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## LOCAL NEWS

ATHENS AND VICINITY

**AUCTION SALES.**  
THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA would like to draw your attention to the fact that they make a special business of handling Farmers' Sale Notes, either discounting same or making collection when due. Should you have any idea of holding a sale they would very much appreciate being given an opportunity of taking care of the business for you.

The manager will be glad to attend your sale personally, and assist in any way feasible.

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**SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES**

The Merchants' Bank of Canada has just installed an additional nest of Safety Deposit Boxes, and you are cordially invited to inspect them. The number of burglaries and hold-ups is increasing alarmingly. Fires are ever occurring. Bonds, Stock Certificates and all other valuable documents should be properly safeguarded. If you own a Bond, Stock Certificate or other valuable papers, not necessarily negotiable, you need adequate protection.

If you require this kind of accommodation, you are respectfully requested to consult the Manager—you will find him in his office during banking hours.

The Council of Rear Yonge and Escott will meet on Saturday March 5th at one o'clock.

Why not spend Sunday afternoon at the Movement church. Sabbath School 1 p. m. Service 2 p. m. Come and join with us in the worship of the Lord. Prayer meeting on Friday at 7.00 p. m. at the parsonage. Everybody welcome.

A. D. Dewar, Pastor

Mrs Westlake of Brockville spent the week end in Athens, a guest of her brother Mr P. B. Whitmore.

Miss Pearl Whitmore returned to her home at Sheldons Corners after spending the past three weeks at the home of her brother Mr P. B. Whitmore.

Mr and Mrs Hafner, Kingston spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents. Mrs Hafner will remain for an extended visit.

Mrs Bell, Smith, Falls, is a guest of her aunt Mrs S. C. A. Lamb.

The Bakeshop of Mr Ferguson at Elgin, Ontario was burned on Monday afternoon.

Box Social—In the Institute Rooms in the Town Hall on Friday night Feb. 25 under auspices of the Hard Island L. T. L.

Miss Muriel Fife, who was taken so seriously ill at Brampton, where she was teaching school just prior to Xmas. was able to accompany her mother home a few days ago and is convalescing at her home, Main St. east.

As hydro lighting for Athens seems far away, the Women's Institute are purchasing 25 or more street lamps to light the streets and will co-operate with the members of the council who have offered to furnish the oil for lighting same.

Mrs E. A. Gardiner, of Regina arrived in the village Thursday evening on a short visit to her home town, a guest at the Armstrong house.

A General Big Reduction in price of all Boots and Shoes, H. H. Arnold's.

C. E. Johnston, of Harmony Lodge Delta, D. D. G. M. for St. Lawrence District, paid his official visit to Rising Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 85 Thursday evening. During the course of the ceremonies Mr Johnston gave to the members assembled a masterly address on Masonry. At the close a banquet of good things was enjoyed followed by the usual toasts. C. E. Tribute was toast master.

New Wall Paper, just in at H. H. Arnold's.

The Women's Institute will hold their regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26th. at 8 p. m. instead of Friday evening as advertised. The social evening will be held at a later date.

Mr George Barrington of Moorewood spent the week end in Athens the guest of Mrs Bennet. Barrington.

**Boy Scouts:**

Mr H. Lister of Ottawa, The District Organizer for the Boy Scouts Association of Eastern Ontario expects to be in Athens soon to see if a troop and a citizen committee for the support and finance of a Troop be organized. Boys and interesting in Scouting for the boys should see him. The Troop organized in the fall of 1919 was disbanded of short duration owing to lack of support and unable to secure quarters. A Scout master or Scout Mistress will also be needed.

**Movie Show For Athens**

The Liberty Amusement Co. showing first class motion Pictures, have leased the Town Hall for two nights a week, namely Wednesday and Saturday from now until June 1st. Their first show was on Saturday night, Feb. 19 and it certainly was first class in every respect, we have the assurance of the management that the same high standard will be maintained during their engagement.

We take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to the boys who are putting on this show, and trust their venture will not only provide a pleasant break in the monotony of the village life but will also be a financial success. (see adv't on back page)

**Card of Thanks**

Mrs Willoughby Millar and family wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their kindness during the illness and death of husband and father.

Wife and family.

**OBITUARY**

Willoughby Millar  
At his residence near Greenbush the death occurred Friday morning at eleven o'clock, Feb. 18th. of Mr Willoughby Millar.

The late Mr Millar was born at Rockspring over 78 years ago and resided in this vicinity all his life. He was well known to many in the community and highly respected and admired for his kind and sympathetic disposition. Besides his wife he is survived by four sons and two daughters namely J. E. Millar and J. K. Millar of N. Y. W. W. Millar, Biggar Sask. J. C. Millar at home. Mrs R. J. Sirling Oshawa, and Mrs R. W. Wright Athens. He also leaves to mourn. Two brothers and four sisters. Hugh H. Millar Magnettawan, Wellington Millar

Rockspring, Mrs M. M. Cardiff Brussels, Mrs John Kippan Oshawa Mrs J. Crocker Buffalo N. Y. and Mrs Wm. Parr, Pascoo R. I. Deceased was one of the oldest members of the Greenbush Methodist church of which he so faithfully attended for so many years. The funeral which was from his late residence to Greenbush church Sunday at 2 p. m. Was conducted by the Rev. Mr Well's who delivered a very able sermon, taking for his text, 13 chapter and 14 verse of Rev. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

**Frankville**

Mr Geo. Cavanagh of Vancouver B. C. made a few hurried calls on some of his old acquaintances, he was born and grew to manhood in this vicinity.

