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### BAPTISTS HOLD ANNIVERSARY

Rev. H. W. Wright, B.A., of Smith's Falls Special Preacher on Sunday and at Evangelistic Meetings this Week.

The Baptist church here heard with pleasure two able discourses by Rev. H. W. Wright, B.A., of Smith's Falls. The occasion was the anniversary, and was marked by special music by the choir, special offerings, and a special effort to bring people closer to the teaching of the Gospel. Rev. Mr. Wright is a forcible speaker with a deep conviction. His earnestness cannot fail to impress and his proclamation that it is time to turn to the Lord was heard by a congregation that filled the pews and even the aisles of the church. The services on Sunday ushered in a week of evangelistic effort. Mr. Wright and Mr. Collins, the pastor, are holding meetings each night this week except Saturday. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### WILD CAT NEAR VILLAGE

Andrew Ferguson Shot Lynx in Coon's Wood Tuesday.

Andrew Ferguson has observed the hunting season this year by shooting a Canadian lynx in Coon's woods, which is a mile east of the village. Mr. Ferguson's dog chased the animal from some underbrush on W. J. Taber's farm into the woods named. It scrambled up a tree and was brought down after four shots from a 12-gauge. Once the animal leaped from the tree but again took refuge against the attack of the dog. The lynx is an uncommon animal in this county; although at one time they were plentiful. One of the most treacherous and hardest fighters of our wild animals, its cry (like that of a baby) was a terror to the pioneers. In a thick forest it can travel along the tops of the trees with great agility. We understand that Mr. Ferguson will preserve the skin of his game, which measures over five feet in length and weighs 40 pounds.

### Methodist Ladies' Aid Concert.

The Vestry of the Methodist church was crowded to its capacity Thursday evening to hear a program given by the Ladies' Aid. Rev. T. J. Vickery was a genial chairman for an interesting program.

Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb and Mr. Thos. Horsefield sang solos, and Misses G. Wiltse and R. Kendrick played a piano duet. A humorous reading by Mrs. Richard Latimer concerning the work of the Ladies' Aid was heartily applauded, as was an instrumental by Miss Finch who was brought back for an encore. A number of boys gave a spectacular Hallows'en drill with jack-o'-lanterns. Following this Miss Anna Goodfellow recited in a manner that was, to say the least, remarkable. One seldom finds an excellent expression in children's recitations as she evidenced in her selection and in the encore, "Specially Jim." Anna is in the Junior Second Class in the public school; but age apparently has little influence on talent. We foresee a bright future for this artistic young performer.

The dialog, "The New Minister's Wife," full of feminine gossip and foibles, was humorous and particularly appropriate, as it concerned the Ladies' Aid, its preparation for and reception of the new minister's wife.

### Former Athens Boy Wounded.

The Winnipeg Free Press Evening Bulletin contains the following: "Among the wounded in the casualty list received from Ottawa appears the name of Captain W. W. Kennedy. Captain Kennedy was an officer in the 106th regiment, Winnipeg Light Infantry, but joined Lieut. Col. Lightfoot's Battalion and in July of last year was appointed major by the local military authorities. Prior to his enlistment he was a barrister and was one of the members of the firm of Kennedy & Kennedy, in the Union Trust Building." A cable has been received, reading "Slightly wounded, remaining on duty."

### TRIBUNAL IS NOW SITTING

Athens Board Disposing of Claims of Exemption from Military Service.

Since Thursday of last week, Athens tribunal has been working leisurely on the claims of Class One men under the Military Service Act. Regulations have been issued for them to follow; but these do not cover the problems in a specific way. Each man's case is an individual case. Farmer's sons are in most cases receiving exemptions. They are needed for producing food, and the Board realizes the necessity of keeping them in the country. It is doing its utmost to give every claim a dispassionate decision. Personal applications are advised in every case; the hearings are informal, and the applicant is encouraged to take a prominent part in the discussion. National grounds are the only grounds that permit of exemption. Where financial obligations are great, time is given the applicant for the winding up of his affairs. The local police have received instructions to arrest passive resisters. Leniency toward this class of men is not fair to those who have complied with the law and the announcement of the government that for a few days claims for exemption may be filed by dilatory ones is to be regretted.

### DEATH OF DR. H. R. BRIGHT

The sudden passing of H. R. Bright, M.D., at 3 o'clock Friday morning occasioned a shock to residents of the village that yet holds them in a state of almost unbelief. Hard it is to realize that his familiar robust form and genial banter will no longer be part of the life of the community. Dr. Bright was taken ill about ten o'clock and Doctors Moore and Harte were called to attend him. He soon lost consciousness, and passed peacefully away in the early morning. A day or so previous he had an auto accident but had not complained of being injured. He performed his duties on Thursday, as usual.

