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ARE READY TO START WORK

Interdenominational Community Week Day Church School Is Approved by Board of Education

The above community enterprise has now become a reality in Andover thanks to the prompt and courteous action of our Board of Education, given freely and without a dissenting vote at their meeting on Tuesday evening.

The first session of this school will be held in the near future, and the children and young people who have enrolled, will henceforward meet for one hour each week to study religion.

There is a law in our State which permits Boards of Education, on petition of the parents concerned, to release Public School pupils for one hour weekly, in order that such pupils may attend a Week Day Church School. Scholars, so released, are required to attend the school of their choice. They must do this in order to keep faith with the Board of Education which releases them, and with the Church School which enrolls them. Under such an arrangement it becomes the duty of the parents to cooperate with both schools, in order that the greatest spiritual and moral good may come to the greatest number.

In harmony with the provisions of this law there has been organized in our village an Interdenominational Community Council of Religious Education composed of the following members:

Representing the Presbyterian Church: Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, Mrs. Arling Baker, Mrs. Ella Bundy, Miss Belle Brundage, Erwin D. Baker, Mrs. Roy Parker, Miss Emma Folsing.

Representing the Methodist Episcopal Church: Rev. W. H. Smith, Chas. A. Robinson, Mrs. W. W. Pingrey, Mrs. John Common, Mrs. Crayton L. Earley, Mrs. E. J. Atwood, Mrs. Hervey S. Thorne.

Representing the Seventh-day Baptist Church: Rev. Walter L. Greene, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Miss Alice Clarke, Mrs. J. Harvey Backus, Mrs. Henry Livermore, Mrs. Joseph L. Williams, Mrs. Daniel Witter.

This body of twenty-one people act, not denominationally, but as one organization, and they have in charge the direction of all affairs connected with the school, its teachers, curriculum, etc. The officers of the Council are:

President, Rev. Royal E. MacGowan.
Secretary, Mrs. Hervey S. Thorne.
Treasurer, Mrs. John Common.

There is also a Finance Committee composed of three members, one from each church.

There has been nothing hasty about the organization of this work. The local pastors talked matters over in the Spring, after a union meeting had been held in the Methodist Church, and a special speaker, the Rev. David H. Craver, D. D., had presented the subject. Text books were sent for, compared and examined. Inquiries were made, reports read, and all possible information gathered concerning the success of such schools elsewhere, even before steps were taken to form an organization.

While the primary aim of our Church School is the spiritual and moral welfare of the children, the educational standards will compare favorably with those of the public school. Paid teachers, whose training has included a Normal Course or its equivalent, will be employed. The text books approved by the Religious Ed-

NOTICE OF BOY SCOUT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Andover Troup No. 1, Boy Scouts will be held on Tuesday evening, September 12th, at 7:15. Work will be resumed in the examinations for the Second Class Scout, and the Fall program outlined. The boys will meet in their new headquarters and everyone is requested to be present.

ROYAL E. MACGOWAN,
Scoutmaster.

OLD TIMERS HAVE A JOLLY TIME

Former Residents on Voorhees Hill Enjoy a Reunion Labor Day, Now Scattered New York to Washington.

A beautiful day, a happy crowd of nearly two hundred people and an ideal location combined to make the "Old Timers' Picnic" at Voorhees Hill, a big success, Labor Day.

After dinner an impromptu program composed of music, an original poem, remarks and letters from some who could not come was enjoyed.

Several group pictures were taken and a lively ball game and other sports, together with the visiting kept every one interested while the time quickly approached to say goodbye.

Among the oldest ones who attended school here were Mrs. Maria Nobles Covill, of Wellsville, and Otis Gowdy, of Petrolia, both being present.

It was voted to make it an annual affair. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for next Labor Day. All departed declaring Mr. and Mrs. Burrill Perkins model hosts and thanking them for their efforts to make every one enjoy themselves.

That the Voorhees Hill "Old Timers" are well scattered was realized when the following cities and burghs were represented: Chicago, Seattle, Easton, Pa., Elmira, Salamanca, Almond, Andover, Whitesville, Troupsburg, Millport, Hallsport, and Wellsville and vicinity.

One Who Was There.

Association of America will be used. Separate rooms and proper equipment will be provided for each study group. Attendance will be marked, reports will be kept, report cards issued, and examinations held.

