

Local News

Work of Y. M. C. A. I
Camp and Trench

Gunner Lee Seely Writes that
Y. M. C. A. Gives the Boys
Either Religion or Sport

The following are extracts from letters received from Gunner Lee Seely, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Seely, Witley Camp, England.

Heard a good address last Sunday night at the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. Dr. Neill, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Also heard a talk on the Russian Revolution by a clergyman who had been through it. It was very interesting, and he appeared to take a very optimistic view of the future. One thing he pointed out, as a benefit of the Revolution, was that under the old autocracy Russia with her population and resources would probably have developed into a military power like Germany, as her people advanced. William le Queux, the famous novelist, also spoke here on the German spy system, but I wasn't able to get to that address. When I get home, mention his name, and I can tell you some very interesting things about him, which perhaps wouldn't pass the censor in a letter. Tonight Bishop Richardson is to speak in the Y. M. C. A., and I will try to speak to him after his address. You see the class of men we are having here to entertain and advise us. Our time is well taken up with boxing exhibitions, concerts, etc., at the Y. M. C. A. There was a dandy exhibition of hypnotism last night.

There was a fine concert in the Y. M. C. A. on Monday, and it certainly drew some applause. There have been some good speakers in the Y. M. C. A. lately, including Dr. Tory, Pres. of Alberta University, and Sir Arthur Yapp, Food Director. I did not hear Dr. Tory, but Sir Arthur spoke to us at the Khaki College about twenty minutes.

There was a great Boxing Exhibition in the Y. M. C. A. last night, and the place was jammed. Some went at 3.30 to make sure of a seat, though the exhibition didn't start till 6.30. Went to church this morning. The service is held in the Y. M. C. A., sometimes by the Presbyterian Chaplain, but mostly by the Church of England Chaplain. Of course different sections of the Camp are paraded to different Y. M. C. A.'s. Last Sunday there was a lecture on Canada, illustrated by lantern slides. It was wonderful the way boys recognize streets and scenes in their home towns: Victoria, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, etc. The nearest to home was the old Suspension Bridge at St. John.

We had the opening exercises of the Khaki College on Tuesday and I enclose a program of same, also a College calendar. There were 840 students in attendance before Christmas, and there are 225 enrolled already this term. This movement has spread to all the Canadian Camps in England and even to the front, where the University of Vimy Ridge is in operation. The scheme was fathered by the Y. M. C. A., but now all the churches and colleges of Canada are behind the movement, and Canadian colleges will honor, after the war, the certificates which the students obtain if they pass the required examinations. It is a great movement. It is figured that the greatest work of the College will be done during the period of demobilization, while the troops are waiting here to be conveyed back to Canada.

The Y. M. C. A. is the camp life and I don't know what the boys would do with it. There are five huts in different parts of the camp, with reading rooms, writing rooms, billiard tables, canteens, etc. You hear a lot of talk about the Y. M. C. A. making money out of the boys, and all that, but from my experience you can always get fruit, candy, polish, etc., cheaper there than elsewhere; also free writing paper, free use of rooms, etc. They are always ready to advise or help you in any way. Even the soldiers who run it down always spend their time there. I think most of the fellows who talk about profits for the Y. M. C. A., don't know anything about overhead expense, coal, light, men, etc. Of course it is run mostly by voluntary subscription, and I don't think profits would take it very far.

Later—Somewhere in France. From supper time till bed time we are usually at the Y. M. C. A., trying to get more stuff to eat. They have chocolate bars, jam, biscuits, etc. I have stood in line at the Y. M. C. A. for an hour and a half waiting my turn to be served, so you see where our time goes.

Meeting of
County Council

The regular semi-annual meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of Carleton will be held at the Court House on Tuesday, the 18th day of June next, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1918.

J. C. HARTLEY,
Secretary Treasurer.

The Quality

Drug Store

E. W. MAIR

WOODSTOCK, N. B.

