

COUNTRYSIDE TIDINGS

WHAT WHIG CORRESPONDENTS HAVE TO TELL

News From Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Counties - Rural Events, and Movements of the People.

At Point Traverse. Point Traverse, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Arthur Hudson, of Syracuse, N.Y., attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Minkler, last week. Byron Hicks, of South Bay, suffered a paralytic stroke a few days ago, but is somewhat better now. Mrs. David Wood, of Woodrow's Corners and Mrs. Edgar Welbanks spent a few days visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Centreville Reports. Centreville, Dec. 7.—The farmers are finished ploughing and cutting wood is the order of the day. Fairbairn Bros. are sawing the wood in this vicinity with their gasoline engine. A number of new phones have been installed in Centreville west. J. B. Weiss is thinking of moving his house on the vacant corner block. All the poultry raisers took their turkeys and geese to Napanee on Thursday and Wednesday of last week. Miss Mabel Weiss has returned home from Tamworth, where she was the guest of her sister, Miss Mary Cassidy, is ill of rheumatism. Miss Jennie Long sang at Roblin tea-meeting last Monday night.

News From Westport. Westport, Dec. 8.—John J. McGee, Ottawa, is in town. Mrs. W. Bayley is seriously ill at Toronto. Mrs. A. P. Nilsen spent a few days of this week in Brockville. E. G. Ewing has purchased a Ford touring car. Messrs. W. C. Fredenburgh, Capt. Thomas Lynch and M. E. Mulville attended the funeral of the late Capt. D. Noonan in Kingston. A wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wing was held last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wing. The second annual sale, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church, was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to \$80.

Was Almost Drowned. Leland, Dec. 7.—Jack Frost has at last put an end to ploughing. The lake has already been frozen three times. What might have been a serious accident occurred on Sunday, when Roy Simpson, inventory attempted to cross the lake. When about half way across he dropped in and but for timely aid he would have been drowned. F. Gibbs has moved to Opinicon. Mr. Lalone, Kingston, has purchased Peter Convery's farm. H. Convery, Brewer's Mills, at St. Catharines, is on a business trip to Kingston last week. Mrs. R. J. McFadden, Rosedale, at A. Campbell's; S. Cristley, Pine Grove,

at L. Young's; Miss Mabel Dick spent Sunday at Inverary; R. Chow is very ill. J. Young, at S. Dickinson's. E. Johnson has returned from Tamworth.

Hartington Happenings. Hartington, Dec. 9.—Mr. Hoyle, Odessa, spent the week-end at H. Jameson's. Miss Dennison, Verona, at E. Sigworth's. Mr. and Mrs. E. Freeman have returned from Kingston. Mrs. Thomas Trowsdale has returned to Stirling to spend the winter with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. C. Leonard visited S. Hicks, Sydenham, last week. Miss Grace McKnight, Sydenham, spent the week-end with Miss Beatrice Freeman. Messrs. E. Freeman, H. Campeall and A. Goslin attended the opening of the Masonic Hall in Newburgh last week. Mr. Porter, Elginburg, at M. Trowsdale's. Miss Dot Campbell at Broadsmith; Mrs. F. Dennison, at Sydenham; Mrs. George Deane, Godfrey, at her father's.

Death at Point Traverse. The death occurred at Point Traverse on December 3rd of Mrs. Thomas Minkler, aged seventy-three years, as a result of a paralytic stroke. Deceased was born in South Marysburg. Her maiden name was Christine Thompson, being a daughter of a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and a woman of true Christian character. Her husband, four sons and five daughters survive. Mrs. Minkler was a member of the Methodist Church, and a woman of true Christian character. Her husband, four sons and five daughters survive. Mrs. Minkler was a member of the Methodist Church, and a woman of true Christian character. Her husband, four sons and five daughters survive.

