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Topics for Sunday, Dec. 9th.

10.30 A. M.—"Vigilance, the Price of Security."

7.00 P. M.—Mr. F. W. Duggan of Toronto, the Field Secretary of the Dominion Alliance of Canada will speak.

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JAS. CURRIE - CRYSLER

Oliver J. Wilcox Ex-M. P. Passes Away

Oliver J. Wilcox former M. P. for North Essex, whose wife was Rachel Hamilton of this place, passed away at his home at Woodslee at noon on Sunday.

Mr. Wilcox had been a sufferer with an acute form of stomach trouble, and not long ago he was operated upon in a Detroit hospital but without success. A pathetic feature of his last illness was a letter he insisted upon writing to his old political friends and associates there when he realized that death was only a matter of weeks. The letter was read at the meeting of North Essex Unionists a month ago, and brought tears to many eyes. The funeral was arranged to take place on Tuesday at his old home in Woodslee.

He represented the North riding of Essex for eight years.

Mr. Wilcox who was born in Woodslee 47 years ago, is survived by his mother, widow, daughter Gretta and son John, all at home and three sisters, Mrs. Dr. S. Millen, Mrs. J. M. Pembleton, and Mrs. Thomas Plant, all of Woodslee.

Accidently Killed at Threshing

A sad accident occurred on Saturday morning last, December 1st in Nation Valley at the home of Mr. John Munroe, when Mr. Isaiah Ferguson was caught and thrown to his death by a gasoline engine, with which he and his brother Thomas were working a threshing outfit. No one saw how the young man was caught, but it is conjectured that a portion of his clothing became fastened and he was instantly hurled by the engine a short distance from it, having received a deep injury in the back of the head which rendered him unconscious and he passed away in about an hour though medical help was immediately procured.

The late James Isaiah Ferguson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson of Hosaic and was well known in that locality although he and his brother Reuben had rented and worked the Mackenzie Thom place during the past year. The deceased was twenty-six years and leaves besides his parents, two brothers and a sister Mary. The funeral, which was very largely attended was conducted on Tuesday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church at Williamsburg by Rev. D. A. Ferguson. Sincere sympathy is extended to the stricken family in this bereavement.

Wealthy Canada

The success of Canada's Victory Loan asking for one hundred and fifty million dollars has been so well received by the people that four hundred million dollars has been loaned to the Government at five and a half per cent payable half yearly. It is claimed to be the greatest success of any loan in any of the allied countries and places Canada in a proud place of distinction. The advertising of the campaign was handled by the Canadian Press Association and the effectiveness of it can well be gauged by the results obtained. The Chesterville district took about one hundred thousand dollars worth of the bonds and J. G. Tate has the distinction of having sold a larger amount of bonds than any other single salesman in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, where the total sales amounted to two million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

In six months the full interest for that period will be paid and at the end of every such period it will again be paid, which is one very desireable feature in connection with the security that may not have been taken well into account by those who did not buy Victory Bonds.

The people of Canada as a whole will have to pay the principal and interest as they fall due, but as they pay these sums to their fellow bondholders the money is kept in our own country, making the situation, financially a very desireable one.

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CHESTERVILLE

Pte. Clifford Elliott a Former Chesterville Boy Tells of his Experience When Gassed

England, Nov. 9 17.