PERSONALS

An automobile party consisting of Mr. Ashley Colter, Mrs. C. McN. Steeves, Miss Eleanor Colter of Fredericton, and Miss Alice Fisher of Chatham spent Sunday here.

Mr. B. V. Lingley, who has been seriously ill for some time, was taken to Fredericton, Monday by relatives.

Mrs. Tappan Adney, who has been spending a month in St. Johns and Ottawa with her husband Lieut. Tappan Adney, has returned home.

Mr. A. G. Fields, who underwent an operation at the Fisher Hospital, a short time ago, is able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perkins and two children, of McAdam, spent the week end in town, guests of the Misses Neales.

Miss K. L. Brown, left on Tuesday for Chapeau, Ont., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. C. H. Nelson. Miss Brown will be married to Lieut. Alexander Watson on June 21.

Mrs. John Topley, Halifax, arrived here Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. T. A. Dibblee.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gibson left Thursday for Atlantic City. Mr. Gibson goes as a delegate, from Luxor Temple, to a convention of Shriners.

Mrs. E. R. Teed entertained a few friends with their knitting on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Teed was assisted at the tea hour by Miss Mildred Balmis.

Mrs. Robert Brown and daughter, of St. John, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown, Connell Street.

Dr. H. J. Pugsley, who has been in Fredericton for some time, spent the 24th with his wife here.

Misses Jean and Pauline Hay, of Millville, who are studying vocal and instrumental music with Mrs. Adney, were in town on Monday and Tuesday, guests of their aunt, Mrs. D. McQueen.

News has been received from Ottawa that Lieut. Carleton J. Ketchum, of the 4th Divisional Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, has been appointed adjutant of his brigade in France. He is a son of Mr. W. Q. Ketchum, of Ottawa, and grandson of the late Canon Ketchum, of St. Andrews. His cousin, a son of Mr. T. C. L. Ketchum, of Woodstock, who enlisted when he was a student at the University of New Brunswick was killed in action in France about a year ago.

Captain B. M. Hay, officer in charge of recruiting for the royal air force, has been notified that the standard for admission of cadets has been raised, and that no recruits will be considered, unless they can produce a high school graduation or matriculation certificate. He was also informed that mechanics are urgently needed overseas.

Lieut. G. B. Wootton, who is mentioned as being gazetted a flying officer in the Royal Flying Corps, is a son of N. J. Wootton, publisher of the Victoria County News, Perth, N. B. He went overseas with the 140th Battalion as Lieutenant, and transferred from the Infantry to the Flying Corps. Lieut. Wootton is the first man from Victoria county to be gazetted a flying officer in the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Sills is a nephew of Mr. F. C. L. Ketchum.

Miss Viola Jacques left on Saturday for Malden, Mass., where she will visit her sister Mrs. Ernest Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Jacques, and children and Mrs. Howard Smith, of Presque Isle, motored to Woodstock on Sunday, returning home the same night. They were the guests of Mrs. Howe Jacques.

Miss A. K. Lingley has become a life member of the Woodstock branch of a Canadian Red Cross Society.

Charles Connell, son of C. W. Connell of Northampton, who was given exemption up to June 1st to help seedling returned to St. John this week.

Brunswick, Maine, May 14—Kenneth C. M. Sills was elected president of Bowdoin College at a meeting of the board of trustees and overseers to night. He has been acting president since the death nearly a year ago of Mr. William Dewitt. Mr. Sills was born in Halifax, N. S., in 1879.

Miss Gilliss of Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., sailed from New York for duty in France this week. Miss Gilliss trained in the Cambridge Hospital, has also taken her diploma as etherizer. She is a sister of Mrs. T. W. Baker.

Amongst the rumors prevalent in military circles are that American soldiers will occupy the armoury this summer, or that a company from the Depot Battalion, St. John, will summer here.

