

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

NO COURT

A holiday was celebrated at the police court to-day, no cases having been slated for settlement.

EXPOSITOR LOST

In a match played on the Y. M. C. A. alleys last night between The Expositor and the Verity bowling teams, the latter succeeded in taking two out of the three games played. Joe Vandierstein was high bowler of the evening with 526. Eddie Pittman was the best of the Scribes.

BOWLING

The standing of the Y.M.C.A. bowling is as follows:

Won	Lost
Zion	11
Verity	8
Waterous	7
Expositor	4
Fruit & Leitchworth	5
Steel Products	4

THE MARKET

A decided increase in the amount of dairy products on the market this morning was noticeable, although the decrease in the prices did not correspond to the increase in the amount offered for sale. Vegetables continue to be scarce, while apples were not in evidence at all. Meats experienced a slight raise, but remained plentiful.

HOUSE OF REFUGE

A happy time was spent at the House of Refuge last Tuesday evening. Some friends from the city and St. John's church, put on an entertainment, and it was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Story were excellent host and hostess. The ladies who got up the affair, deserve credit. The following took part in the program: Mr. R. Ballantyne, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Jones, Miss Richards, Mr. Van Every, Mr. Gohard, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. H. Higley, Mr. E. Davis.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Terrace Hill and Grand View Women's Institute was held on the 8th. Miss Corrigan, sister of Mrs. J. McLean, a visitor from the west, gave a brief talk on the intelligence of the animal and their appreciation of kindness illustrating with stories of the horse and dog.

Our Society have just donated \$117.25 to the Canadian Red Cross, \$10 to the Suffering Belgians, \$10 to the British Red Cross and at the meeting on Thursday, over \$11.00 was voted for purchase of yarn. All present signified a desire to work it up into comforts for the soldier boys.

The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. A. McWebb, with Mrs. J. Laing at the piano. Owing to the amount of business on hand, the programme was shortened. The meeting closed with singing the "Ode", the two National Anthems and repeating the motto.

55 P.C. OF YOUNG PUPILS HAVE DEFECTIVE SIGHT

Sarnia, Feb. 8.—Fifty-five per cent. of the pupils in the primary and first grades of Sarnia public schools are suffering from defective eyesight, according to the report of Public School Inspector Henry Conn to the Board of Education. This condition is declared to be very serious, and it is likely that the board will endeavor to determine the cause and find some remedy.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wright gave an afternoon tea on Thursday, and an evening party for the A. Y. P. A. A good time and a splendid success was the verdict of all who attended.

BELGIAN RELIEF.

The Courier gratefully acknowledges the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for Belgian Relief from Mrs. J. G., and five dollars from Mrs. Myres.

SEVERELY WOUNDED

Mrs. Ellen Hunt, 136 Market St., to-day received a telegram informing her that her son, Pte. Fred Hunt, has been admitted to a hospital in France severely wounded.

COLD DIP

The official record at the Mohawk Institute last night was 8 below zero. At no time during the twenty-four hours did the mercury rise higher than five above the O.

COMING HOME

Word has been received by the Courier from the superintendent of the Toronto Military Hospitals Commission that Pte. O. Hamilton, 168 Sydenham St., Brantford, will return to this city via G. T. R. at 7.32 to-morrow evening.

CRICKETERS TO ORGANIZE

A meeting of cricketers was held last Thursday night in the Y.M.C.A. for the purpose of discussing plans for the coming season, although the ranks have become very much depleted through the war, the active members of the club being composed mostly of Englishmen having enlisted, several having made the supreme sacrifice, among them being William West, late Captain of the club. Another meeting will be held shortly when election of officers will take place and the season's work planned out.

