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#### KIRKLAND

March 21st, 1916.

George Ivey Sr., of Debec, died March 20th 1916. He leaves a son George and two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Carter, Murray Carter and sister Myrtle all started for Lawrence, Mass., March 21.

Fenwick and George Bunting took a trip to Philadelphia.

The W. F. M. Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Allan McDougall.

Thomas McNerlin had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly.

Mr. Buckingham has purchased a new organ.

#### Leonard Gould

Leonard Gould, of Grahamsville North Lake, York Co., died March 17, 1916 at the hospital in Houlton where he was operated on for kidney trouble. He was about 72 years of age. He is survived by a wife, who was formerly Mrs. Melinda Murchie, several sons, George, William, Charles, Hanford, Edward, Clarence, Fred and Eldon; one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Graham a number of grandchildren and other relatives. In politics he was Liberal, in religion a Baptist. He served as Secretary of the School several terms. He was a good neighbour, kind and affectionate husband and his home was a stopping place for travellers. The remains were brought to his home and the services were held at Fosters Corner.

#### Red Cross Work

Watson Settlement Red Cross Society, Mrs. Frank Coffey president 22 pairs socks.

Mrs. James Gartley, Watson Settlement, 6 pounds old linen.

Belleville Red Cross Society, Mrs. Herbert McBride, president, 3 night

shirts, 3 pairs mittens, 19 pairs socks.

These contributions were sent to Mrs. F. H. J. Dibble, of the Woodstock Red Cross Society.

The Woodstock Red Cross Society wish to thank the following:—

Renton Women's Institute, per Mr. Wm Gibson, 16 pair socks.

Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Presque Isle, Me, 1 painted pillow top for lottery.

Mrs. H. P. Easton 2 pairs socks

" Alex Benn 3 " "

" Albert Hayden 1 " "

" E. R. Teed 1 " "

MRS. W. P. JONES Pres.

#### BABY'S OWN TABLETS GOOD AS GUARANTEED

Mrs. L. Isbell Kingston, Ont., writes: "I am using Baby's Own Tablets and find them as good as advertised. They are certainly a wonderful remedy for little ones." Mrs. Isbell's testimony is like that of thousands of other mothers. Once a mother has used Baby's Own Tablets she will use nothing else for her little ones. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

#### WICKLOW

March 20, 1916

George Maddox purchased a fine pure bred Holstein Cow from the "Wicklow, Kent and Simonds Agricultural Society" at their recent Sale.

A number from this Community attended the funeral of Mrs. Martha Cox at Bath on March 13. Rev. G. A. Ross was the minister in charge of the service.

Miss Gladys Estey is teaching the Upper Wicklow School this term.

Friends of Rupert Milbery are sorry to hear of his recent attack of appendicitis.

Our popular teacher, George Kilpatrick, and Andrew Shaw spent a pleasant evening at the home of the former last

week.

Woodburn McLean, of the 104th Battalion, Woodstock, is spending a leave of absence at home.

Mac Olmstead has been sick with a bad cold during the past week.

Miss Elizabeth Maddox is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. W. P. White.

#### Mrs. Samuel D. Miller.

Death came during Sunday night, March 12, to Mrs. Samuel D. Miller, mother of S. S. Miller, manager of Esy & Curtis Co. Ltd. She had been in ordinary health until the day of her death when she suffered gastric hemorrhage.

Mrs. Miller was formerly Mary Hicks and was born in Norton, Kings Co., in 1818, therefore having attained the great age of 98 years. Her married life was spent in St. John where the only son was born. Her husband died many years ago, and Mrs. Miller taught school at various places in Carleton county for a long time after ward.

She came to Hartland about 20 years ago, when her son took over the drug business here.

Mrs. Miller was a woman of strong and sterling character. For years she was a member of the Baptist church, later accepting to her very great peace of mind, the doctrines of the Holiness propaganda.

The funeral was held at Mr. Miller's home, Tuesday afternoon. Revs. P. J. Trafton, H. S. Dow and George Kincaid conducting the services. Many friends gathered to pay their last respects.

The flowers laid on the casket as tributes of respect and love were a cross by the son, a wreath by Mrs. S. S. Miller and grand children, and a sheaf of flowers by the employees of Mr. Miller's company.

—Carleton Observer.