Dear Father and Mother—

It has been a long time since I wrote you, for the reason that my arm is all over with a water blister caused by shell gas. In October we were ordered to pack all our belongings ready to pull out of France. We did not know where we were going. There were different rumors around but no one knew for sure. Some said we were going down into Egypt and some said that we were going down on the Eastern front to do garrison duty, and others said that we were going to Belgium so we landed in Belgium at Ypres. We had to take the Paschendaale ridge. It is sure some country up there, so many shell holes that they are touching each other and they are full of water, dead horses and mules. There are no trenches because you cannot dig them on account of the water. There was only trench mats up on the higher places and the front line was trench mats. Our strong points were shell holes, one good thing about that you don't get so much shelling because Fritz don't know where you are. We had most of our casualties going in and coming out. We were a working brigade until the 28th of October when we had to go up to support the 12th Brigade, they were going over on the 30th of October, then we were going to take the front line over on the 31st, but I did not get that far. When we went into the supports it was in the night and we had to dig ourselves a little shelter. Well, my chum and I rustled a few trench mats and dug a shell hole out to make it more square, put the trench mats over it and covered it over with earth, and as it happened this was where a gas shell lit and the gas is all through the ground and we were lying in it and breathing it all night and in the morning we were sure sick. It burns you and makes you vomit just as bad as if you were sea sick. Well, we reported to a Doctor and he sent us out and they kept us going until we landed at Etaples. I was there for four days then they sent us over to England and I think I will be in here for a good part of the winter. I was blistered all over from my knees up to my eyes, and they were burnt so that I could not see for three days, but I am getting better now. They cut all the blisters off and did them up and fixed my eyes. My throat is very sore yet. I cannot talk above a whisper. I don't know how long I will be in hospital but be it long or short this bed has a shell hole beat by odds for sleeping in.

Well, I guess I will close now, hoping that this will find you in the best of health from your loving son. 183163 Pte. Clifford Elliott Claredon Park Hospital, Guildford.

Township Council

The regular monthly meeting of Winchester Township Council was held at Morewood on Dec. 3rd. Members all present except Wm. Hamilton.

By-laws were passed naming Town Hall, Chesterville as place for holding Nomination Meeting, also for submitting the abolition of Statute Labor to the vote of the electors at the same time as the Municipal election.

Passed accounts as follows

Twp. of Mountain, ½ cost of bdy bridge Mullin drain	$280 00
Colin Cheney, repairs to roads N. E. ¼	13 00
Wm Quart, as caretaker of hall, Winchester	2 75
Wm Bolton, work on roads S. W ¼	27 25
Abram Ball, 31 rods wire fencing	4 65
J. E. Faulkner, for bridges in Russell boundary	700 00
F. M. Eagleson, Glasgow bridge	91 75
Brad Loughridge 120 loads gravel	24 00
Geo. Elliott, Fees expenses, drains	107 80
John Rorrison 30 rods wire fencing	4 50
Geo. Barrington repairs to crusher	4 85
A. D. Carkner, 94 rods wire fencing	14 10
R. S. McVey, roads N. W¼	25 50
Wm Fetterly, roads N. E. ¼	7 50
Oren Dillabough, roads N. E. ¼	7 00
Antoine Lenevay, Russell bdy.	5 50
Wm. Barrett, 74 loads gravel	14 80

Next meeting Dec. 15th at Chesterville

Geo. Elliott, clerk

News comes from Loon Lake, Hastings County, that Alva Lawrence has been eaten by a bear. He was trapping and a day or so ago part of Lawrence's boot and part of his leg were found by residents. The ground about bore evidence of an awful tragedy.

Tommy Atkin's Grin

I am in to-night from a day in the trenches. It rained all the time. The trenches were gluey and sticky, and the "duck-boards" along which we travelled were afloat a good share of the day. But the only people who used really strong language about having to eat, sleep and navigate in such soggy territory was our party of civilian tenderfoots. The cave-dwellers in khaki whom we encountered in endless numbers were as happy as school-children on a picnic. Clay-spattered from head to foot, their clothes often wringing wet, they looked up from whatever happened to be their tasks and grinned as we passed.

Our chief and always dominating impression was of their grins and smiled more broadly than usual. Soldiers who can laugh in such weather can not be overcome by anything not even the Prussian military machine. Perhaps Tommy smiled more broadly than usual today at our expense, for during our hike from a certain quarry to a certain front line "Fritz" sent over whiz-bangs which caused us armchair warriors from home to duck and dodge in the most un-Napoleonic fashion, even though the gyrations were in obedience to nature's first law—self-preservation.