Captain B. M. Hay in command of the Aviation Department of the Maritime Provinces, was here on Thursday and signed on 12 or 13 young men for the Royal Flying Corps. He has appointed Dr. W. D. Rankin, A. D. Holyoke and T. C. L. Ketchum to act as a recruiting committee. Any young man between the ages of 17 years and eight months and 30 years wishing to enlist should apply to the above committee for particulars.

Amongst the Carleton county soldiers invalidated home last week were W. Lusk, W. C. Brown, F. E. Wilson, who went over with the 65th Battery draft and Wilmot Broad, who went across with the 140 Batt., and was transferred to the R. C. R. He went through the battles at Vimy and Pachedale and wounded, but lost his left arm at Lens. His home is in Beechwood, Carleton county; he has two brothers in the service, one reported missing and one at present in England.

ROD and GUN

The May issue of ROD AND GUN IN CANADA is replete with articles, stories and departments written with the view of securing the attention and interest of the out-door man whether interested in hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing, trap shooting or gunning. Among the stories Mulberry's Mongrel by H. Mortimer Batten. A simple story of Two Pups, is worthy of special mention; bird hunting with the Camera in Central Alberta contains some remarkable illustrations of bird life in that province; Doctor Muskelonge, Dental Surgeon is an amusing narrative of a big fish that brought to a summary end an aching molar; A May Canoe Trip describes canoeing in Timagami; In the By-Ways of the Swamp is another story by H. C. Haddon. The regular departments are up to their usual standard of excellence. Rod and Gun, the sports man's magazine is published at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor, Limited.

Mrs. J. H. Hawthorne and Miss Lois Hawthorne are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Baker for the week end.

Supr. A. G. Fields, who underwent an operation at the Fisher Memorial Hospital last week, is slowly recovering.

E. J. Clarke, of the Inland Revenue department, is busy at present calling upon auto dealers in this district and earning the number of cars unsold after May 1st, which are subject to the tax imposed recently.

The golf links were formally opened for play on Friday last and are in splendid condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLean and Master Ronald, have returned from St. John for the summer months and are occupying the Payson house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Queen and family of St. John, motored to Woodstock on Saturday, and spent Sunday with Mrs. Queen's Parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fripp.

Mrs. C. O. Macdonald, who has been visiting Mrs. Newton, Montreal, has returned home.

Maj. J. J. Bull, who is at present stationed in Fredericton, spent Sunday in Woodstock.

Miss Myrtle Gabel, who has been a patient in the Fisher Memorial Hospital with fever was moved to her home last week, and is improving in health.



Canada's Registration
Its Purpose and Application

CANADA faces the gravest crisis in her history. Four years of war have taken from the Dominion a heavy toll in talent and labor, yet despite the shortage of man power, our Allies still depend on Canada to maintain her own fighting forces at full strength and to increase her exports of food and war materials, so vital to them, and to the successful prosecution of the war. Every ounce by which Canada can increase her food production and every ounce Canada can save in her food consumption is needed for export to the Allies. Should the war continue for another year, food cards and a rationing system may have to be instituted. It is the duty of Canada to be prepared for whatever situation circumstances may force upon her. It is quite probable that before the war is won our Government may have to place restrictions upon the occupations in which men and women may engage. In such an event the Government wishes to be in a position to render all possible assistance in keeping our population usefully and profitably employed.

Registration Day, June 22nd

These conditions point to the necessity of Canada knowing the exact capabilities of her men and women at home. All persons residing in Canada, male or female, British or alien of 16 years and over, will be required to register on June 22nd and truthfully answer the questions set forth upon the registration card. It is not the Government's intention to conscript labour in any form, but to assist in directing it wisely, so that every available unit of human energy may be utilized to the best advantage. The information procured through registration will be used—as an aid to the Military Authorities in procuring the men necessary to maintain "Canada's First Line of Defence"—to mobilize all units of available labor in the Dominion and direct them from less essential to more essential occupations—to establish and intelligently administer a system of food rationing should that become necessary.

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