#### FLORENCEVILLE

The people of Florenceville, who were entertained on March 17th by the local branch of the Women's Institute enjoyed a very pleasant evening notwithstanding rather unfavorable weather conditions there was a good turnout. The programme which was an excellent one was as follows:—

Piano solo—Selected, by Miss J. Kilpatrick

Paper—"Having an aim in life" by Miss Hazel McCain

Vocal solo—"A wee bit of Heaven Sure they call it Ireland

by Mrs. F. R. Semple.

Paper—"St. Patrick" by Rev. Mr. Colhoun

Reading—"Dawn on the Irish Coast" by Mrs. C. H. Kilpatrick

Patriotic song—"When the Roll is called for Service" by Mrs. Hotherington

Reading—"The death bridge on the Tay" by Mrs. G. A. Ross

Piano solo—Selected by Miss Francis Atkinson

Reading—(Irish selected) by Rev. M. H. Manuel.

The Blind Auction Sale which followed was a decided success in every way. Mr. Atkinson the popular auctioneer wielded the hammer and the sum of \$26.25 was realized for patriotic purposes.

The Candy Booth, managed by Miss Ella Caldwell, is worthy of special mention. It was very daintily decorated to suit the occasion and was liberally patronized. Before the close refreshments were served by the ladies and everybody went home carrying out with them pleasant memories of March 17th 1916.

The Annual Carleton County Seed Fair held at Florenceville, on March 14th was a decided success. The exhibits were judged by S. J. Moore, Chief Seed Inspector for Maritime Provinces. Speeches were delivered in the evening by Mr. Fuller, Sect'y of Amherst Winter Fair, Mr. Moore and others. At the close of the Seed Fair the horse races were enjoyed by the Admirers of the local Jockeys and Visiting Jockeys.

Mrs. Dr. Kirkpatrick Grand Falls was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wheeler on Sunday.

The Sale of Pure Bred Cattle was held on Saturday March 18th at the home of the Sect'y of the Agricultural Society. The animals sold at a very good figure.

Miss Bessie Kinney, of Jacksonville, spent Sunday in Kirkland with her sister Miss Rowena, who is teaching there.

#### Victoria School Report

The following is the Report of Pupils of the Victoria Corner School, arranged in order of standing

GRADE I. A.

Roy Haywood 86, Harry Albright 79, Neta York 76.

GRADE I. B.

Robert Hood 86, Reta Fraser 85.

GRADE II.

John Albright 89, George Cook 84, Oberise York 83

GRADE III.

Basil Hoyt 87, Frankie Boyer 84.6, Mary Birmingham 80.5, Arthur Kearney 76.6, Madeline Oliver-76.5, Sadie Cook 69.

GRADE IV.

Sadie Haywood 81.8, Mildred Kilpatrick 81.1, Ralph York 73.4, Alexander Hood 65.7, Israel Boyer 65.6, Della Baker 62.5.

GRADE V. A.

Hazel Birmingham 92.4, Helen Oliver 90.1.

GRADE V. B.

Charles Kearney 79.7, Hope Somers 76, Mildred Cook 73.1, Will Somers 73, Albert Boyer 64.5.

Number of Pupils enrolled 29, average for January and February 24.2, Percentage 83.4

GRADE V.

Perfect attendance—Hope Somers, Mildred Cook.

GRADE III.

Perfect Attendance—Frankie Boyer, Madeline Oliver, Sadie Cook.

Teacher, RUBY PAGE.

#### Have Huns Lost the Final Trick in the Verdun Battle

Paris, March 20.—The Germans are now hurling the elite corps of the guard into the fiery furnace at Vaux and Douaumont, the key position at Verdun, and this, in the minds of French observers, represents the use of "the last card in the pack." In every battle on the western front the Guard has been reserved for the last desperate attack. On the Marne, before Arras, against Ypres, and now at Douaumont, the German high command has wasted the picked Guard troops like water in the final attempt to turn defeat into victory. Always the attempt has been vain and the Reoublic's "Little Soldiers" have stood fast against the foe.

A wounded captain asserts that it was the Guard that took part in the furious assaults, made five times on Wednesday and repeated last night and early this morning, against the critical corner of the Verdun defences. He said: "My regiment, one of General Petain's battle corps, which has lost \$8,000 killed since the beginning of the war and has taken part in every important engagement, had been held in reserve until Monday morning. The men were furious because, as they said, 'they won't let us have a proper share in the fight.'