Yes, it is the invincible grin of Tommy Atkins in abominable atmospheric surroundings and in the ominpresent shadow of death that has photographed itself most indeliby on my memory today. But next to that I am struck by his amazing good health as mirrored by his ruddy cheeks and bright eyes. Certainly the strapping young fellows whom I have seen are a vastly finer, sturdier lot, physically viewed, than any set of men now running around the streets of London in citizens' clothes. It is manifestly "the life," this endless sojourn of theirs on the edge of No Man's Land, with the enemy a rifleshot away.

You ask their officers what explains this hygienic phenomenon—this ability to keep at the top note of "fitness" amid privations almost unimaginable. You will be told that it is the remorselessly "regular life" the men lead for one thing, and the liberal supply of fresh air, for another. Then it is the simple food they eat and the never-ending exercise they get for their legs and arms and muscles. They sleep when and where they can, in their clothes for weeks on end, never saying "How-do-you-do?" to a bath-tub sometimes for many days, tho they shave each morning with religious punctuality, even in the midst of a mighty "push." Cleanliness of physiognomy is as much of a passion with Mr. Atkins as his daily ablutions are to a pious Turk. You will go far before you will find a cleaner-faced aggregation of young men than the British Army tn the field.

"Just so we keep on livin'—that's all we ask," was the sententious observation of a mud-clotted Yorkshireman who backed against the slimy wall of a trench to let us pass. We had asked him the sterotyped question—"Well, Tommy how goes it?" His answer was unmistakably typical of the spirit which dominates the whole army. The men are not happy to be there. They long for the war to end. They do not put in their time in the slush and rain cheering and singing. They hanker for "Blighty." They want to go home. But not until the grim business that brought them to France is satisfactorily finished. They want no Stockholm-made peace. They are fighting for a knock-out.

I left behind me in London a lot of dismal, gloomy and down-hearted friends, candidates all for the Pessimists' Club. I wish they could have hiked through the trenches with me. It is the finest cure in the world for the blues. It may thunder and pour day and night in Trenchland, and the country may be a morass for miles in every direction, but the sun of optimism and confidence is always shining in the British Army's heart.

Ottawa Winter Fair Cancelled

The annual Ottawa Winter Fair which was to have been held in Ottawa on January 15th to 18th, 1918, has been cancelled. The cancellation of the Show is due to the fact that the Militia Department are quartering troops in Howick Pavilion where the Show is held and do not intend to vacate for the time of the Show. They state that the use of the buildings is a military necessity at the present time.

The Executive of the Ottawa Winter Fair have taken the matter up with the Militia Department but were unable to come to an agreement whereby the soldiers would vacate to permit of the holding of the Show. It is with regret that they announce the cancelling of the show for January next, especially since the Ottawa Winter Fair has made such rapid strides during the last few years and has had such an important influence on the live stock industry.

CRYSLER.

Mr. O. D. Casselman of Chesterville, unionist candidate for Dundas and Stormont was welcomed to Crysler on Monday evening, Dec. 3rd, by a splendid crowd of both English and French speaking people.

As Mr. Casselman arose to the platform to explain his message to Crysler the audience listened with keen interest as the speaker explained the issues of Union Government, as he stated he was not here as a Conservative, or a Liberal Candidate, but as a unionist candidate. Mr. Casselman then proceeded to say that Canada's honour was at stake, and dealing with the war the speaker said that the grave issues at stake in this election were whether Canada was to keep her pledge to the boys she had sent overseas and stand by the other Dominions and the mother country in this war, or are we going to forsake them, abandon them, and drop out of the war. After dealing with several other important matters the speaker referred to the Military Service Act and stated it would be administered and enforced fairly, impartially, justly and considerately, which seemed to meet with approval by the audience.

The speaker concluded his speech by thanking those who had given him their attention and appealed to them for their hearty support on Dec. 17th.

