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NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Miss Blanche McLean, student at Queen's, was home for the weekend.

Miss Jessie Percival is suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Tennant, of Caintown were guests for a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Knowlton.

Sunday is St. Patrick's Day. Mrs. John Barry is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. Glenn Earl.

Mr. George Percival, of Mission, B.C., is the guest of friends in Athens.

Miss Wilma Steacy, of Brockville, was a week-end guest of friends in Athens.

A farmer residing near Athens was fined in Brockville for selling pork in smaller quantities than a quarter.

It is understood that in addition to the manufacture of cheese, whey butter will also be made in the Athens Cheese factory this season.

Mrs. M. Brown who has not been enjoying the best of health lately, is in Brockville undergoing treatment. She is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. Latham.

Mr. Frank Wight of Pemberton, Ont., is here on a visit to his father, Mr. G. P. Wight and other relatives after an absence of nine years from his native place.

Private Everett Latimer is home for a few days on sick leave, convalescing after an illness of scarlet fever.

There will be practise for the children who are to sing in the Easter service at the Methodist Church on Friday evening at seven o'clock the regular choir will practise at eight.

Mr. Amos Hillis, of Syracuse and Mr. Charles Hillis of Watertown, N.Y., spent Tuesday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hillis, their father not being in the best of health.

It is expected that Miss Allen (of Toronto, a W.M.S. worker home on furlough from Japan, will address a public meeting in the Methodist church on the evening of Thursday, March 28.

Friends who remember Dr. Robert Read who practiced Dentistry here some twenty years ago will be sorry to hear that his only son, Flight Lieut. Arnold Read, who was with the Flying Corps in Italy has been reported missing since Feb. 21.

The Hard Island Social gathering was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Foley. The usual crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed the varied program and refreshments. The next gathering which will take the St. Patrick nature, will be held at Mrs. R. Whaley's.

Oysters!
Just received a large consignment of Connecticut oysters. As this shipment is probably the last of the season, they will be priced for fast sale. E. C. Tribute.

Another Snow Storm
Another big week-end snow storm visited this district blocking the B. & W. so that a return to the old time schedule could not be made on Monday as was expected. The cutting off of two trains for two weeks on this division of the C. N. R. resulted in so much inconvenience that the matter was brought to the attention of the Railway Commission and the order of cancellation of two trains a day was rescinded. The trains were to go back on the schedule Monday but a heavy fall of snow prevented even the running of one train until Tuesday afternoon.

Removes to Elgin
On Monday the citizens of Newboro presented Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gray with handsome rockers, accompanied by an address which was read by G. J. Tobin. The presentation was made by H. S. Foster. Mr. Gray has purchased a farm near Elgin and will hereafter engage in that industry.

TO CALL UP BANK CLERKS

834 to the Colors This Month

Two thousand bank employees will be called up for military service, under a judgement rendered by Hon. Justice Duff, central appeal judge. Of this number 834 will be called up March 15. The remainder are to report for duty in three drafts, approximately equal on May 15, July 15 and September 15. The first draft of 834 to be furnished on March 15 will be distributed as follows:

Bank of British North America, 25; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 112; Dominion Bank 28; Bank of Hamilton 34; Banque D'Hochelega 60; Home Bank of Canada 1; Imperial Bank of Canada 54; Merchants' Bank of Canada 60; Molson's Bank 24; Bank of Montreal 52; Northern Crown Bank 8; Bank of Nova Scotia 46; La Banque Nationale 39; Bank of Ottawa 13; Provincial Bank of Canada 40; Royal Bank 120; Standard Bank 35; Sterling Bank 7; Bank of Toronto 37; Union Bank 57; Weyburn Security Bank 22.

The judgement follows a series of hearings at which the banks' point of view was stated to the central appeal judge. In the majority of cases the claims for exemption were not based on special qualifications of the individual, but rather on the ground that efficient substitutes for the clerks could not readily be found. Local tribunals took widely divergent views on the question.

After a careful examination of the facts, the conclusion reported is that with the exception of those who may secure exemption on grounds personal to themselves and subject to the result of special applications which may be entertained by the central appeal judge, with a small number holding positions of exceptional import and requiring exceptional qualification, all members of class 1 in Canada, who are now in category A or not yet examined (approximately 2,390) are to be called.

On January 25, 1918, the total number of male employees of all the banks was 11,872, while female employees numbered 6,775. Of the former, 4,721 were in class 1, and 2,300 were in medical category A, or not yet examined. Of these 370 have claimed exemption.

Further A. H. S. Report.

Students writing on test examinations in the Model Entrance course received the following marks:

Ina Young, 64.
Gertrude Hart, 57.
Marguerite Hull, 56.
Marion Wilson, 54.
Jennie York, 53.
William Fleming, 42.

Canvass for Red Cross.

The canvass for Red Cross funds of which the public has already heard, and which is to be conducted by the Women's Institute, will be made within the coming week.

The canvassing teams are composed as follows:

North section of town—J. Thompson, T. S. Kendrick.
South section—Geo. Judson, E. J. Purcell.
East Section—Wm. Towriss, Jas. Seymour.

West Section—A. W. Johnston, S. C. A. Lamb.

