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ABOUT THE TOWN

A good many visitors are here for the early fishing and they find the sport as alluring as ever. Mr. Lowther Athill, is home from Elk Lake, and is seen being greeted by the Americans who are here. Mr. Thos. Fairbairn, the Nichols men and other guides are all busy rowing. Perce Nichols says he saw a muskrat carrying a flag the other day—one of those blue flags that grow in the marshes around here. We were wondering what could have happened to the intelligent muskrat so well known to the people of Bobcaygeon, (and others) but never thought that he would develop into a flag flapper. Perce did not recognize the animal and we therefore are not prepared to say when the rain will be over for good; but the weather man from the Creek says that we needn't look for it to cease until the end of June.

Mr. J. R. Moyle, and Miss Dorothy got sixteen big bass by 10 p.m. on the sixteen h.

The Committee of the local branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses will hold an Afternoon Tea and Strawberry Festival from 3 o'clock on on Tuesday, July 4th on the fire hall green. Strawberries, ice cream, cake, etc. will be served. There will be launch trips from the canal, amusements, musical varieties. Funds are required. The work of the order is most commendable. The presence and help of all will be welcomed.

Mrs. C. R. Stewart has left Chateaublanc to visit her daughter in Bracebridge.

Miss B. Gilholm, of Bright, will lecture in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, June 28th at 2.30 p.m. Subject—"Our Privileges and Responsibilities as Canadian Women." The speaker will be assisted by local talent, Refreshments served. All ladies welcome. See handbills.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Cole have come to their summer cottage.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in Knox Church on Sunday morning. The preparatory service will be held on Friday at 8 o'clock and the session will meet at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. C. E. Stewart has gone to Haliburton, to "Newnam."

The fourth annual farmers' picnic in connection with the Verulam Agricultural Society, will be held in the Agricultural Grounds, Bobcaygeon, on Saturday, July 1, 1916. The following amusements have been arranged for. Tug of war tournament: North Verulam, South Verulam and Harvey. Drawing contest: team horses open to three townships mentioned above. Must be two entries, for which a cash prize of \$10, for first, and \$8.00, for second, will be given. A base ball game between South Harvey and Chemong Indians, first prize, \$9, 2nd, \$4.50. Sports: (suitable prizes will be given for the events) putting shot, (open event) half mile race, open 100 yards race, open running high jump, open standing high jump, open standing broad jump, open hop, step and jump, open three legged race sack race, open 100 yards race, boys under 12 50 yards race, girls under 14. Chemong Lake Indian Band in attendance. Hot water will be provided. The Committee hope for a good day, a good crowd and good time. Admission 10 cents and 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, are here for the summer months.

The 109th Club have arranged to produce the well known drama, Valley Farm, given recently by the Independent Order of Foresters, in the Town Hall, Bobcaygeon on the evening of, Saturday, July 1st, commencing at eight o'clock. The proceeds are in aid of "our boys" No. 10 platoon, 109th Battalion. Reserved seats, on sale at Mrs. W. T. Edgar's, 35 cents, rush seats 25 cents. Reserve seat entrance at side.

Mr. E. Page, of Toronto, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

The Village Council met on Monday night of this week and considered the early closing bylaw which, as a result of the meeting of the merchants in the Independent office last Friday evening, was petitioned for unanimously. The hours for closing in future (or until repealed) will be as follows: 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, from 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays and at 10.30 p.m. on Saturdays. The public will no doubt find a difference in the hour of closing on Saturdays, for merchants have been for some time past waiting on customers until sometimes early on Sunday morning. The opinion was expressed by one merchant that it would become a necessity for some of the people to do their shopping on Saturday morning. It will be to their advantage to do so, and get better service and their choice of the best goods. The council instructed the constable to enforce the closing bylaw and no merchant can be expected to keep open after 10.30, and become liable to a fine, when the customer could as easily have been waited on during the day. The new law comes into force on Monday, June 26th, but it is understood that the merchants intend closing on Thursday afternoon, June 22nd, for the first.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, New York, arrived on Saturday evening and are at their summer home here.