Children from the first four grades will meet at the Presbyterian Church; those from grades five to eight, and High School students, will meet at the Methodist Church. The grading of children in the public school will determine their position in the Church School, tho in the Church School the classes will be called groups.

Group No. 1 (composed of first and second grade children) will occupy a room in the Presbyterian Church, and will be taught by Mrs. John Lever, who will use "A First Primary Book in Religion."

Group No. 2 (composed of children from the third and fourth grades) will also meet in the Presbyterian Church, and will study "Everyday Lessons in Religion," the teacher being the Rev. Walter L. Greene.

Group No. 3 (composed of children from the fifth and sixth grades) will meet in the Methodist Church, and will be taught by Mrs. C. H. Watson, the text book being "A Travel Book for Juniors."

Group No. 4 (composed of seventh and eighth grade pupils) will study at the Methodist Church "The Geography of Bible Lands," the teacher being the Rev. W. H. Smith.

Group No. 5 (composed of students from the High School, of every year) will study Nordell's "Preparation for Christianity" under the tutorage of the Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, meeting at the Methodist Church.

The texts for the grades all belong to the Abingdon Press series. The Scribner texts will be used for High School students, the one for this year being the first in a series of four years' studies.

Each of the first study groups will take a different course the second year, Bibles and the Kent and Madsen historical maps will be provided.

The canvass is not yet complete. On each petition the name of only one parent is required - sometimes it is the father, sometimes the mother. The petitions submitted to the Board of Education last Tuesday were from 67 parents, and they concerned the training of 114 children. The pastors concerned, or other members of the council, will be glad to enroll other children, upon signature by the parent of one of these petitions, which will be presented to the Board of Education.

Notice as to time of meeting will be given later. The aim of the movement is moral training, and the upbuilding of Christian character. A brief devotional session will precede the study period each week.

W. H. S.

Ninety Days With a Passport

Descriptive Writers of Central New York Reporting Trip Through Europe for The News.

By M. A. and T. H. CHAPPEL

A VISIT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS

On our visit to the battlefields we were most fortunate to be accompanied for three days by a French officer, who pointed out numerous details of great interest to us. To say that it is difficult to describe this trip is to put it mildly, for in spite of the three and one-half years since the armistice, in spite of some heroic reconstruction, and in spite of the weeds and poppies on the ruins, our hearts were wrung by the desolation of war—a desolation so absolute, so unimaginable that only those who have seen for themselves can really know. Always there was in our minds the thought of homes destroyed, the deprivations and risks of the soldiers and the sorrows of the bereft.

Approaching Albert, we saw the first signs of war. First there were the gaunt, silent, stripped, dead trunks of trees here and there, where once had been woods; then there were the trenches—sometimes with the wire still on the stakes, sometimes rolled up like gigantic puff balls. Many battlefields have been swept of most of the grenades, bombs, wire, and so forth, that were on the surface, and the refugees have returned to till the soil. The fields of oats below Vimy Ridge looked well enough, but for the color of the oats growing in holes made by bombs, which made the field look as tho it had the smallpox.

The Government has compensated refugees in this area for 20% of their loss, and so they have returned to try to make a living. Everywhere one sees rows of so-called homes, which are really like Western cyone cellars, covered with battle-field scraps of sheet iron. In other places, former barracks have been made into homes. The Quakers, immediately after the war, provided some refugees with houses—the lumber all cut and ready to put up. In some cases the foundations of the old homes have been found good after the debris was cleared away, and the new home was built upon the old. As a whole, the new homes look terribly bare and poverty-stricken. The sun strikes them pitilessly for there are no trees. Many former "abriis" are now the homes of stricken people.

The territory about Lens looks like some of our newer rapidly-growing industrial centers; for example, Gary, Ind. The houses are uniformly built along the same lines, most of them red brick. In the streets are piles of old bricks and mortar and other debris—the whole effect is ugly. We saw many brick yards here and in the devastated areas.

In the stations we saw many German cars which were given to the French as a part of the reparations scheme. There are always many people traveling, especially in the class three coaches. Almost everyone wore black, and of little children there were scores and scores, dragged or carried by their mothers.