The urgency of this appeal is so well understood that the response is expected to be generous.

MRS. PENNOCK DEAD

Mrs. Olive Eliza Pennock died Sunday morning, after a long illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. W. Brown, a short distance above Lyn.

The deceased who was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Homer Day, was born at Elgin 78 years ago. Her husband predeceased her 33 years ago. Surviving to mourn her loss are three daughters and one son. They are Mrs. B. W. Brown, Lyn; Mrs. Wm. Denny, Mexico; Mrs. E. Coleman, Wainwright, Alta., and William A. Pennock, of Thornloe, New Ontario. Two half-brothers, Joseph Plumbley, Toronto, and Alonzo Plumbley, of California, and two sisters, Mrs. William Campbell, reside in Chicago. In religion, the deceased was a Methodist.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 to the C. N. R. station at Lyn and thence to Elgin for burial. Rev. Dr. Myers, of Lyn, conducted the funeral service.

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ATHENS NOT GUILTY

Rev. R. M. Hamilton, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Brockville, has been called upon to do a lot of expaining in regard to some statements he was reported to have made in Toronto at a convention of the Dominion Alliance. The Brockville Recorder and Times of March 1st contained a Toronto news despatch which said in part: "Rev. Mr. Hamilton spoke during a conference on law enforcement. To illustrate his belief that orders were issued by some physicians without sufficient justification, he told of an incident in a village of 800 people, near Brockville. In two months, he said, the doctors in the village gave 997 prescriptions for liquor. When summoned by the license inspector, they paid their fines without protest."

The same Brockville paper of March 4 contained a letter from Rev. Hamilton to the editor correcting the report, stating that what he had said was that it was necessary to have the law so framed that such a wholesale issue of orders as the case referred to, viz., the issue of 997 orders by two doctors in seven months (not two months as reporter had stated) might be prevented, and that he had made no reference to doctors in general as giving too many prescriptions.

Of course, Athens became interested in the affair, as the average newspaper reader would get the impression that this was the village in question, being as it is, not far from Brockville, having two physicians, and a population of something over 800.

However, Rev. Mr. Hamilton has Athens is not the village in which announced through the press that the wholesale giving of prescriptions had occurred. He says his intention was not to cast any slur on any person or place but to call attention to what has been done and what may be expected with a law so loose as the present one.

MRS. JULIA SHEA DEAD

The death occurred in Athens on Monday, March 11, of Mrs. Julia Shea, daughter of the late Benjamin Slack, of Charleston. Deceased was 87 years of age and had been ill for many months.

MRS. CORDELIA KILBORN

Mrs. Cordelia Kilborn died at the home of her daughter in Lyn, after an illness of a few days, on March 12. Deceased, who was 81 years of age, was an esteemed resident of Athens. She was the daughter of the late Joel Parish, of Wiltsetown, marrying Charles Kilborn who predeceased her a number of years ago. Surviving her are one son, Lorne, of Athens, and one daughter Mrs. Chas. Hendry, of Lyn. The funeral was conducted to-day at the residence of Mrs. Hendry and the body will be placed in the Athens Vault to await interment.

League Held Mock Trial.

A mock trial was the special feature of a social evening of the Epworth League Monday evening. A quartette also added pleasure to the occasion.

To Work on Red Cross Supplies.

The Red Cross room in the Taylor block has been closed and ladies are requested to meet for work in the library room in the town hall Saturday afternoon at 1.30.

Notice to Subscribers

The mailing lists of The Reporter have been corrected to date, and subscribers will confer a favor by notifying the editor if their labels do not credit them properly.

Canadian Northern Train Service

The Canadian Northern announce that effective March 11th, a change will be made in the present schedule and the following trains will operate: Train No. 93 will leave Brockville 7.00 A.M. arriving Athens 8.45 A.M.; No. 95 will leave Brockville 2.45 P.M. arriving Athens 3.35 P.M.; No. 96 will arrive Athens from Westport at 8.45 A.M.; No. 94 will arrive Athens from Westport 4.45 P.M. All services daily except Sunday. Further particulars from Depot Agent.

Eloquent Plea for Red Cross

Nursing Sister Bertha Rowe, of Brockville who is well known in this district, gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Red Cross overseas in the Women's Institute room in the Town Hall, Friday evening. She has been in Canada on furlough for a short time and is about to return to duty. Her descriptions of the wonderful work behind the lines in the hospitals of France and Egypt were so easily and clearly understood that her audience found a new meaning in the continuous calls to replenish the funds of the Red Cross. They know now that it is only by a steady stream of money and supplies that the Allies can hope to care for the wounded and sick. At the close of her address Nursing Sister Rowe was tendered a vote of thanks by those present.

The musical program consisted of solos by Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Abrahams, Mrs. Judson and Mrs. Derbyshire acting as accompanists.

MEDAL CONTEST

A medal contest will be given in the Town Hall, Thursday evening, March 14. The contestants will be six boys of the first Form, A. H. S. Good musical numbers will be interspersed.

The proceeds will go to the Y. M. C. A. to provide free hot cocoa and so forth for the boys at the front. General admission 15 cents, Children and Pupils 10 cents. Doors open at 7.30. Entertainment at 8 o'clock.

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