After Mr. Casselman had concluded his speech, the chairman, Mr. J. A. Coons, then asked Mr. Hilliard for a short address Mr. Hilliard responded and emphasized the fact that our boys over yonder needed assistance and must have assistance. He dwelt for a short time on the Military Service Act and other important matters. Mr. D. M. McNaughton of Finch was also among the speakers.

The meeting was then brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, and with three cheers for each of the speakers and also the chairman.

BETHUNE BUSH.

The knitting circle of last week met at the home of Mrs. Bernard Gibbons. Friday afternoon of this week the circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Thom, Elma.

Mrs. Clifford McIntosh of Williamsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dillabough of Elma and Miss Anna Froats were Sunday guests at Mr. Melvin Dillabough's.

Miss Ella Marcellus spent the week-end at Mr. Peter Darling's, Nation Valley.

Miss Eurith Kendrick spent Sunday with Miss Alice McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison and baby Luella spent Friday last with friends at Inkerman.

FINCH.

Mr. George L. McLean and Miss Hope McLean were in Montreal, on Thursday last.

Mr. Parnham Allison of Chesterville, was in town on Friday.

Mrs. Thos. Sutherland of Grantly entertained the ladies of the Finch Red Cross Society at her home last Thursday evening.

Miss Maggie Parke and Miss Hannah Stewart attended the Womens Institute Bazaar held at Berwick Nov. 28th.

Major D. N. McLean is in town the guest of his brother, Hugh K. McLean.

Miss E. M. Armstrong and Miss Isabel Bryan spent the week-end at the latter's home in Mountain.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. W.J. Brownlee on Thursday Dec. 6th.

"How is that women bill-collector we hired getting along?"

"Hasn't turned in anything yet. She called on several of our customers once, and now I guesss she's waiting until her calls are returned."

A gentleman travelling through Alabama was much interested in Uncle Ned. "So you were once a slave, eh?" said the gentleman.

"Yes, sah," said Unncle Ned.

"How thrilling!" said the gentleman. "And after the war you got your freedom, eh?"

"No, sah," said Ned, gloomingly. "I didn't git mah freedom, sah. Aftah de war I done got married!"

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No. 30—Daily ex. Sunday–local–9.28 a.m
No. 36—Daily—local .... 5.31 p.m

FROM MONTREAL—GOING WEST

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No. 29—Daily ex. Sunday–local 7. 20p.m
No. 23—Daily—Flag stop..... 12.44 a.m

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W. J. Barkley	10 00
Charles Kearns	25 00
George Helmer	3 00
Wesley G. Barkley	10 00
Wesley Froats	20 00
S. O. Kendrick	5 00

The annual meeting of the Red Cross Society was held on Nov. 20th. As soon as the Auditors, Dr. Miles Brown and Mr. O. D. Casselman, have audited the books, a complete statement will be given the press for publication.

The appeal made recently for help to make personal property bags for use in hospitals met with a splendid response and already almost five hundred of these bags have been shipped. Ladies in town and vicinity have undertaken to make from 1 dozen to 1 hundred; one lot of 7 dozen and one lot of 5 dozen have already been turned in. It is indeed gratifying to the Executive to have such prompt and efficient help in the latest undertaking. Anyone requiring tape to finish the above bags can have it by applying to Mrs. Lawson.

Toronto, Nov. 29th, 1917.

Mrs. W. B. Lawson,
Sec., Chesterville Branch.
Canadian Red Cross Society,
Chesterville, Ont.

Dear Madam:—

I am requested by Colonel Marshall to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of the 26th inst., enclosing cheque for $3000.00 as a donation from the Chesterville Branch to the General Funds of the Society, and to thank you on behalf of our Executive Committee for this generous and welcome contribution from your Branch, which will be of material assistance to us in our work.

We note that you are forwarding the Annual Report of your Branch under separate cover.