The A. Y. P. A. have decided to hold a private picnic to Big Island on July 4th. Mr. Matt Nichols will take them in his large launch.

Lieut. Fairbairn and some of his men of the 10th platoon of the 109th were home over Sunday. Some others are expected this week-end.

Some of our merchants are making a special bid for early shopping, and offering some very special prices on various articles to lure the village shopper to the stores on Saturday morning between the hours of 8 and 11 o'clock.

BORN

HAMILTON—At Edmonton, on Saturday, June 10th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruce Hamilton, a son.

The boys are getting quite a number of good sized bass from the canal. Although there are none being weighed, some of them would tip the scales at pretty fair weights. Fishing seems to be good this season.

A party wishes to obtain a copy of the Ladies' Home Journal for March 1912. If same is left at the Independent office by someone who may have it, 50c will be paid for it.

Private Spencer Rupert Symons, Montreal, who was in the same trench with his cousin, Thornton Boyb, is reported wounded by the Montreal Star.

The local Schools are to have new flags. Mr. Gerald Murphy brought in some spruce on Monday for poles.

E. J. Woollard and D. Hetherington have new model Ford cars.

John Conway, A. E. Bottum, R. A. Kennedy and Herb. Nichols motored to Downeyville picnic on Thursday afternoon.

The Entrance examinations are on. Those writing are Ruth Baker, Stella McGregor, Amy Cosh, Isabelle Smith, Delia Moffat, Cortland Grant, Delmar Kelso and Nellis Neville.

Mr. and Mrs. Routley, Toronto, were here over Sunday.

Thornton Boyd Killed in Action

Thornton Boyd is dead! The sad news came this Tuesday morning to Mr. W. T. C. Boyd and family that Thornton, who had enlisted in the Princess Pats last fall, had been killed in action. The sorrow which is upon the whole town can hardly be described, and it is entirely needless to say here that Thornton Boyd was one of the most highly respected, of our young men. It was not the writer's privilege to have known him but briefly, but having frequently met him during that short time, we can warmly second the sincere remarks of the townspeople. He was a science graduate of McGill University and a prince among his fellows. He served his King and country as a private.

Letter From Lieut.-Col. Fee.

The following letter received from Lieut Col Fee by Reeve Brock will be of interest:

To Reeve Brock,
Bobcaygeon, Ont.

Dear Brock:—

I beg to thank you for your interest in the Battalion, and for your endeavours to get us the grant. We certainly need the money very badly, but seeing that we have been turned down at every instance by those in authority, we feel now, that we would get along without a grant, even though they decide to give us one. The idea that Battalions are supplied with everything, is entirely erroneous. That may be true in a certain sense, but there are many, many things, which are absolutely necessary, that are not supplied by the Government. This seems to be only an excuse where the council hide behind, the stating that everything was supplied that is necessary.

We are the only Battalion in the 3rd. Military District, which has not received a grant gratuitously from the council, the only Battalion that has not received a cent, and we some times feel ashamed of the County that sent us away in such a manner.

We are the best Battalion that has ever marched into Kingston, and we have it to say that we are the only Battalion who have received nothing from their home County. If all the Councillors had had our interests and the interests of the men at heart as you have, the grant would have been put through, and we all thank you and the councillors who assisted you very heartily, and extend to you gentlemen, a standing invitation to come and visit us as our guests, at any time.

Again thanking you, I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

J.J.H. Fee Lt. Col.
O.C. 109th. Battalion, C.E.F.

Verulam Council

Will meet in the Town Hall, Bobcaygeon at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, June 26th, 1916

How To Keep Trade At Home.

Any "home merchant" who isn't awake and fails to tell people about his wares, should read this startling statement made by the manager of a big Toronto mail order house recently. "We have a bureau whose duty it is to read the country newspapers. There is not a paper of any consequence in our territory we do not get. The bureau looks over these papers and when we find a town where the merchants do not advertise in the local press, or where the advertisers do not change their advertisements regularly, we immediately flood that section with our literature. It always brings results far in excess of the same effort put forth in territory where the local merchants use their local papers."