"We held the line running from a hill just south of Douaumont village along the ridge toward Vaux. At first the news from the west side of the Meuse made us think that the Germans had abandoned hope of piercing the front in our direction. But our old colonel said: 'Keep quiet and don't worry my children; you will get more than you have asked. Remember that the Germans have not given their Guard a show, and the road to Verdun lies here.'

"Sure enough, on Tuesday night the Boches began a bombardment which lasted practically without intermission until midnight on Wednesday. I saw the effects of our bombardment in the Champagne, but it was nothing like this. They just searched square yards of our front with their shells. One could not move ten feet without crossing a shell hole. Our men kept calm, being much encouraged by the work of the artillery, which maintained a terrific fire against the Boches' guns.

"Besides, the German system of plastering the whole section with shells has one drawback. When the storm had passed away from us, we had put them in a state of defence with barbed wire, which is easy to put up, and then ex-

tend the lines along the front, placing the smashed defences with fortifications, which are almost un-

"Heavy shell fire is not as bad as one imagines, especially if one is cool, holds his shelter in a hole or under a tree stump, and jumps out when he hears a big shell coming. It was where the Boches made their mistake. They thought we could not stand the hammering.

"Soon after midnight the lookout gave the alarm. Our searchlights pierced the darkness and we saw a dark mass slowly approaching up the hill side. When the light hit them, they began shouting loudly. Then our guns and mitrailleuses began and that took the song out of them.

"A second lot never got within striking distance of us, though a few bullets whizzed over our heads, fired mostly from the hip as they ran forward.

"A second rush followed immediately without further gun preparation. These got right up to our barbed wire, where a lot of them stayed. We could hear them shouting, despite the bursting shells, but my men fired coolly. They would have preferred to charge, but knew it was unnecessary, nothing stops a charge like mitrailleuse or rifle fire. We simply swept them away in rows.

"There was one group bunched up against our wire so close that they continued to stand after they were dead, supporting each other. Some were headless and others had half their bodies torn away. It was horrible, but we don't regard the Germans as human beings.

"They looked fine and hearty, from the buttons which many of our men cut off to set in rings, they were evidently Guards, as the buttons bore the Imperial Eagle or Guard numbers. "The worst part was the moaning of the wounded after the attack had ceased. We could not hear hearing it when the cannonade ceased.

They attacked three more times during the morning, trying to get close enough to push their own dead through our wire, but our volleys always finished the disorganization, begun by one seventy-five.

"The last lot were evidently dispirited. They never even sang, and broke and ran when the faintest of the french army hit them. That is a good sign. I never saw the Guard run tail before. They have always acted sullenly, as if unwilling. I think that their morale is affected. It will be our turn soon. Then the world will see what 'breaking the line' does to a man.

#### Sample of Bagdad's Clock in 786 B. C.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat) In the days of the Roman Empire, a water clock was nothing more than a vessel with a small opening in the bottom through which the water dripped at a regular rate. This gave the name clepsydra, which means "water-stealer," to the kind of clock which presented both the pendulum and the escapement. Of all the clepsydras of history, the most remarkable was the one sent to the Emperor by Haroun-al-Raschid. It had twelve gates, behind which were as many balls as the number of the hours of the day. As the gate opened the balls struck the hour by falling on a metal base. At 12 o'clock tiny horsemen issued from the open gates made the circuit around the dial, put the balls back and closed the gates by means of the delicate and complicated mechanism that was run by water pressure. This was a sample of the state of civilization in Bagdad in 786 A. D.

#### War News

London, March 23.—(New York Times) In the Daily Mail this morning, General Joffe is quoted, in an article on General Joffe which he visited recently, says:

"Justice has made many private enemies, and thousands of public friends, in the senseless way in which he got rid of his inefficient generals, many of them personal acquaintances, at the outset of the war. He has continued that policy with regard to the to-day the officers of the Russian army are probably the youngest in the field. There are many lookers-on at the present war among ourselves, and our only wish that this process could be extended to our lines.

"I can truly say that General Joffe is the heat of the battle of Verdun. He is strong, well and cheerful. On his previous visits I thought he was a little tired, but he is now in the best of health. He has lasted for weeks, the head of the world's French war machine has the health of a country square to those old and grey two years ago, when men rode to battle a couple of days a week."