As requested seventy-two Life Membership certificates and pins for the members whose names you give in your letter are being forwarded to you, under separate cover. May we ask you to express to the subscribers our grateful thanks for their contributions as Life Members. Yours very truly,

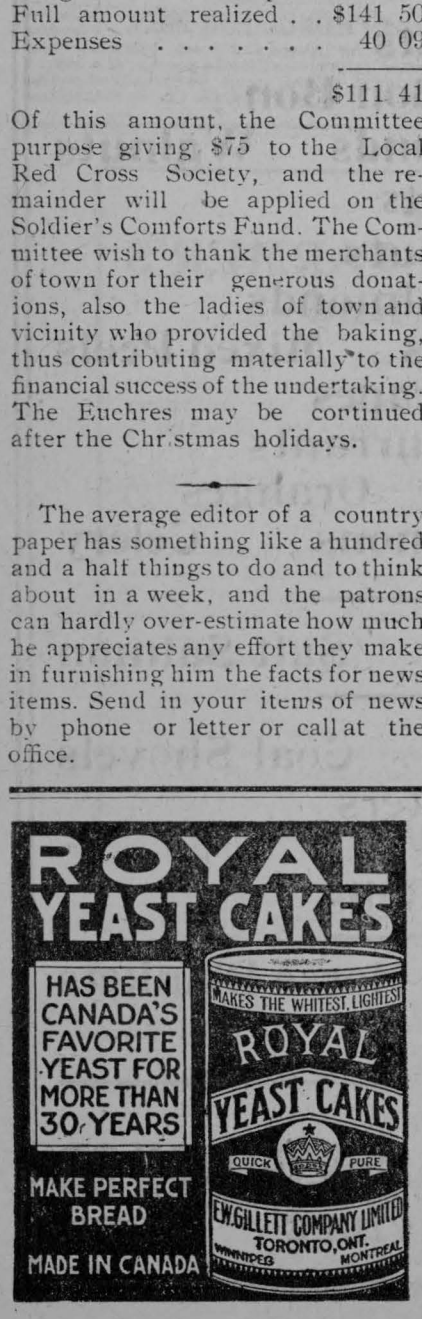
B. S. MacInnis
Hon. Recording Secretary.

As always, an appeal on behalf of Red Cross is responded to most heartily, and the series of social evenings given by the Patriotic Euchre Committee, in the Town Hall, Chesterville, were attended by unusual success. Four entertainments were given, all of which proved most enjoyable, the net amount realized for the Red Cross being $111.41 made up as follows—

Full amount realized	$141 50
Expenses	40 09
	$111 41

Of this amount, the Committee purpose giving $75 to the Local Red Cross Society, and the remainder will be applied on the Soldier's Comforts Fund. The Committee wish to thank the merchants of town for their generous donations, also the ladies of town and vicinity who provided the baking, thus contributing materially to the financial success of the undertaking. The Euchres may be continued after the Christmas holidays.

The average editor of a country paper has something like a hundred and a half things to do and to think about in a week, and the patrons can hardly over-estimate how much he appreciates any effort they make in furnishing him the facts for news items. Send in your items of news by phone or letter or call at the office.



HIS AMERICAN WIFE

How She Obtained Justice In Berlin

By F. A. MITCHEL

Minna Selfridge, an American girl, was quite a belle in Berlin shortly before the Pan-European war broke out. Two Germans, Count Herman Burnhardt and Heinrich Weber, were aspirants for her hand. Count Herman was not to the lady's taste, but Weber, a blue eyed, fair haired Saxon, was very much so. She accepted his attentions, and it was evident that his rival was much disgruntled. The count was an important functionary at court and considered himself insulted by a commoner aspiring to the hand of one he desired to possess himself. He was arrogant enough to show his displeasure even to Miss Selfridge.

When the war broke out Miss Selfridge had become Frau Weber. Neither Count Herman nor Weber was in the army, but both were kept busy in Berlin in the civil service. Those were days when every one to whom the slightest suspicion was attached suffered vigorous treatment. One morning as Weber was about to leave his wife for his duties of the day a file of soldiers entered his house, arrested him and took him off to prison.