Deceased came to Athens in 1915, succeeding Dr. Hamilton, who went to England and subsequently served a year in the French army. His practice was large, and he had many friends. He was born in Wellington County thirty-four years ago. He married Miss Estella Gunn, daughter of W. A. Gunn, of Toronto. She survives, with two young sons, James and Joseph.

He was Worshipful Master of Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, A.F. & A.M., and a member of the I.O.O.F. He was a Methodist and in social life a strong supporter of the young people of the village in their activities.

The funeral service took place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his late residence on Main street. His pastor, Rev. T. J. Vickery, conducted a short service which was followed by the burial service of the Masonic Order, in which eighty or more took part, members being present from Elgin, Delta, Lyndhurst, Smith's Falls and other points. Among the floral offerings were a sheaf from the Athens I.O.O.F. and a wreath from the Rising Sun Lodge A.F. & A.M. The pall-bearers were M. B. Holmes, W. H. Jacob, E. J. Purcell, W. G. Parish, H. H. Arnold, and C. C. Slack.

The principal mourners were the deceased's wife and sons; his father-in-law, Mr. W. A. Gunn, of Toronto; and an uncle, Mr. Fullerton, of Toronto. His father arrived in Athens Saturday morning and later in the day proceeded to Ferguson, Ont., to make preparations for the final service and burial in the family plot in that village.

The body was taken to Ferguson by Grand Trunk. A brother, Dr. Bright, and Mrs. Bright, of Winnipeg, met the remains at Toronto.

### Thanksgiving in U. S.

Thursday, November 29, has been designated as Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

### At the Mission Band Meeting.

At the meeting of the Bluebird Mission Circle last week at Miss Florence Rahmer's, the delegate to the Spencerville convention, Miss Gertrude Vickery, gave her report.

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## VICTORY BONDS

Campaign to Sell Dominion Victory Bonds Now Being Prosecuted with Energy.

The Victory Loan campaign opened in Athens Monday morning to the accompaniment of ringing bells and shrieking whistles. The people were prepared for this pandemonium by announcements in the churches on Sunday. The ministers of the various pulpits gladly co-operated with the publicity committee, and stated in an earnest way their sincere interest and firm belief in the integrity of the issue as an investment.

An office has been opened in the Parish block so that everybody may have an easy way of securing information regarding the loan. In the village, Mr. W. G. Parish is the official representative to obtain applications; in Rear Yonge and Escott, Mr. T. R. Beale; in Rear Lansdowne, Mr. R. J. Green; in Rear Leeds, Mr. W. F. Bracken.

The canvass will practically be a house-to-house one. Every person will be asked to buy a Victory Bond. A fairly large percentage of the population of Athens live on the interest of their money. This money as represented by the Dominion Victory Bonds would be as safe as anything ever was in the realm of finance. The money paid to the Government for these bonds remains in the country to finance exportations, munition-making, etc. You pay the money to the country; it pays you interest at 5 1/2 per cent. Remember, you can dispose of these bonds at any time if you have occasion to raise money.

Read the posters you see about you. The publicity committee will this week distribute literature in the village. No opportunity will be given any one of forgetting that the campaign is on. It is the biggest thing the Dominion ever attempted, and Canadians have a faculty of coming out on top.

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### A Model Airplane.

Mr. John Ross, Jr., has built a model airplane for the purpose of working out an improvement. It is now to be seen in the show window of the Earl Construction Co. The attachments he is working on have been removed; but the plane is complete except for motive power. The model is about five feet long, and is of the biplane type. Mr. Ross made strong efforts to enter the Royal Flying Corps; but the final medical test resulted in the throwing out of his application.

### WILLIAM G. JOHNSON DEAD

On Wednesday, November 7, at 1.15 p.m. Mr. William G. Johnson passed away at his residence, Elgin street, Athens. Deceased was 70 years of age and had been a sufferer from lung and heart trouble for some years, having been confined to his home for the past two or more years and to his bed for the past six weeks. At the last the end came rather suddenly. At 3 o'clock in the morning he took much worse and despite the best of medical skill, gradually grew worse, passing away shortly after the noon hour. The late Mr. Johnson was born at Seeleys Bay, the son of the late Thomas Johnston, and lived at Lyndhurst before coming to Athens 34 years ago. He was a carpenter by trade. When failing health came he went into the hardware business, having a store here for several years. He was a much respected resident of the village. In religion he was an Anglican. In politics he was a Conservative, and in fraternal life a member of the A.O.U.W. To mourn his loss are his widow and one son, Wallace, M., of Carleton Place. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence to the Anglican church, where services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Swayne. The pall-bearers were Ormond Greene, M. B. Holmes, H. H. Arnold, Irwin Wiltse, W. F. Earl, Edwin Fair.

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