We ate in a small hotel in Bully-Grenay. Everything was clean and the barrenness was helped considerably by some old pieces of furniture, evidently carted away when the bombardment started, and brought back after the war. The shades at the windows were of unbleached muslin and a decorative effect was achieved by scrim curtains with borders of crocheted lace. In walking thru the village it was interesting to see the odds and ends used in rebuilding homes. One wall contained a board with the sign: "Smoking strictly prohibited." Poppies grew in holes made by bombs. We visited two cemeteries at Bully—one for English soldiers, the other for Canadians. They were well-cared for. Flowers were blooming. We were told that a force of 300 men was at work removing as many as 60 bodies a week from Vimy Ridge. Many a fallen soldier, who had been careless of his means of identification, has gone to an "unknown soldier's" grave.

The city of Arras is of interest to a visitor. The station, tho badly battered, has been rebuilt along the former commodious lines. On the station wall is a tablet to the memory of 20 station agents of the district of Arras. Our carriage driver pointed out where the first bomb had struck the town, then showed us the crumbling remains of the one-time stately dwellings and stores of the 16th century. A number of these old models of Spanish architecture in France have been partially restored. Statues from the plazas and market-places were carted away, but the bases of them have not yet been rebuilt. A great

old Cathedral and imposing school and library were hopelessly ruined here. When seeing just the cellars and some walls of many homes, and stores, one marvels that the people have the courage to rebuild in such desolation. The courageous thriftiness of the French people is to be admired and imitated by fortunate and unfortunate people everywhere.

In going to Rheims from Paris one crosses the beautiful Marne several times. It makes one shudder to think of what Paris escaped. All along the way are the dreadful evidences of fighting. Nature has been kind and thrown a green cloak over much. The farmer follows his one-horse plow over a struggling patch here and there. Poppies, like New York daisies, grow freely. The destruction of the city of Rheims, the rifling of the splendid Gothic cathedral begun in 1210, has been given so much publicity that there is no need of repetition here. Perhaps an idea of the condition of the city may be given when we mention that 35 acres of buildings were at one time destroyed by fire from incendiary bombs. Of the town's 14,000 houses, only about 60 were habitable when refugees of the once favored city of 115,000 inhabitants, returned. Words fail in trying to describe the result.

Let us take a trip out to Fort de Pannelle and the battlefields of Mt. Cornillet and Moronvillers. Thru the business ability of our French guide we took this trip for 100 francs. Americans whom we met later paid 160 francs for a trip half of the distance, and they were not allowed the extra two hours that we had to tramp over the battlefields of Cornillet. The battlefields in this region are still very barren looking and largely without grass. We were careful to follow the steps of our guide closely. He boldly took up unused hand-grenades and shells, but warned us against kicking or pulling up anything. The huge craters made by the shells then filled by water, made us understand the word "drowned" on certain graves in the cemeteries we visited. We scampered down the steps of an abri, saw the board shelf beds of the soldiers, looked into observation stations and ventilators, walked in trenches, found still here and there the bones of the arms and legs of our fellow-men. And everywhere shrapnel and more shrapnel and barbed wire and boots. We

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W. J. MCANDREW

In a recent issue the News told of the death of W. J. McAndrew, on Aug. 22nd, at Olean Clinic Hospital, after an illness of several months, aged 63-years.

Mr. McAndrew was one of the substantial residents of this community, having been progressive and working for the advancement of the interests of his neighbors and fellow citizens. He was a prominent and very successful farmer and business man.

W. J. McAndrew was born at Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1857. He lived in this vicinity nearly all of his life. July 2, 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Baker, who survives together with the following children: James, Leo, William and Helen at home in the Town of Alfred; George, of Ward; Katherine, of Wellsville; Mrs. Leon Gasper, of Geneva.

The deceased, besides his farming interests, held quite extensive oil and gas holdings. In 1907 Mr. McAndrew organized a company and drilled a test well on his farm of 449 acres which opened up a new gas territory. The well showed for a fair gas well, and was sold to the Empire Gas & Fuel Co. They drilled three other gas wells and then abandoned the field in 1912.

Mr. McAndrew, however, still believed the field was a paying property. In 1919, in company with his brother, T. J. McAndrew and brother-in-law, Michael Casey, they organized the Alfred Gas Co. This company opened an extensive gas territory in that vicinity and now have under lease 1400 acres of tested territory with twenty producing gas wells.

