sister survive him; Joseph N., of Syracuse; John G. and Albert R., both of Vancouver; and Mrs. Frank Pierce, of Deloraine, Man.

Interment was made in Oakland Cemetery, Brockville. The pall-bearers were James Seymour, E. Taylor, Ormond Green, J. D. Johnston, A. W. Johnston, and John Mulvena.

Clifford S. Seymour.

After a short illness of pneumonia, Clifford Samuel Seymour, a young man well and favorably known in Athens and its vicinity, passed away early on Tuesday morning at the residence of Roy Scott, Addison. He was in his 25th year.

A son of the late Samuel Seymour, and of Mrs. Robert Mackie, Athens, he was born at Glen Elbe and had spent all his life in Athens and its vicinity. He was a member of L.O.L. No. 14, Addison.

Besides his mother, he is survived by one brother, Ernest, of Athens, and one sister, Margaret, Rochester, N.Y.

The funeral will be held at the residence of his mother in Athens on Thursday morning with service in the Athens Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Athens cemetery. The Orange Order will have charge of the service.

Mrs. John Irwin

Harlem, April 1.—Death again entered our midst and removed an old and respected resident in the person of Mrs. John Irwin, sr., who passed peacefully away on the afternoon of Friday, March 27th, at the advanced age of 88 years. The deceased had a strong constitution and was in her usual good health considering her age. She was able to be around the house but just had a slight cold for a short time. Just one week before her death she took a weak turn and had to go to bed where she gradually sank to pass peacefully away. She was a good Christian of a quiet disposition and had many friends. She was predeceased by her husband over 12 years ago. Their married life was spent at Beaverton, two miles from Chantry, where Mr. Irwin worked at his trade as a blacksmith. After Mr. Irwin's death she spent the most of her time with her sons. Four sons survive: George, of Delta; Robert, at Great Bend, N.Y.; John, at Harlem; Alfred, Delta. Three sisters also survive, Mrs. Sharkey, of Iroquois; Mrs. D. Woods, Chantry, and Mrs. J. Linn, Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin, of Great Bend, N.Y., arrived in time to attend his mother's funeral, also her granddaughter, Miss Veita Irwin, of the Brockville General hospital. It took place on Sunday at two o'clock to the Methodist church, Harlem, where the pastor conducted the service, taking for his text 90th Psalm and part of 10th verse. The remains were interred in the family plot beside that of her late husband in Harlem cemetery. The pallbearers were J. W. Chant, B. Pope, S. Gile, Z. T. Gile, E. E. Campbell and C. Eyres. A beautiful wreath was placed on the casket by the family.

Fortieth Birthday of W.M.S. of Athens Methodist Church

Birthday anniversaries are interesting events, and the unique celebration held in the local Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, April 7, was no exception.

As that denomination this year merges its identity in the larger union, it was thought appropriate to observe the organization of the Women's Missionary Society four decades ago by holding a public meeting in the auditorium of the church, when the records of the years might be reviewed.

On the platform were the president, Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss, first vice-president, Miss Dora Klyne; second vice-president, Mrs. (Rev.) H. E. Warren. The floral decorations included a pot of beautiful Easter lilies, a gift for the occasion from the local Ladies' Aid, and two vases of daffodils presented to Mrs. Eber Yates, of Frankville, a life-member of this society, and mother of the president, on the occasion of her golden wedding anniversary on the day previous, April 6.

As the regular monthly meeting was included with the celebration, a certain routine of business occupied the opening part of the programme. The Scripture lesson took the form of a pageant called "Companions of Faith", in which the cross was the central figure, eight girls in white gowns grouping themselves on either side as they recited. The exercise was based on 2 Peter 1:5, 6, 7, those taking part being members of the Bluebird Mission Circle.

Four members read letters of greeting from interested ones who would like to have been present. First came greetings from Mrs. M. M. Williams, Montreal, who forty years ago organized this auxiliary, it being her first attempt at work along that line. Later Mrs. Williams became branch president and was a power for good in that capacity for some twenty years. Then followed a helpful message from Mrs. W. H. Henderson, of Ottawa, the efficient branch president for several years past. Next came a letter from Mrs. T. S. Kendrick, Toronto, full of love for the organization where she had labored for many years; and of which she had been such an efficient president for so long, followed by a kindly greeting from another former president, Mrs. T. G. Vickery, Shawville, Que., in which she said complimentary things regarding her association with our membership here.

A pleasing variety was given by an exercise and motion song put on by nine little girls of the Pansy Mission Band, their bright faces, white dresses, tinsel trimmed crowns and wands making a pretty picture.