Notes From Selby. Selby, Dec. 9.—The lecture given by Mr. Herrington, under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, was a grand success. The young people of St. John's Church are practicing for their entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Pero, of Verona, are renewing old acquaintances here. D. Vallesu and family and Miss Denison, of Kingston, motored up on Sunday and spent the day here. Miss Aileen Cook, who has been ill, is better. Mrs. W. Hunt is spending a few days at Napanee. The women of the Red Cross Society hold their meetings in the Foresters' Hall. E. T. Anderson and family spent Sunday at Thurlow. Mrs. Arnold, at W. Doig's; Miss M. Coulter, at E. T. Anderson's; Mrs. Williams, at Mrs. E. R. Williams'; Mr. Lapun and daughter, at J. Rose's; Miss Cunningham, at B. Denison's; Miss McCormick, at Rev. Mr. Irvin's.

Tidings From Stella. Stella, Dec. 9.—About one hundred people from the island took in the

special trip of the steamer Aletha on Saturday. A large number of cattle and sheep were shipped from here also, the boat having a full load. The steamer R. McDonald loaded a quantity of pressed hay over the island last week buying pressed hay and straw. E. McDonald, Emerald, has been in this vicinity buying turkeys, geese, etc., for Mr. Perry. A show was held in the town hall on Friday evening last, quite a number attended. The remains of the late Mrs. John McKee, Kingston, were brought here on Saturday and interred in Pentelton cemetery. Mrs. W. J. Fleming and Mrs. A. Robison, Kingston, spent Saturday on the island. Mrs. (Capt.) J. Saunders left on Monday for Buffalo.

Maberly Cheese Meeting. Maberly, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the patrons of Maberly cheese factory was held in the village hall on Thursday, December 3rd, with a good attendance. Robert Laidley took the chair. J. W. Leaver, of Perth, addressed the audience. He spoke on the high price of cheese and the good prospects for the coming season.

Dr. Fee, of Sharbot Lake, was in the village on Wednesday. The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of John Buchanan on Thursday. A number from here attended the sale at Thomas Lipsieck's, Bathurst. This will be a busy week for the farmers' wives, as the poultry fair is held on the 10th, and 11th in Perth. Miss Agnes Laidley returned from Smith's Falls on Monday. Mrs. James Ur has come to stay at her son's, D. Ur, in the village. Mr. Baker, Perth, at Thomas Palmer's. John Palmer is digging a new well on his property. The young people of the village are practicing for a concert on Christmas night.

Junetown Reports. Junetown, Dec. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baile attended the Baile-Lee Wedding in Brockville on Wednesday, November 25th. Mrs. W. Purvis has returned from visiting friends at Lyn and Brockville. L. M. Franklin and Mrs. C. S. Horton and Master Howard, of Lansdowne, are visiting friends here. Miss Helen Purvis, Lyn, recently visited at Walter Purvis'. Miss Evelyn Knight, Brockville, spent the week-end at Miss Beatrice Freeman's. Rev. Walter Booth, Montreal, was guest last week at J. D. Bigford's. G. Ferguson and Miss Ethel Ferguson, Pineau, were recent guests at W. H. Ferguson's. Mrs. D. Howard, Lansdowne, has spent the past two weeks with her niece Mrs. J. A. Herbison. Gerome Herbison and bride, of Redwood, are guests of his mother, Mrs. M. G. Herbison. Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ferguson visited Rockport friends on Tuesday. Miss L. McDonald, of Quabbin, visited her aunt, Mrs. Bigford, last week. Miss Gertrude Scott Gananoque, spent the week-end with

her parents here. An excellent Christmas concert is being prepared by our teachers, Miss Evelyn Price and her pupils, Miss M. G. Herbison leaves to-day for a short visit with her daughter at Redwood.