The blow fell upon him and his wife like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky. Frau Weber had many friends among the German women and was not long in learning that the cause of her husband's arrest was that he possessed an American wife; that Americans were largely hostile to Germany, and complaint had been lodged with the government that Frau Weber had persuaded her husband to desert his country in the hour of its need and go with her to America.

Frau Weber went at once to Count Herman Burnhardt and laid the matter before him, asking his intervention. She called his attention to the fact that he was in a position to show a truly noble nature in assisting one who had been his rival and favoring one who had declined the honor he would have conferred upon her. The count promised to do all in his power to right the matter, assuring her that he would appeal to the emperor.

Several days passed, and Frau Weber, not hearing from the count, called upon him to learn the reason for his not keeping his promise. He told her that the emperor's time was all occupied and it was very difficult to get his attention for a moment except in most important matters connected with the war. However, the count was watching for an opportunity, and if one occurred he would at once avail himself of it.

Frau Weber had been at court and had met the emperor. She wrote him asking that her husband be released on the grounds she had stated to Count Herman. But whether the pressure on his time prevented or whatever the reason, she received no reply.

Every day women in Berlin were more and more called upon to take the places of men who were needed at the front. One day Frau Weber appeared at the office where a charge would be made against any one for disloyalty and offered her services as a clerk. She met with a refusal. The government had its eye on all foreigners and knew very well that she was an American. What was worse, her husband was a prisoner charged with intending to go to America to escape military duty.

One evening a young man whom Frau Weber had met in society before the war met her in the street. He stopped to speak with her, but only for a moment.

"I dare take only time to say a few words to you, for you are watched and I will be compromised. I am employed in the bureau of justice and know who made the charge against you and your husband. On your promise not to reveal from whom you received the information I will tell you."

"I promise."

"Your enemy is Count Herman Burnhardt."

He raised his hat and passed on, the interview not having lasted a minute.

It would be impossible to find words to express the mental condition of the American at this intelligence. Astonishment, horror, anger, followed in quick succession. Then came deliberation as to how to make use of the information to effect her husband's release.

The more she thought of obtaining this release the more plainly she saw that, having no evidence against the count which she could use, an application in her husband's behalf would not avail anything. The only person she might influence through her knowledge would be the count himself. But if she went to him and accused him of the contemptible deed he would shrug his shoulders and declare that some enemy was accusing him falsely.

Could the count be compelled to withdraw his charge? Surely this was the only possible way of vindicating Weber. But how could force be applied to the accuser? The only man who could do so was Weber himself, and he was a captive. Minna pondered long in trying to find some way to bring power to bear on the count. Finally desperation brought her a desperate remedy.

Having formed a plan, she proceeded to put it in execution. Her first object was to obtain a disguise. Going to a coiffeur's, she bought face paint and a wig. Having changed her complexion from pink and white to olive, she painted a rosy tint in each cheek. Her own hair was a light blond; her wig raven black; her hands, too, she gave an olive tinge. This was all that was needed to make her unrecognizable.

Count Herman frequently dined at a restaurant in the Unter der Linden. Minna went there hoping to find him, but failed. On several different days she dined in the place where she had often dined with him, and one evening she was about to leave it when the count entered. He took a seat at a table and ordered his dinner. Minna went back, sat down at a table near him and ordered a dinner.

Presently the proprietor was attracted to a commotion in the vicinity of the count's table. A woman had accused him of having insulted her. The count protested. The woman declared he had said to her that in entering a restaurant without an escort she had placed herself without the pale of treatment as a lady. She said that she was an American and simply followed the custom of her country. The proprietor at first sought to quiet her and, failing, asked her to leave the place. She appealed to an army officer sitting near for protection till her husband could be summoned.

"There is no need of that," said the count. "I am perfectly willing to give you my address and shall be ready for any message your husband chooses to send me." And he threw a card on the table occupied by the lady, who took it up and immediately left the restaurant.