It was fondly expected that the one surviving charter-member, Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin, Kingston, would be present, but illness prevented it, much to the regret of all; however, her sister, Mrs. C. C. Slack, read the letter she sent containing reminiscences of the day of the organization and of the early days of the society and also of outstanding events and people over a period outside the knowledge of many now residing here. Her letter had such a decidedly personal note that those who know her seem to feel her presence near. Mrs. Slack also read a report sent by Mrs. Scanlan, Brockville, of the first thirteen years of this society. It was designated "Our History, Chapter I," and was an article prepared by Mrs. Scanlan, then Mrs. S. Boyce of this place, and read on April 8, 1898, the occasion being the thank-offering service held in the old Methodist church. It told of the organization of the society in 1885 by Mrs. Rev. T. G. Williams, then of Brockville, who was accompanied by Mrs. White of the same place, seven women being the original number linking up with the great missionary enterprise. She traced the progress through the years until April, 1898, when the story was taken up by Mrs. R. C. Latimer, Toledo, a life member of this society, and former president. In "Our History, Chapter II," Mrs. Latimer gave a comprehensive account of the officers upon whom has rested the responsibilities during the twenty-seven years past, the outstanding events transpiring during each year being dwelt upon, paying a warm tribute of appreciation to the noble womanhood of our organization, who whether as officers or not have stood loyally together in their efforts to assist in the propagation of the gospel. To search the records of the past twenty-seven years so carefully and to compile so complete a report is a stupendous task and Mrs. Latimer's work is much appreciated.

When the offering was received it was found that an envelope containing twenty-five dollars had been placed on the plate, whereby Mrs. C. C. Slack had constituted herself a life member of the W.M.S. Mrs. Slack is a daughter of one of the charter members, Mrs. George Nash, a president during the early years, and a sister of Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin, who as Miss Jennie Nash was a charter member and the first corresponding secretary of the organization.

At the conclusion of the programme all were invited to the basement, where the "birthday cake" was the centre of attraction. Mrs. W. F. Earl had kindly assumed the responsibility of its manufacture and it was composed of four storeys, each one symbolizing ten years of the life of the Society. The cake was decorated with delicate greenery and forty tiny candles, suggesting again the forty years. At the proper juncture the president explained that the lowest layer would be lighted by Mrs. (Rev.) H. E. Warren, wife of the present pastor, who is a niece of Mrs. White, who accompanied Mrs. Williams the day the Society was organized, and by Mrs. G. W. Beach, sister of one of our surviving charter members. The next storey was to be lighted by Mrs. Slack and Mrs. Latimer, who related the story of the year. Storey three was to be lighted by the president and first vice-president of this year, Mrs. Wm. Towriss and Miss Klyne, representing the membership of today, while the top storey was to be lighted by the Circle and Band presidents, Miss Myrtle Cross and Mrs. George Gairford, as it is to the young people, to the boys and girls of today, that we look to keep lighted the torches which shall yet brighten all the dark corners of the earth. Forty years ago, the flames of missionary zeal were started here. Through the years women faithful and true have kept the fires burning. May the present and coming generations shed yet a brighter ray until the whole world shall be filled with gospel light, and darkness shall forever flee away.

Lecture in Horticulture

An illustrated address on the "Hardy Perennial Border," will be given under the auspices of the Athens Horticultural Society on Tuesday evening, April 21st, at 8 p.m., in the Institute Room of the Town Hall, by Mr. H. J. Moore, lecturer in Horticulture of the Department of Horticulture, Toronto. Every flower lover is given a hearty invitation to be present. Admission free.

Deer Shot near Addison

Sportsmen of this district are aroused over the discovery of the carcass of a deer near Addison last week, shot by a hunter who disregarded the game regulations. Deer are reported to be quite plentiful in the surrounding district and there are also reports of the existence of wildcats in the neighborhood of North Augusta, and also north of Athens.

Wins Canadian Typewriting Championship

Miss F. Wilkins of Brockville Business College won the Canadian Championship in Typewriting on Saturday, April 4th in Massey Hall, Toronto, writing at a speed of 105 words per minute.

Miss R. Spencer, another girl from the Brockville College came 5th. In the Novice Class, Albert Stein of Brockville won third place.

TOLEDO

Toledo, April 3.—Hume Kent has opened his cheese factory for the season.

Owing to the temporary cessation of work on the dam in course of construction near Croghan, N.Y., Charles Nichol and Hubert Cardiff have returned home for a while.

Clifford Eaton, lineman, and his staff, are busy re-wiring a telephone line in Shane's district.

Miss Eva Stratton is enjoying a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Baldwin, and Mr. Baldwin, of Brockville.

Mrs. R. C. Latimer is suffering from a severe attack of acute indigestion, but at latest report she is slightly improved.

The sugar season is over and the general report is that quality was good, but the season very short.

The members of the Orange Lodge held their monthly meeting on Thursday night.

Herbert Bellamy was in Brockville on Thursday to spend the day with his wife, who is still in the hospital. Mrs. Bellamy is not improving as rapidly as her many friends would wish.

The owners of Perth and Smiths Falls creameries, respectively, have been through here recently soliciting patrons for the summer months.

The choirs of the different churches are preparing special music for Easter. In addition to the evening Easter service, the Union church Sunday school will hold a special morning service.

Hepaticas Say

"Spring's Here"

Frogs croaking, birds twittering and budding trees, show us that Spring is indeed here. But perhaps the best sign of all, is the fact that Hepaticas are in bloom! A good-sized bunch of this spring flower was gathered last Friday, April 3rd, by Mrs. Trickey, Hard Island, in the woods on the Delmar Cowl farm.

LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, April 1.—Garnet Sheppard, who spent the winter in Carleton Place, has returned to the village. Mrs. Code, of Smiths Falls, was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shields.

Miss Bertha Trodder, Smiths Falls, who was employed by Mrs. R. S. Shields, underwent an operation last week at St. Vincent de Paul hospital, Brockville.

Miss Nellie Funnell, Brockville, visited her parents on Saturday. The entertainment in the town hall on Saturday and Monday nights, "An Old-fashioned Mother", presented by the Presbyterians of Fairfax, was a decided success. A large crowd attended both nights.

The Annual meeting of the "Wide Awake Y's" will be held on Tuesday evening, April 7, at the home of Miss Jessie Dook. A full attendance is requested for the election of officers.

James Lohead left last week on a trip to New Ontario.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will hold a sugar social in the lecture room of the church on Thursday evening, April 2.

Miss Marcella McDonald, who spent two weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Antonio Vincent, Gananoque, returned home on Saturday.

Miss McCloy, of Lancaster, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Steacy.

The Lansdowne Agricultural Society will hold its fair this year on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 22-23.

PLUM HOLLOW

Bad Roads Lead to Withdrawal of Services in Plum Hollow Church.

Plum Hollow, March 30.—A number from here attended the funeral of John Topping at Athens on Thursday.

Miss Evelyn Kilborn spent the week-end at her home in Greenbush.

C. Barber and daughter, Edith, returned to their home in Nyack, N.Y., on Monday after having spent the past two weeks with Berber and family.

Miss Mabel Carl spent the week-end with Addison friends.

Mr. Townsend and family, Frankville, spent Thursday at Mr. Barber's.

Miss Olga Huffman, of Delta, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Talbot attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. John Irwin, at Harlem on Sunday.

There was no service held in the Baptist church on Sunday owing to the bad roads so the hymn services that was to have been held on Sunday last will be held on Sunday morning next.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Irwin, of Great Bend, N.Y., visited at Mariel Stevens' recently.

A large number from here went to Athens on Wednesday to see the better live stock train.

A GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. EBER YATES, FRANKVILLE.

The pleasant and commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. Eber Yates was the scene of a happy gathering on Monday, April 6, when friends and relatives assembled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with streamers and festoons in color of old gold; cut flowers added their incomparable charm to the setting and emblems (variously located) of "United Hearts" all these in combination very clearly indicated the meaning of the event.

On being ushered into the spacious dining room the guests found awaiting them a magnificent spread, replete with all that could be desired of "things good to eat and drink".

Grouped on the lawn in front of the residence a number of photo negatives were secured, first of the entire assembly, and again of smaller groups.

It had been understood that there were to be no presents, but this was disregarded and Mr. and Mrs. Yates were the recipients of a number of fine souvenirs in gold, properly marked and engraved for the occasion.

Time passed rapidly in pleasant converse and reminiscent exchange, following which a reading appropriate to the occasion was given by the elder daughter, Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss, of Athens, and a number of the old-time melodies and favorites were rendered with Mrs. Claude Marshall, of Toledo, the younger daughter, as accompanist, and the event was brought to a close by singing that old favorite, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home".

The departing guests wished bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Yates for the remaining portion of the journey of life.

SHELDON'S CORNERS

Sheldons Corners, Apr. 7.—Miss M. O'Neil spent the week-end in Athens.

Mrs. J. Topping was visiting friends in Athens on Friday.

Mrs. Fred Hollingsworth and Baby Beth spent the week-end in Athens with the former's parents Mr. Levi Wilson.

Selma Niblock spent the week-end with her friend, Mrs. M. Stevens.

Rev. G. G. Upham was making pastoral calls in this vicinity on Monday.

Mrs. L. Kelly spent Thursday with her sister-in-law Mrs. J. Topping.

LYNDHURST

Lyndhurst, April 2.—A large crowd attended Mrs. Harvey's sale and good prices were realized.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Andrews have returned to Keelerville, where he will open his cheese factory for the season.

All are pleased to know that Mrs. Charles Kirkland is able to be out again after her recent illness.

Miss Mae Immerson spent a few days last week with Mrs. William Bryan, Long Point, before she leaves for Cobourg where she will enter the General hospital as nurse-in-training.

Hal Harvey has received another carload of flour and feed.

D. W. Green's cheese factory opened on April 1 for the season with Fred Spence again as cheesemaker.

Mrs. John Cardiff is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Niblock was a recent guest of Mrs. R. J. Sly.

The Farmers Club has received a carload of salt.

All regret to learn that Mrs. F. Breese is not enjoying very good health at present and hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. James White and family, of Brewer's Mills, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Andrews.

Do You Think of a New Hat for Easter?

We all do, of course.

Come to the West End, Elgin Street Store. We will do our best to please you in every way.

Call and see what we have.

Mrs. P. Y. Hollingsworth.