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The Fun Shop

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Wild Willie's Valentines.
By George S. Chappell.

I
Little Willie said to Grace,
"My, you've got a funny face.
Just the same, I like it fine.
You're my comic Valentine."

II
Willie, with his little bow,
Shot a shaft at Cousin Flo.
When she cried he said: "You Stupid
Can't you see I'm playing Cupid?"

III
Willie learned by heart a note
Which his sister's sweetie wrote.
This, at supper, he recited;
Sister was, of course, delighted.

The Brute.
Mrs. Lewis: "What kind of a Valentine greeting did you send to mother, dear?"
Lewis (unfeelingly): "A 'stay at home' card."

Showing His Fault.
Patient: "I went through your daily doses for over a month, but I feel weaker than when I started."
Instructor: "The chances are you worked too hard. You must learn to exercise your judgment."

—Ester Orvid.

The Jingle-Jangle Counter.
My Valentine—I thought with joy she'd hail it—
But, such my luck was, I forgot to mail it.

Such foolish questions, said the maid, were mine—
I only asked her to be my valentine.
—Arlene Cooperman.

That she would be my valentine, I prayed.
"Don't take me for a saint, sir," said the maid.
—Dorothy Crist.

Receiving one of those comic Valentines is no joke—if it fits your case.

Ear! Ear!
A pupil had asked the question the teacher had just finished explaining. She then asked: "Now, Jack, what are your ears for?"
Another pupil hastily answered: "To hang his eye-glasses on."
—Louis Langer.

Next In Line!
Mildred: "Did Gene ask you to be his Valentine, dear?"
Ethel: "Of course he did. But I told him it was Fred's turn this year!"
—Harold Cuddy.

To A Powder Puff.
Downy little powder puff,
With your soft and dainty fluff,
You have privileges sweet:
Your life is a constant treat.
How I envy you your duty,
Small contributor to beauty!

I am glad you cannot speak
As you press my Gertrude's cheek,
For my heart is fiercely burning
With a deep and jealous yearning
Just to touch my lips to those
Fleeting blooming cheeks of rose.

Though you travel free and oft
To those velvet cheeks so soft,
Here is just a word of warning—
If on my game you are horning,
You and I will come to grips
If you touch my Gertrude's lips!

First Aid.
Food Inspector: "This is a mighty sick looking liver you have for sale."
Butcher: "All right, I'll run over to the drug store and get some liver pills."
—Mrs. A. O. Bauer.

Vindicated.
A page of Cross Word puzzles came to dear, near-sighted, grandma's ken:
"I always knew," she proudly said,
"That quilts would come in style again."
—Alice Crowell Hoffman.

All's Swell.
Della: "Does your husband read much?"
Celia: "No, we haven't quarrelled for months."
—Bruno Rlordon.

The Correct Touch.
Henry: "Does your wife pick all your suits for you?"
Peck: "Just the pockets."
—Martin Frisch.

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Filtration Plant Soon Ready.
The filtration plant at Smith's Falls will be completed in fourteen days, but operation will not be begun until spring.

Passed Away At Pembroke.
John C. Campbell, Pembroke, died, on Feb. 11th, aged seventy years. An operation did not help him. A widow and a son survive.

NEED OF NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPHASIZED

By Inspector Stuart Who Presents His Report For the Past Year.

"In addition to the urgency of additional ordinary class rooms, accommodation is needed for such services as auxiliary classes, household science and manual training," says Inspector J. Russell Stuart, in his annual report to the Board of Education, "and a survey of the whole situation points to the location of a new building of adequate size in the western part of the city, as the best solution of the problem."

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The report of Inspector Stuart contains the following:

School Attendance.
"The total number of pupils attending the public schools at any time during 1924 was 3,079, or nine less in 1923, showing that the attendance has become practically stationary. The character of the attendance has, however, changed. In 1920, thirty-nine per cent. of the total enrolment was in the third and fourth book grades. In 1924, forty-seven per cent. was in these grades. Since 1920, the number of primary teachers has, therefore, been reduced by two and the number of fourth book teachers similarly increased. This does not indicate congestion in the senior grades, as the record of the high school entrance examination shows. At these examinations 131 pupils from the public schools were successful in 1919; 139 in 1920; 182 in 1922; 219 in 1923; and 200 in 1924. These facts indicate an acceleration in the advancement of the children throughout the grades, in which the vacation school has been a considerable factor."