BASKETBALL

The Brantford basketball team in the O. E. A. journeyed to Hamilton last night, and for the first time in history, defeated the O. E. A. team of that city. At half time the score was 17-15, with the home players on the long end, but during the latter stages of the game, the superiority of the locals was displayed to advantage, their signals working to perfection, and when full time arrived the Brantford boys were victorious, 24-29. Referee McLeod, of the East End Y. M. C. A., Hamilton, officiated satisfactorily. The Brantford lineup was as follows: Forwards: Buckborough and Hurley; center, Truss; guards, Whitaker and Deagle (captain). The standing now is: St. Catharines won 2, lost 0; Brantford, won 1, lost 1; Hamilton,

Laid at Rest

Infant Cleaves. The remains of Florence, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cleaves, 251 Sheridan street, were tenderly laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The services at the house and grave were conducted by the Rev. Bowyer, of Calvary Baptist Church.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—New auto-knitter, used very little. Will sell cheap. Apply 137 Marlboro St.

LOST—A small parcel of cards with name of soldiers families. Reward and return to 152 Dufferin Avenue.

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DIED—In Hamilton, on February 10, Lawson A. Beer, aged thirty-one years. Funeral to be held at his late residence, 113 Peel St., Brantford, on Monday, February 12th at 3.30.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF FUNDS

Many Donations and Subscriptions Received for Belgian Relief

SERBIAN And Armenian Funds Also Receive Contributions

The Board of Trade acknowledges with thanks, the following contributions to Belgian Relief:

Mrs. W. D. Elliott	\$2.50
J. A. C.	2.00
Miss Masters	5.00
Friend	1.00
Inside staff, post office	7.00
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E. H.	5.00
C. P. P.	1.00
per Courier	1.00
Mrs. Coutan	1.00
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Total \$28.50
Received on acknowledged pledges:

Hughes & Howie and employes	\$2.50
Mrs. C. Baker	2.50
Mrs. W. C. Laidlaw	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Paterson	30.00
Miss Wisner	2.50
Mr. Wisner	5.00
T. H. Preston	2.50
W. B. Preston	2.50
Per Courier	2.00
Mrs. R. J. Baerett	1.25

Making total amt to date \$274.27
Objective \$509.00

Serbian Fund \$2.00
Mrs. E. Hunt (per Courier) 5.00
Armenian Fund 5.00
Miss A. M. Hunt (per Courier) 5.00

GEN. LOGIE TO INSPECT 215TH

As All Members of Battalion Have Qualified, No More Classes go to St. Catharines

OTHER ITEMS
Lt. J. R. Gundy Qualifies for His Captaincy

Preparations are under way at 215th headquarters for a visit from General Logie on Tuesday of next week, when he will conduct an inspection.

The bombing and machine gun courses to which details of the 215th battalion have been sent at St. Catharines have been discontinued owing to the fact that the 213th battalion previously quartered there has left, while the 176th has been converted into a construction unit. Hence the 215th would be the only unit training men there, and in addition most of the members of the battalion have attended the necessary courses.

Captain McKegney, accompanied by Sergt. Fairfield, and Private Sam Landers spoke at a recruiting meeting in Paris last night.

Private Landers has returned to Hamilton today, but will be back here for the meeting in the Brant Theatre tomorrow night when Miss Templeton Armstrong and he will address the gathering.

A bombing detail of five N. C. O.'s and twenty men and a machine gun class of fourteen men returned from St. Catharines today and yesterday respectively.

The battalion will parade tomorrow to Grace Church for divine service, and will be addressed by the Rev. J. B. Fotheringham.

Major E. Sweet has been appointed a member of the committee to administer the regimental recruiting fund.

A captain's certificate has been awarded to Lieut. J. R. Gundy who has been successful in passing the required examination to qualify him for that rank.

Annual Meeting of the Golf Club

Satisfaction with the progress of the organization in the past and confidence in a brilliant future were the keynotes of the annual meeting of the Golf and Country Club, held last evening in the Temple Building.

Mr. A. S. Towers, chairman of the finance committee, Mr. D. S. Large of the Grounds committee and Mr. W. H. Webling of the Match committee.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. W. D. Preston, C. A. Waterous, for the excellent service he has rendered during the past two years.