Until last June Mr. McAndrew carried a one-half interest in this company. His health failing, he sold one-fourth of his holdings to J. W. Weir of Belmont and H. C. Swarthout of Wellsville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 24th, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rev. Father Tracy officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

DEACON. People are much more tolerant of the MUSES: religious views of others than they were a generation or two ago. The pessimist will say that it is easy to be tolerant in matters which are no longer of vital interest, but we may hope that part of the change at least has a better reason.

POLICE FORCE WERE OUT ON PARADE

Plain Bill Gives Description of the Friday Afternoon Fracas—Almond Officers Followed Motorist.

Last week Friday was a large day in Andover. About 4 p. m., and immediately after a mysterious message was received from the East. Our citizens were surprised to see the entire police force assembled on Main Street. They were marched in column, one abreast, to the Dyke Street bridge, where the heavy men armed with riot guns, took up a position in the center of the bridge with the light artillery in the rear. The chief made a short address, telling them every man was expected to do his duty and let no one pass without the countersign, no matter how good looking or influential they were. Almost at once a line of motor cars appeared on the horizon. There was great excitement in the ranks when it was seen the occupants were two handsome young ladies. But hard luck. One of them leaned out, and with a bewitching smile, whispered to the chief the magic word "Limberger" and with a stately wave of his hand: "Pass on," he said. Then to his trusty men: "That password is too easy, we will change it." Here comes another one, a family party, two old hens and one hen-pecked and one of them whispered "Sauer Kraut" and "pass on," he said.

"By Heck!" quoth the gallant chief, grinding his trusty gun. "This is too slow men. Right about face. Backward march!" and they marched back to the telephone office, still one abreast, where after a long and confidential talk over the phone, the chief came out with secret orders signed and sealed and not to be opened until they arrived at where they were going, which he wouldn't know where it was until they got there.

By this time a goodly portion of our population had assembled on the street, and as the force shouldered their riot guns and marched away in a close formation and in double slow time, they were followed some distance and wildly cheered by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Oh suffering cats! Wouldn't that jar your back teeth loose? Don't kill me this time, folks. Spare my life and I'll promise never, never to write anything like that again.

Will some one kindly explain why this sudden spasms to help Almond enforce their speed laws, when there isn't the slightest attempt made to enforce our own?

Probably this man speeding over in Almond was a stranger and tho he was in Andover, where he knew he could do anything except buy a drink Te He! don't make me laugh!

Several people have arrived from Almond lately and complained they were pulled and fined \$10.00 for nothing only running 35 or 40 miles an hour.

Well folks, I am glad there is one town in Allegany County that has City Dads with sand enough to see to it their officers do something besides night-watch Main Street, and

NOW TAKING UP SELLING OF MILK

Dairymen's League Has Purchased the Big Plant of the Levy Dairy Co. of New York City.

The Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association announces the purchase of all of the wholesale milk business of the Levy Dairy Co. including all of their country and city property. This property includes a great wholesale city milk plant, located on 19th Street, New York City; and 22 milk stations, together with all of the equipment, and supplies, including 115 horses, harnesses, wagons, and 13 trucks; and the good will and regular trade and customers which the Levy firm of wholesalers has long had in the city.

The announcement of entering the wholesale business in New York City has already been received with enthusiasm at many farm meetings which have been held in the few days since the purchase was made, for the adoption of this policy and the purchase of a wholesale plant for handling fluid milk in the city will mean in time a larger sale of pooled milk in Class 1 thereby bringing to the pooling farmers a higher price.

Those who are familiar with the situation believe that the purchase of this property by the Co-Operative Association will act as a stabilizer of the city markets during these unsettled times, and it is not expected that the new policy will in any way interfere with those dealers who are cooperating with the dairymen's association in handling their milk. In purchasing this wholesale business the League will not go into the distribution of bottled milk at retail from wagon, but rather will sell milk at wholesale to the thousands of groceries in New York City which in turn sell it to the consumers who come to the stores for it.

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W. C. T. U. meets with Mrs. John Deming, Friday afternoon. The program will include "Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Schools."

more than that, that they have a Justice of the Peace with back-bone enough to fine an offender something near what he should. But our case is hopeless, folks. No use, no use. We have got to put up with it until another election anyway, and then its up to you. We will now close by reciting that pathetic poem—"Oh Let it Be Soon."

PLAIN BILL.

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Uncle John's Josh

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