

WAITS RIVER

Death of Oscar Downing and Leroy Rowe, Former Once in Business in Barre.

Oscar V. Downing entered his eternal rest Tuesday morning, March 19, at 7:40 o'clock at his home in this village, death resulting from hardening of the arteries and complications with which he had been ill and a great sufferer for some time. He had only been confined to the house about a month and to his bed less than a week.

Mr. Downing was born in Williams town, June 28, 1847, son of Samuel F. and Mary Richardson Downing. His boyhood days were spent in Williams town, Waits River, St. Albans, and Littleton, N. H.

September 27, 1869, he was united in marriage to Hannah B. Sherman of Littleton, N. H., who survives him. He came to this village to live 54 years ago, the greater part of his time being spent as a farmer, excepting several years ago he was engaged in the wood business at Barre City and later he conducted for a while a meat market at East Barre.

He is survived, besides his wife, by three children, Fred A. Downing of Washington, Frank O. Downing of this town and Mrs. Earl A. Woods of Bradford, also eight grandchildren, two of whom are at the front in France. The funeral services were held from the home Thursday afternoon, March 24, at 1:30 o'clock, Dr. J. W. Hatch of Montpelier officiating, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. A. J. Greene. Interment was in the village cemetery.

The bearers were Ezra and Charles Sherman, C. C. Barker, Aaron Richardson, L. R. Hills and Albert Downing. The hymn, "In the Sweet By and By," was sweetly rendered by Miss Martha Dodge, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. S. E. Dodge.

Mr. Downing was a great reader and a man seldom found away from his own fireside, a tender and devoted husband and a loving father. In his passing this village loses its oldest resident.

Those from out of town to attend the funeral were Fred A. Downing and son, Lawrence of Washington, Frank O. Downing and son, Albert, of Bradford, Private Earl A. Woods of Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H., Ezra Sherman and L. R. Hills and wife of Waterbury, Charles Sherman and son of Lisbon, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barker of Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Richardson of Washington and Mrs. W. B. Turney of Montpelier.

Leroy E. Rowe passed away Wednesday, March 20, at the home of his brother, Fred, who has cared for him during his sickness. The funeral services were held from the home Friday, March 22, Rev. A. J. Greene officiating. Interment was in the family lot at East Corinth.

The deceased was born in Newbury in 1837, son of Joseph and Laura Rowe. Mr. Rowe had always followed farming as an occupation, the early part of his life being spent in Newbury, later coming to Corinth, where he lived for a number of years. In 1899 he moved to this town, buying the Lewis Wilds farm, where he had since resided. He served the town as lister for several years. His wife, who was Mary Emerson of Newbury, died some few years ago.

Fred Rowe and wife were in Barre Tuesday to attend the funeral of her nephew, Chester Earl Magoon.

Miss Tacey of Newbury and Miss Cargill of St. Johnsbury, trained nurses, who had been caring for O. V. Downing, returned to their respective homes Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl A. Woods was in Bradford on business Wednesday.

Helen Worthley of Bradford visited friends in the place the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hills returned to their home in Waterbury Friday, accompanied by her father, Ezra Sherman. Will Richardson was an East Orange business visitor Saturday.

Leslie Orr of G. A. Richardson's, Charles Sherman and son, Ezra, left for their home in Lisbon, N. H., Friday morning, after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. O. V. Downing.

Fred McDuffee and Robert Hodge attended the listers' meeting in Montpelier last week.

Waldo Hood was in Bradford on business Monday.

Elwyn Chase is confined to the house with an attack of the grip.

Pvt. Earl A. Woods of Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H., came Wednesday to attend the funeral of O. V. Downing, returning Friday to his duties.

H. B. Martin is not as well at this writing.

Mrs. William B. Turney of Montpelier was a recent visitor at Mrs. O. V. Downing's.

Card of Thanks. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have so kindly assisted us in any way during the sickness and death of our loved one.

Mrs. Hannah R. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Downing and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Downing and family, Pvt. and Mrs. Earl A. Woods.

EAST MONTPELIER Mrs. Edward Bond of Plainfield visited her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Prescott, Saturday and Sunday.

MUCH RHEUMATISM

Local Druggist's No-Cure No-Pay Offer Attracts Many Sufferers.

If there are any rheumatic sufferers in town who have not availed themselves of E. A. Drown & Co.'s generous offer they should do so at once.

They state that if Rheuma, the guaranteed prescription for rheumatism, does not give joyful relief they will return the purchase price without any quibbling or red tape.