Sharbot Lake Concert. Sharbot Lake, Dec. 9.—A patriotic concert was given in Erwin's Hall, on December 9th, by the young ladies of the Wide Awake Club. The splendid programme consisted of piano duets, solos, recitations and dialogues. The special features of the evening was a demonstration of ambulance work and a very impressive flag drill. The twelve ladies are to be highly complimented on the deliverance of the different numbers of the programme, especially on the last two mentioned. Praise is also due Rev. Mr. Bromwich, who trained the ladies for this work. The girls were beautifully decorated with the club's colors, purple and gold, and flags of different nationalities. When the curtain first went up the young ladies, grouped for the opening chorus, "O Canada," looked exceedingly fair in their becoming frocks of pure white, brightened by their colors which they wore. A few friends of the club members were invited to stay at the close of the programme, when a dainty lunch was served, after which all indulged in dancing for a couple of hours.

Miss Mabel Kilborn, who has been visiting at Tichborne for a few days, has returned home. Mrs. (Dr.) Fee, who has been ill, is better. Her sister, Mrs. Rhodes, who has been with her, has returned to her home. Mrs. H. Bromwich is spending the week in Montreal. Mrs. Kilborn is here, spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Avery. Mrs. W. Deline, who has been visiting at her father's, has returned home to Kingston. E. Erwin and Dr. Fee were in Kingston on business and Dr. Fee was in Kingston on business.

COLLEGE YOUTH ORIGINATED IDEA OF SUBMARINE BOATS. David Bushnell's Experiment During Revolutionary War Proved Better in Theory than Practice. The World's Work. Mines have an interesting and romantic history; for their beginnings we must go back to our Revolutionary War. An ingenious undergraduate of Yale, David Bushnell, worked out the idea while still a college student. "Bushnell's Turtle," which he constructed, represented not only the first attempt at a submarine mine; it was also the world's first submarine boat. The two deadly engines which play so important a part in the world's struggle, originated in the same brain and at the same time. Bushnell's chief ambition was to construct a receptacle containing an explosive, which he could set off under the enemy's vessel—the submarine boat was built merely as a method of putting this amicable engine in position. The vessel was large enough to hold a man in sitting posture; its elevation and submersion was accomplished by letting water in and out; it had an elaborate mechanism for steering and propulsion. The navigator worked a couple of treadles with his feet after the present fashion of running a sewing machine; this started a couple of paddle wheels on the outside which furnished the vessel's motive power. The exterior wall held in place a large keg, filled with gunpowder, ignited by a fuse; at the critical moment the inmate released this, backed away quickly so as to save his own skin, and calmly awaited the pending destruction. Bushnell, after many experiments, finally made a night attack on the British cruiser Eagle, anchored off Staten Island. His submarine worked successfully; his torpedo exploded according to programme; owing to some mistake in calculation, however, it did not go off directly under the British vessel, but at a little distance away. All that Bushnell got for his pains, therefore, was a loud report and a huge geyser.

Reason Enough. There recently visited the West a young Turk attached to the Turkish embassy at Washington. This youthful Ottoman was much taken by the daughter of a ranch owner in Wyoming. "You walk and ride and shoot as well as a man," he said to her one day. "Why, to be sure!" exclaimed the girl, to whom all these things were a matter of course. "Can you swim, too?" "I can, and very well." "Then you must be quite as strong as a man." "I think I am—as strong as the average man." "And you wouldn't let a man beat you—not even if he were your husband?" "Certainly not," exclaimed the girl in indignation. The Turk shook his head reflectively. "Now I understand," said he "why the men of the Western world never have more than one wife—they're afraid."

Canadian Army Dining Cars. The commissary department of the Canadian Pacific railway has provided ten special dining cars for the trains carrying troops for service in Europe, the cars resembling in equipment hotels on wheels. From 500 to 600 men can be accommodated daily with facility in these cars. Along the sides of the cars are ranged big steam boilers, great cooking kettles, steam ovens, ranges, and other modern apparatus for the operation of the culinary department. In the centre and extending the length of the cars are counters on which the food is served. Suspended from the ceiling or roof are rows of plates and beneath the counter, in specially prepared cupboards, are dishes, saucers, knives, forks, spoons, and other serviceable articles. Above the counter are ranged rows of tin cans which can be used for serving soup, coffee, tea, and other liquids. Feather by feather the goose is plucked; don't think to accomplish anything worthy in a minute.

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