Dr Throops horse made a hasty exit one day last week not much damage was done.

Electric lights have been installed on the skating rink supplied from Dr. Browns plant.

Miss Bessie Robb who has been ill the last month at the home of her sister, Mrs Walter Hanton is convalescing.

Mrs Margaret Soper spent a few days last week with her friend Mrs Ermies.

A debate of considerable interest was held here between the pupils of Leebigh and Frankville. (Resolved that girls are more expensive than boys.) A large number of people & parents attended. Judges being Rev. Mr Oliver, Rev. Mr Stout deciding in favor of Frankville that girls are more expensive than boys. After debate a spelling match was participated in.

Mr Fred Kelly of Kingston University spent the week end at the Parsonage.

A hockey match will be played here to-night with Easton Corners team.

Quite a large number attended the carnival held Saturday night prizes were given for best skaters.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Thompson expect to leave for their home in the West about the middle of March.

Don Spalding has had an operation on his toes, Oscar Smith is taking his place at Mr W. D. Livingstons while he is laid up.

Mrs W. D. Livingston is expecting to be able to be up this week.

**Hard Island**

A pleasant event took place on Tuesday evening last at the home of Mr and Mrs P. F. Yates when a goodly number of friends and neighbors gathered previous to their departure to their Athenian home. The evening was enjoyably spent with music and singing and in friendly converse, except for a short season of well improved (the none the less enjoyable) time spent in partaking of a bountiful supply of refreshments. At the proper time the following address was read by Mr W. Henderson and a most commodious chair presented in behalf of the company by Mr H. Stephenson.

Dear Mr and Mrs Yates—  
With deep regret we learned of your intended departure from our neighborhood and to-night to assure you of our sorrow in losing you and to wish you every happiness in your new home.

During the time you have lived among us you have proved yourselves kind and always ready to extend a helping hand to those in trouble or sorrow and your absence will be deeply felt by those with whom you have associated.

As a token of goodwill we beg you to accept this gift from your neighbors and friends, and we hope that God may long spare you to enjoy it and all the other comforts of your new home.

**Strong Position of Standard Bank**

During the period of industrial readjustment such as Canada, in common with the other countries of the world, is now passing through, the statements of the leading banks of

the country have a special significance.

The Standard Bank of Canada is now forwarding its annual report to shareholders and it discloses a position that will be found particularly reassuring. The strength of the Canadian banking system was never more clearly proved than during the war period. At the present the advantages of the system are also being reflected by the manner in which the ordinary lines of business and lending constructive assistance to the trade and commerce of the country.

The business of every section of the Dominion is growing and the Standard Bank is making provision to handle a still larger amount of the business in its territory by increasing both its Capital and Reserves. During the war period various thrift campaigns were carried out. It is evident that they have had a good effect on the Canadian people. Even during the past year the Standard Bank is able to report a substantial gain in savings deposits, notwithstanding the fact that in the earlier part of the year large withdrawals were undoubtedly made by people who had made purchases in connection with the last Victory Loan campaign.

Careful and conservative management has always been the policy of the Standard Bank and in view of this policy it must be particularly satisfactory to shareholders to know that the management have found it possible to recommend to the board

of Directors an increase in the dividend distribution from 13 to 14 per cent.

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## A Man and His Wife

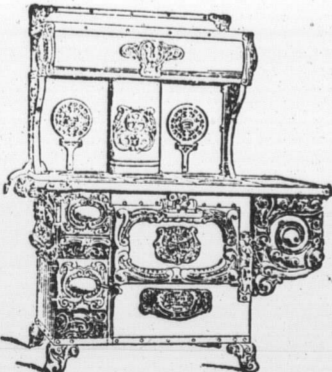


will find it an advantage to have a Joint Bank Account in The Merchants Bank. Each can make deposits and draw cheques over their own signatures; a convenience in case of sickness or in the absence from home of either party. In case of the death of either, the Joint Account becomes the sole property of the survivor, without any legal formalities whatever.

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Delta Branch, S. H. Barlow, Manager.