The election of directors resulted as follows:

A. S. Towers, W. H. Webling, W. S. Brewster, Geo. Heyd, W. B. Preston, C. G. Ellis, J. G. Scarfe, Logan Waterous, D. S. Large, H. McKay, J. W. Champion.

Mr. W. H. Webling was unanimously re-elected captain of the club and Mr. H. T. Watt, auditor.

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Black Duchess, fast dye, 36 inches wide, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and... \$2.25
Hand Loom, Natural Shantung, for suits or dresses, free from dressing, 34 inches wide, special, at yd 85c
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To The Editor

AT TRANQUILITY.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little space to relate what occurred at the above place during a Red Cross meeting last evening. I was asked to give a short address on behalf of the 215th battalion, by one of the young men of that community who has donned the khaki. There was a large audience, every seat being occupied, with a number of young men standing. The chairman was asked if he would allow any speaking, and replied that he would consent on one condition—that the speaker should confine his remarks to Red Cross work only. At 11.15 the program almost ended, only one more number being left, again the chairman was asked from the audience if he would give a speaker a few minutes. After making some remarks about what the Tranquility community had done in the way of sending a handful of men, and that it was his opinion they couldn't spare any more of their young men, the chairman asked the audience if

they objected to a speech. Reluctantly they consented on condition that the speaker should confine himself to Red Cross work only. On arising the speaker referred to the excellent work done by our women in Red Cross, and remarked that the war could only be won by each person doing what they could, and that as he couldn't knit socks or make shirts, the next best thing for him to do was to don the khaki. He then asked if he might speak on the need for men, stating that if we didn't send young men to the front, socks wouldn't be needed. At this point the speaker was interrupted by cries from the audience of "Red Cross only," and the chairman called out "Time's up." Now, sir, I want to ask in all fairness, if this is the height of hypocrisy when the majority of a people in a community pretend to be loyal to their country and refuse to hear one who makes an honest appeal for men? Is it patriotism under false pretences? And while our women are doing a noble work in knitting socks and thus helping the Allies to win the war, are they not with the other hand helping the Huns by holding back our young men who can go? Is a young man doing his duty by giving 10 cents or 15 cents for a

three hours' performance, and receiving his money's worth, when he can go to the front? Is a young man doing his duty in this time of need by blacking his face and entertaining an audience with moon jokes, while our boys are returning for the third and fourth time to the trenches? Is a young man doing his duty by getting up and singing about glorious England, that its sons shall never be slaves, if he is physically fit? God help her when she has to depend for her glory on such specimens of humanity. Now, sir, it is not for me to say how many of these young men about 30 could take up arms and defend their country, but it does seem that the real reason why many of our eligibles are not in khaki is because we don't have conscription. Truly this is the testing time of manhood. Many of our young men in times of peace were looked upon as respectable citizens, but the war has weighed them in the balance and they are found wanting.

In conclusion let me say to every eligible young man who is counting the cost of going to the front. Do not fall to count the cost of not going. You may go to the front and lose financially, but by staying behind you are losing your honor and your manhood and selling your birthright. The young man on the street car with eyes closed while ladies were standing said the reason why they were closed was because he hated to see ladies standing. Young men do not close your eyes to the fact that the war is on and that you are needed. What would our boys who have been two years in the trenches think of their schoolmates in a tranquil community—not only refusing to enlist, but objecting to listening to a recruiting speech? By their fruits ye shall know them. Judged by these words, are we not justified by saying that our young men are not aware of the fact that the war is on? Is it not time that the government should wake up and begin to take the war seriously and bring into force a bill which will compel the wanderers to come in. Let us hope that in the near future the tranquility of the people and the people of Tranquility will be stirred to a sense of their duty. Yours for King and Country.

I. HEWITSON, 215th Battalion.

The operators and mine workers in conference at Calgary with Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, have each presented their case and hope for a settlement to-day.

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