The same evening while Count Herman was at work in his office—for in wartime he never rested—a messenger brought him a note, which read as follows:

Count Herman Burnhardt:

Sir—My wife informs me that you insulted her in a restaurant on the Unter den Linden this evening. I desire that you will give me satisfaction at once. I am an American and a stranger in Berlin, with no acquaintance whatever; consequently I have no one to call upon to act as my second. I am therefore compelled to fight you without one. You are welcome to as many attendants as you like. Yours,

ELIHU WAGSTAFF,
Little Rock, Ark., U. S. A.

The count, though vexed, could scarcely restrain a smile at this uncouth way of entering upon a combat.

"Tell Mr. Wagstaff," he said to the messenger, "that I will meet him tomorrow morning and will name the time and place later. I will provide him with a second. As the challenged party, I choose pistols, but if he prefers any other weapon I will cheerfully give way to him."

When an hour later a captain in the army, acting for the count, notified Mr. Wagstaff of the time and place of meeting he was received by Mrs. Wagstaff, who said that her husband had gone to bed and, since his nerve depended on his sleep, she would not awaken him. She would say, however, that since the count was pleased to give up the choice of weapons her husband would fight with foils.

When the captain reported this to the count the latter expressed some concern that he had not seen Mr. Wagstaff. He would have withdrawn from the matter, but his second expressed dissatisfaction at such a procedure, stating that he was bound to fight or suffer the consequences.

Count Herman was on the ground attended by a surgeon, at the appointed hour and also with two seconds, the one for himself, the other for his opponent. A bundle of foils had also been brought. A few minutes after his arrival a carriage drove up, and out stepped Frau Weber. Her hair and her complexion were her own. She wore a cloak that reached to her feet. Advancing to the party, she threw open her cloak and revealed her figure in fencing costume. The count on seeing her was paralyzed; the others were amazed.

"Count," she said, "you are doubtless aware of the reason for this encounter. Will you send your attendants out of hearing, or shall I make my demands in their presence?"

The count was silent for a moment, then motioned the others to retire. When they had gone Minna said to him:

"You have acted a shameful part in lodging a false charge against my husband under circumstances that you know full well."

The count essayed to speak, but she stopped him.

"Either you must sign a paper retracting your charge or you must kill me or I will kill you."

Once more the count attempted to argue, but the woman, drawing a foil from beneath her cloak, stopped him with, "On guard!"

"Where is the paper you wish me to sign?" he asked.

Minna drew a document from a belt she wore and handed it to him. It read:

"I have been mistaken in my charge against Heinrich Weber and withdraw it."

Minna drew a fountain pen from her corsage and offered it to him. He accepted it, signed the document and handed it to her.

"It is enough that you have sought revenge upon a successful rival to ruin you as soon as the fact becomes known. I shall not use this paper until convinced that you do not intend to secure my husband's release. If you do not see that he is freed within two days I will send it to the emperor himself."

Re-entering her carriage, she was driven away. The attendants received no explanation from their principal. Within a few days Weber was released and returned to his duties.

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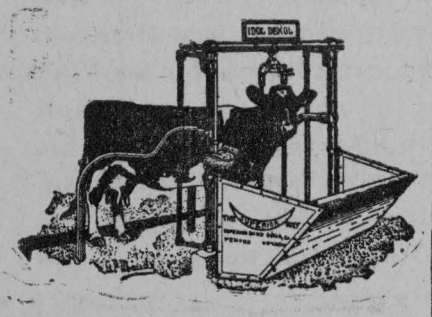

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GOD SAVE THE KING

Local. Personal And District News

Several Honor Rolls and other items received too late for this issue.

Miss Marjory McGee of Kemptville spent the week-end at her home in town.

Misses Mamie Gollan and Jessie Faulkner of Morewood, were guests on Sunday of Mrs. J. S. Kyle.

Mr. Clifford Kendrick was in Cornwall last week where he secured a nurse at the General Hospital for his mother who has been in ill health for some time.