Kinmount

This morning there is no rain falling and the sun is trying hard to break through the clouds, but whether it will finally succeed or not has yet to be proved. A lady in our village was watching during last month for the new moon to appear, but, strange to say, she was disappointed every evening. She could not understand what had happened to her ladyship in the heavens, and thought perhaps that some other planet had eloped with her; but one evening the clouds separated for a short time, and the lady was astonished to behold a moon two quarters old.

Mrs. T. R. Fell, of Fenelon Falls, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Cottingham, during the past week, returned home to-day.

Sgt. Mansfield and Ptes. W. Chalmers, H. Pearson, Geo. Woods, J. Hollbrooks, of the Machine Gun Section, H. Scott and R. Wright have been home this week visiting their friends.

Mr. Jos. Murphy, of Bobcaygeon, was in town to-day.

As Mr. J. Austin was passing a pile of lumber containing about 1000 ft., it fell on him, crushing him to the earth. The wonder is that he was not killed. As it was he was very seriously injured, but we hear that he is doing nicely and will be around again in a short time.

Miss Vanderberg has returned, for her holidays, to her home in Guelph.

Principal Mills, of Bobcaygeon, is in town, superintending the exams of our school.

As Mr. Henry Coben had sprung a surprise, in the form of a bride, on one Wednesday, a few of his friends tried a surprise on him on the following Wednesday. But Henry is better at surprising his friends than in being surprised and he and Mrs. Coben were all ready to give the surprising party a good time.

Kinmount is doing fine, but the City Fathers have surprised and disappointed a few of us. Why some taxpayers should walk in mud nearly over their boot to's, while others have board sidewalks which are fairly good, taken up and replaced by cement is a conundrum. We have no objection to the cement sidewalks, or any other improvement in our village, but fair play is a jewel, and when we see women and children as well as men walking in the mud all summer on account of the constant rain during these last two summers, it sets some wondering why such partiality should be shown. Those who have paid their taxes and are in every way good citizens should have the same rights as others who do the same. In one case all that was required was that enough plank should be supplied, and the work of building half a dozen steps in order to reach the sidewalk on the other side of the street would be done gratis by one who requires the steps. The dissatisfied parties have to cross a drain and climb up three or four feet in order to get onto the sidewalk, or else walk some distance along the street in the mud—no way of avoiding it.

Mr. Geo. McGregor is busy preparing the swing bridge for a coat of paint. It is almost the big end of the job.

Mrs. Hiron has returned to Toronto after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Thompson.

Capt. Chas. Dowding is visiting relatives in town this week.

Mr. Geo. Britton is improving in health.

Mrs. Hetherington, Fenelon Falls, visited her son David here this week.

Mr J W Barker, manager of the Butterick Publishing Co, Toronto, is spending his vacation here.

Fisheries Inspector Ahrens is here with the launch "Middy"

An auto party from Fenelon Falls visited here Wednesday evening.

Mr and Mrs H. Rosenberg, New York are in town for the summer, occupying Mrs Edgar's house.

Save Rags and Rubbers

B. D. S. A. S. WILL COLLECT THEM

H. E. Hopkins is, like the rest of the Irish, capable of making some smart remarks. When standing on Main street on Wednesday, he said to us; "Lets start something or this town will soon be as dead as Toronto."—Unity (Sask.) Courier,

As we take it, Justice Hughes will be pleased to get the German vote, but would like it delivered at the back-door, as the Roosevelt anti-Hun delegation are using the front.—Weekly Tatler

It appears that our War Lord to Kitchener Said: "Your plan about Ypres has a hitch in er. It'd been in your shoes."

Went on General Hughes,

"I'd have made little bones about switchin' 'er.

Then the papers all leapt upon Sammy. And declared he was foolish and balmy, Conceited and crazy, His war knowledge hazy— BUT THE MEN AT THE FRONT THINK WITH SAMMY.

The Teuton crop in German East Africa, at last accounts, was suffering from smuts.