Size of the Class.
The size of the class is one of the chief factors in successful teaching. When this is excessive the teacher's work becomes less effective with respect both to training and instruction. With some teachers, thirty pupils are all that they can profitably handle. Others may succeed with forty; teachers of rare personality and energy with even larger numbers; but, in each case, there is a point beyond which any teacher's disciplinary ability is unequal to the task of maintaining the conditions of order and interest requisite for effective study. Moreover, as the size of the class increases the character of the discipline and teaching changes, the discipline becoming more formal and rigid and less personal, while mass instruction takes the place of that individual attention essential to good teaching.

"Attention is again directed to the excessive size of our classes. The legal limit is 'not more than an average attendance of forty in each of the classrooms.' The average attendance per teacher including all our schools is over forty, and, although an effort is made to distribute the pupils as equally as possible, there have for years been many classes beyond the legal limit. In December, a month of rather poor attendance, there were twenty-nine classes having an average daily attendance in excess of forty."

"There is a disposition with some to assume that the standards set by the regulations are rather ideal than practical and that a lower standard should be reasonably acceptable. This mistaken view is perhaps a result of bad experience. Kingston has always apparently lagged behind the other cities of Ontario with respect to the provision of school accommodation. Comparisons with other cities will be found in former reports. These have always shown Kingston in an inferior position. If other cities were content to accept the standards obtained here, Bradford could reduce its staff by eighteen teachers, Windsor by twenty-eight, and Peterboro by ten. Or to turn the comparison the other way, Kingston will have to add about ten teachers to its public school staff to rival the average conditions prevailing elsewhere. The truth is that other municipalities are complying with the regulations and Kingston is not. Most cities have a much smaller enrolment per teacher than the regulations demand. For example, the average daily attendance per teacher is 25 in Brantford, 35 in Windsor, 34 in St. Thomas, 31 in Chatham, 36 in Starford, 33 in Kitchener, and in Kingston 41."

"The quality of the accommodation also calls for consideration. While we have buildings which are a credit to Kingston there are still others in use which are inferior to any found in any other city."

Question of Home Work.
"The question of home work has attracted renewed attention through the regulations recently issued by the Minister of Education. The spirit of these was anticipated by regulations adopted by the Board, Dec. 8th, 1919. These are more restrictive than those prescribed by the Minister. Investigation shows that there is general compliance. It is generally agreed that it is inexpedient to forbid all home work, and the particular assignments must be left to the teacher's discretion which may sometimes be at fault, but such errors are not common."

The Teaching Staff.
"In December there were sixty-six teachers on the public school staff, of whom four were teachers of special subjects. Of these, eleven held first-class certificates, forty-eight



second-class and four kindergarten-primary certificates. All have full legal qualifications.

"Manual training and household science classes have been conducted throughout the year with decided success, considering the limitations under which they have worked. In each there are too many classes for one teacher. The teacher of manual training particularly, should have time for the supervision of the teaching of this subject in the lower grades. The accommodation in both cases is unsatisfactory. The location of the manual training classes in the basement of Macdonald school was accepted as a temporary arrangement in 1912.

"The teaching of music is making gratifying progress. Obviously the full benefit of the course will not be seen until pupils have passed through all the grades. A teacher was first appointed in 1921. The progress made since then has been highly satisfactory. An introductory course is given in the lower grades, in which the Tonic-sol-fa notation is used. The staff notation is begun in the junior fourth grade. Eventually the staff notation will be taught from the senior third grade. It may safely be predicted that as the results appear in the homes and churches the subject will become strongly entrenched in general popular approval."

DESERONTO FUN REVUE

Was Produced at Naylor Theatre—Maracle-Loft Wedding at Napanee.

Deseronto, Feb. 14.—The "Fun Revue of 1925, put on at Naylor's Theatre on Thursday evening by Deseronto talent, proved a great success and drew a full house. The theatre was tastefully decorated in honor of the coming festival, St. Valentine's, with hearts and streamers.