If you break a lens or a frame of your eye glasses Mr. A. E. Bolster can fix it for you—day or night every day—at W. G. Bolster's Drug Store, Chesterville.

Pte. Harvey Barkley arrived home on Monday evening and was warmly welcomed by his friends. Pte. Barkley had the misfortune to lose his leg but otherwise is cheerful and looks well after his hardships.

Memorial services were held in Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday evening for Pte. Eddie Merkley. when Rev. Mr. Warren's impressive sermon was listened to by a large audience.

In a letter received this week by Mr. F. E. Price of the Molsons Bank from Corp. Joe Walsh, the latter wishes to be remembered to his Chesterville friends. He also says that it was on Oct. 29th that he received his wounds, got three pieces of shrapnel in his arm and one in the back of his head, while quite a large piece went through the back of his fingers and came out the palm of his hand, making the worst of his wounds. He is in Battle War Hospital at Reading, England.

On Friday evening, November 30th, the Chesterville Dramatic Club, at the invitation of The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church, Russell, presented their play "Home-Ties" to a packed house and most appreciative audience. No effort was spared by the Ladies of the Society to make the evening a success both financially and socially. The Club are strong in their praise of the hospitality extended to them by the Society, special mention being made of the bounteous luncheon served. The Club's share of the proceeds will be given to Red Cross funds.

Personal, Local and District News

The Knitting Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lacey this Friday evening.

The Grantley Knitting Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Alex Taylor on Wednesday afternoon Dec. 12th. All members are requested to attend as it is a business meeting.

Whitteker, the Optician, will be at Winchester, Monday, Dec. 10th; Chesterville, Tuesday, Dec. 11th; Finch Thursday, Dec. 13th.

The annual turkey supper of the Canadian Order of Foresters will be held in the hall at the regular meeting on Wednesday Dec. 12th. All members are requested to attend.

PROCLAMATION. The New Year Term of the Brockville Business College will open Jan. 2, 1918—Rates: 3 months $40.00 each subsequent month $6.00 books included. W. T. Rogers, Principal.

Chesterville Methodist Sunday School will hold its annual entertainment on Christmas night in the Music Hall. It is expected that Mr. J. M. Cameron of Toronto, will be the entertainer for the occasion assisted by the school.

The women's Institute intend holding a two day's bazaar the first week in February. The proceeds will be used for patriotic purposes and the assistance of the community is asked for.

At the evening service next Sunday commencing at 7.30 at Holy Trinity Church there will be a special sermon, the subject of which will be "Christianity and Polities with special reference to the coming Election." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Word has been received from Pte. Tierney McCadden who was reported wounded some time ago. He is now in hospital in England it having been necessary to amputate his foot before leaving France. Of a party of five two were killed, another lost an arm and McCadden his foot. The mule the latter was riding had its whole side blown away at the same time.

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A trinket and treasure fund has been organized by the Women's Institute. The money will be used to buy Comforts for the boys at the front. The money is obtained by selling old bits of silver, thimbles etc., old gold or discarded jewelry. Nothing is too battered or broken, nothing too small to be accepted. No money is asked for, just discarded bits of jewelry or silver. Surely you have some tucked away some where. Now is your chance to put them to good use. Bring them to the Post Office and Miss Dunn or Miss Droppo will hand them to the treasurer.

The staff and students are well pleased with the success of the concert held last Friday evening Nov. 30th. The numbers on the program, especially the Sailor's Hornpipe by the younger girls, won enthusiastic applause from the large audience. The comedy, "The Best Man", which concluded the program, and afforded an insight into some of the society weddings. The receipts were nearly $100. After paving expenses and donating $25 to the Red Cross Society, the proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of necessary articles for the school. The staff wish to express appreciation of the services of those who helped to make the affair a success.

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Morewood Red Cross

Red Cross work will be done at the regular meeting of the Women's Institute on Tuesday 11th, at Mrs. Adam Carlyle's. A good attendance is very desireable.

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