POETRY

SLEEPER, rest quietly, deep underground,
Lord of your kingdom of murmurous sound
Hear the grass growing, sweet for the mowing,
Hear the stars sing as they travel around:
Grass blade and star dust, you, I and all of us,
Deep underground.

Murmur not, Sleeper, Yours is the Key
To all things that were and to all things that be.
While the lark's trilling, while the grain's filling,
Laugh with the wind at Life's riddle-me-ree!
Why was the thorn of it? Where the new morn of it?
Yours is the Key!

Sleep deeper, brother; Sleep and forget
Red lips that trembled, eyes that were wet.
Though love be weeping, Turn to your sleeping,
Life has no giving that death need regret.
Here at the End of all hear the Beginning call,
Life's but death's seneschal—
Sleep and forget!
—Isabel Ecc'estone Mackay in Canadian Magazine.

Harvey Council Meets

The Harvey Council met in the True Blue Hall, Buckhorn, on the 17th inst., pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, Mr. Ingram, Reeve, in the chair, Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Robt. Freeburn addressed the council re blasting a ditch on the hill in front of Archie Fulton's house. It was moved by Messrs. Flynn and Graham that Mr. Freeburn be allowed \$10 for the above purpose.—Cd.

Jos. Gillespie addressed the council asking them to get a right of way across part of E hf 11, con. 5, to allow him to get out to the Deer Bay road.

Moved by Allen and Graham, that Flynn and Wilson be a Committee to look up a road for Mr. Gillespie. Cd.

Nat Pierson addressed council re sale of E pt. 9, con. 8, for taxes. Referred to County Treasurer.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Graham, that the Clerk notify Garrett Galvin that the township owns a roadway, 66 ft. wide, across lot 1, con. 16, Harvey, said roadway being established by by-law No. 105, passed in 1876 and that the fence now being erected by him trespasses on the above 66 ft., and that they hereby notify him to remove the said fence, or such portion as has been erected, forthwith, or in default the council will be compelled to remove same at his expense, and that he will be liable for any damage that may arise from this action. Cd

Moved by Flynn and Graham, Geo. Ireland and Mr. Coons be allowed \$5.00 each on their respective beats, being 1915 statute labor uncommuted, also that A. Wilson be allowed to expend the \$15 unexpended last year. Cd.

Moved by Allen and Graham that Wm. Chesney be allowed to do his statute labor on his own road.—Cd.

Moved by Allen and Wilson that W. T. Elliott be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of the Harvey Municipal Telephone System until the next annual meeting.

Moved by Flynn and Graham that Sam Tate be allowed a bonus on 25 rods wire fence on the N.E. cor. of lot 20, con. 14, 30 rods on the W end of lot 19, con. 14 and 30 rods on the E end of lot 18, con. 15. Total 85 rods.—Cd.

Moved by Graham and Wilson that whereas by petition in or about the year 1904 and filed in the office of the Crown Lands Department at the city of Toronto, this council requested that lot 18 in the 8th con. of the Twp. of Harvey be withdrawn from sale for an indefinite period and whereas owing to the existing circumstances, it is not requisite that this lot should be further withdrawn from sale therefore this council is of opinion that no person would be in any way prejudiced by the said lot by the said lot being now patented, and it is desirous of withdrawing all objection to the patenting thereof.—Cd.

Orders were drawn on the Treasurer as follows: Harvey Mun. Tel. System, messages, 1.60; Sam Tate, 85 rods wire fence, 21.25; A. Wilson, to expend on roads, 15.00

Council adjourned to meet Monday, Aug. 21st., at Nogies Creek Schoolhouse.

"Travelling in the heavens by means of a telescope," says an astronomer. "gives a man an idea of his own significance." Here is a hobby Kyte, Carvel et al' ought to take up.

The soldier in the train was dilating on his changed life.

"They took me from my home," he said, "and put me in barracks; they took away my name and made me 'No. 575'; they took me to the church, where I'd never been before, and they made me listen to a sermon for forty minutes. Then the parson said, 'No. 575, Art thou weary, art thou languid?' and I got seven days' C. B' for giving him a civil answer."

MEDICAL

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