The entertainment was full of good clean wholesome fun and the audience were either convulsed with laughter or lifting the roof with applause. Songs, specialties, drills by children, piano duets and a dance "Swanee River," were given by the various members of the company and a very amusing one-act comedy entitled "The Bootlegger's Bride," coming before the grand finale, brought down the house. Mr. Buck as preacher, was too funny for words. Flossie Richardson in white with bridal veil and bouquet made a charming bride whilst Mac Perry as the groom excelled himself, Clarence Malley, a nigger, was a show himself.

The Revue was directed by Mrs. Eva Watson, who also designed the costumes. Mrs. Watson deserves great credit for the excellency of the production and the success of the revue was mainly due to her untiring efforts and ability.

Mrs. E. B. Eddy Co., owners of the Deseronto News Co., have decided to remove the printing plant from the building it now occupies in the shipping centre to the Dominion Match factory, West Main street. Claude Share and J. Campbell have returned from Toronto, bringing with them a new Ford car. They report that the highway is serviceable right through from Toronto.

Hugh Tiner of the Maribank was a caller on Mr. J. E. Code on Friday. Mr. George McFarlane has removed his saw mill from Sandhurst to Napanee and will set it up there for the rest of the winter.

Wilson McHenry's orchestra performed at a dance and social evening at Mr. and Mrs. Gift Post's, Hay Bay, on Wednesday night. They were also present at a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke Anthony, on Friday evening.

Mrs. J. V. Pearce is spending a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth, Aymer, Que.

Joseph Hicks, Hay Bay, was a caller in town on Thursday. Michael Napan of the 9th Concession, was a business caller in town on Friday.

On Thursday, February 12th, the marriage of Miss Beatrice Loft and Clinton Maracle of Deseronto took place at the Napanee parish church, the vicar, Rev. Mr. Coleman, officiating.

Do You Remember?
The "Do You Remember" paragraphs, written by "A.E.D." Chicago, and published in the Whig, has created wide interest and old citizens are recalling many events in Kingston's history as far back as sixty years ago. It would seem as if the youths then had sports far exceeding anything enjoyed these days. One citizen suggests an old time parade during the coming reunion.

Board of Trade Officers.
At the annual meeting of the Smith's Falls Board of Trade these officers were elected: President, Wilson McCue; vice-president, H. E. Smith; secretary, J. E. Burns; executive, Dr. Ferguson, Messrs. J. W. Kitchin, D. H. Gemmill, C. H. McKimm, George Frost and Harry Sutton. The president thanked the members for electing him president for the second time.

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SENT UP FOR TRIAL ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Joseph Hickey, Bedford, Charged With Doing Grievous Bodily Harm to G. W. Murphy

Joseph Hickey of the township of Bedford appeared before County Magistrate J. W. Bradshaw on Friday afternoon charged with assaulting and occasioning grievous bodily harm and was committed to stand trial before a judge and jury. T. J. Rigney, K.C., appeared on behalf of the crown, and A. B. Cunningham, K.C., acted for the defendant.

The evidence of the complainant, Clarence Vincent Murphy, of the same township, was all that was heard. After the evidence of Mr. Murphy had been given Mr. Rigney asked that accused be committed to stand trial. Mr. Rigney stated that he was not certain if Mr. Bradshaw had authority to try the case. It was stated that a city magistrate had such authority but he did not think that the county magistrates had such, and for that reason he thought the case should go to a higher court. Mr. Cunningham after taking objection at first finally agreed with Mr. Rigney, and the accused was allowed his freedom after putting up \$500 personal bonds and his two brothers coming across with a like amount.

Mr. Murphy, the plaintiff in the action, stated that on the night of February 7th he attended a dance which was held in the school house in school section No. 5 in the township of Bedford. During the evening he heard a noise, as though there was a fight going on outside in the yard. He went out and saw two men into a fight. He stated that while he leaned over to see what was going on, Hickey struck him in the eye. He testified that he was also struck near the ear and he fell in a semi-conscious condition on the ground. Witness swore that while he was on the ground Hickey jumped on top of him. The complainant, Murphy, said that when he raised his hand, Hickey put the thumb in his mouth and put his teeth marks on it. Witness tried to pull the thumb out of Hickey's mouth, but he was unable to do so. Murphy was asked to show his thumb and the five teeth marks were still very noticeable.

When cross-examined by Mr. Cunningham, witness said that he did not try to get into the fight again after he was taken into the school



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