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The Three Friends. Once upon a time a fine, tall, straight tree grew on the edge of a beautiful wood. The tree was so tall that its top branches reached out over the heads of all its neighbors. One morning three friends were talking together under the tree: a fat green frog, a frisky gray squirrel, and a little brown thrush whose wings were not strong enough to fly.

ful than she had dreamed, and when she had found out all the lovely things about it she called down her two friends and begged them to come up and share her pleasure. The green frog flatly refused to leave his grassy home, but the gray squirrel, after thinking it over, decided to go. He climbed up the tall trunk to the first branch and found it every bit as delightful as the little thrush had said; so then and there he decided to stay. As soon as he had rested, he went to work to make his nest. But the little thrush didn't stop at the first branch. Each day she kept going a little higher, and each day she kept growing a little stronger, and each day she kept finding something new and beautiful that the higher branches had to offer, and each day she begged the squirrel to follow her. "Oh, if you would only come up here," she would say, "I am sure you would be happier; why, I am getting stronger every day; I feel as if something wonderful were going to happen to me."

Official Kisses. M. Millerand has announced that he will no longer embrace recipients of the Legion of Honor when decorating them. Other high functionaries in France will doubtless follow suit, and the practice of official kissing will soon be as obsolete there as it is (except in the case of a newly-elected mayor, somewhere or other) in England and Canada.

Can Laugh at Fate. Consider yourself that there is no luck or fate which can permanently down you—and there is no destiny which can keep you floored, no fate which can conquer a resolute soul. There is something in you that can laugh at fate, that can defy destiny, something in you that is bigger than everything outside of you.

One Year—445 Days. The financial year of the British Exchequer ends on the last day of March. This is a curious survival of the old style of reckoning time, for up to and including the year 1751, the English year did not begin on January 1st as it does now, but on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th.

Wine on the Lips. We know that the old Romans kissed, not, however, for the sake of love, but to find out "if the wife had been drinking wine in the master's absence." And it is on record that the ancient Greeks made their wives eat onions whenever they were going home, realizing that the kiss of Venus herself would be distasteful with a flavor of garlic hanging about her delicate lips.

ABOLITION OF CEREMONIAL KISS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE STARTS REFORM.

Millerand Has Taken a Leaf Out of the Book of Our Late King Edward VII. President Millerand of France inaugurated with the new year an epoch-making and revolutionary reform, which is of a nature to commend itself to the English-speaking people in all corners of the world. For he decreed the abolition of the ceremonial kiss as part and parcel of official etiquette.

Thousands of Kisses. Although only a few months have elapsed since the elevation of Alexander Millerand to the Presidency of the republic, he has been required by traditional and time-honored rules of etiquette relating to his high office to bestow many thousands of ceremonial kisses, mostly upon the unwhiting bearded and unbarbered cheeks of members of the masculine persuasion.

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The Parable of the Marriage Feast

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son.—St. Matt. 22: 2. Marriage customs in eastern countries and in our Lord's day were quite distinct from ours, and in some respects superior. Such a thing as a clandestine marriage was almost unknown. On the contrary many people were invited to the marriage and sometimes the very success of the occasion was measured by the number of guests.

Definiteness Needed in Forest Contracts. The more general appreciation by governmental forestry branches of the advantage of administering our timber lands along lines of scientific forestry practice should be an incentive to foresters to promote the adoption of more specific terms than heretofore customary in descriptions of trees or timber.

The "pine" controversy has demonstrated that while a certain designation may seem sufficiently specific to define what is presently intended, with changing conditions the use later of a certain timber species for some industrial purpose may render the term ambiguous.

A Maiden Speech. Many people do not enjoy talking in public—a class to which Mr. H. M. Tomlinson seems to belong. In his book, Old Junk, he describes how he felt when he once addressed a meeting.

Buried in Lava. In the valley where stands the City of Mexico, and almost in the outskirts of that metropolis, the ancient bones of human beings have been found beneath a bed of lava.

The Village War Cross. Was it a year to-day The cross was unveiled in the square. And a hush of rest Like a moment blest Came over the people there?

Notice how without distinction the invitation was to be given: "As many as ye shall find." And as a result "they gathered together all so many as they found, both bad and good. For the King's home is not for those who are perfect. Rather, as some one has said, it is a gracious hospital where all are treated according to their needs."

The Unrepentant Guest. We are confronted, however, with a serious difficulty in this parable, when we find the man who was cast out by the king because he had not on a wedding garment. How can such a judgment balance with the generous invitation and cordial welcome? It seems to have been the custom in the Oriental countries for the host at a wedding to supply a wedding garment for his guests.

The Gracious Invitation. Notice the graciousness of the invitation: "Bid to the marriage." It was a simple welcome, echoing that great gospel word "Come." I wonder if we have always made this call as clear and loving and direct as the king makes it?

Woman Pearl Divers. The only women pearl divers in the world are Japanese, and are employed in a certain sort of pearl culture which was originated not many years ago by an enterprising subject of the mikado named Mikimoto, who is proprietor of extensive beds of pearl oysters near Toba, on the shores of the Japan sea.

To-Day! This little strip of light 'Twixt night and night Let me keep bright—To-day! And let no shadow of tomorrow Nor sorrow from the dead yesterday Gainsay my happiness to-day!

To-Day! This little strip of light 'Twixt night and night Let me keep bright—To-day! And let no shadow of tomorrow Nor sorrow from the dead yesterday Gainsay my happiness to-day! And if To-morrow shall be sad Or never comes at all, I've had at least—To-day!