Rheumatism is a dangerous disease, and anyone who has the slightest taint of it should drive it away from the system as soon as possible. Read what Rheuma did for this sufferer:

"For five years I suffered with articular rheumatism, having bunches on my elbows, feet and wrists. I took everything I could get, with no relief. I saw your ad, and was greatly improved before I had used two bottles, and was cured before I had finished the third. I thank God for Rheuma and that I am free from rheumatism to-day. If any one wishes information from me I will write them. I think Rheuma is a miracle."—Mrs. Lucia Ryder, 192 Gilbert street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Good druggists everywhere sell Rheuma. A large bottle is inexpensive and sufficient for two weeks' treatment.—Adv.

RANDOLPH

The Randolph high and graded schools held the second of their savings stamps on Tuesday, Principal E. G. Ham presiding. The exercises consisted of songs by the upper grades of the graded schools, a reading by Wilmer Angel, a recitation by Howard Spaulding, and a talk on thrift stamps by Supt. G. W. Patterson. The salute to the flag closed the exercises. The exercises were given to present a thrift stamp to the younger pupils. Hayden Gaylord of this place furnished thrift cards and a stamp for each pupil under 10 years of age. The first year high school class, has 92 1/2 per cent holding stamps. They have bought \$150 worth already. The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades have been enrolled as Red Cross auxiliaries with 100 per cent membership in each grade. Many younger children than those who are in school are now buying thrift stamps, all seeming interested in the work.

The call for clothing for the needy across the sea was generously responded to, there having been received 1800 pounds of clothing for this purpose. The assignment for this purpose was 1,000 pounds.

Mrs. Laura Cushman, who has charge of the surgical dressing work, has gone to Boston to attend a meeting devoted to this work and will be absent for a few days.

Mrs. Anna Coughlin, who has been with Mrs. C. S. Booth for the last three weeks, left on Wednesday for her home in Barnard.

Ford Porter left Wednesday for Portsmouth, N. H., where he is to engage in the shipbuilding work. George Linton employed there, was in town recently and his family expects to go there as soon as arrangements can be made to dispose of the house which they own here.

Mrs. Harry Chase left Wednesday for Boston, where she went to pass a few days with her husband, who has employment in the city.

E. I. Claffin went to Boston Wednesday on a business trip of several days' length.

George Fifield of Pittsfield, after visiting his daughter, Mrs. James Onye, left Wednesday for his home.

John Onye, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Onye of this place, but who now lives in Roxbury, has been accepted for service and expects to be called in the near future to join the forces at some unknown place. Everett Bingham has been accepted and is summoned to appear at Montpelier next week, and from there to some place which has not been known.

Mrs. Lewis Williams of Bethel came this week to spend several days with her mother, Mrs. L. A. Jerl, while she is moving her household goods.

Henry Hatch, who has been very ill in France, is expected home as soon as he is able to take the trip, but does not know whether he is to come on a furlough or receive his discharge.

Mrs. C. E. Root heard this week for the first time since February 1 from her son, William Blanchard, who is now in France, the news being favorable.

BETHEL

Mrs. Guy Farr, after several weeks' treatment at the Randolph sanatorium, has returned home. Her mother, Mrs. Ellen Wyman, and her aunt, Mrs. Dennis Fassett, both of Rochester, are with her.

Mrs. Charles Cone is in poor health and is staying at H. H. Dinsmore's, so that her daughter may care for her.

John S. Kimball, H. Lee Cady, H. P. Perkins, E. M. Weston and A. B. Brooks are or recently have been in Bethel.

Mrs. Hanson of Palmer, Mass., is here to be with her father, Dr. O. D. Greene, who is ill.

Mrs. L. H. Whitney is employed at the telephone exchange.

The village schools closed yesterday and will resume sessions next Tuesday.

John J. Wilson is in Windsor on official business.

Mrs. Guy Wilson has been appointed county superintendent of woman's work for the third Liberty loan, and has township superintendents appointed with only a few exceptions.

Yesterday was the first of eight days on which the ssp had not sun freely in favorably located camps. The run was one of the best on record and yielded as much as two pounds of sugar to a tree in some cases.

WOLCOTT Miss Carrie Poor is home from Burlington, called here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Poor.

MARSHFIELD

Pvt. Edward Ward Writes of Experiences in Trenches.

Mrs. Thomas Ward received the following letter Saturday from her son, Edward, who is a private in France:

Feb. 20, 1918. "Somewhere." Dear Mother: Well, Feb. 20 finds me still alive and now as this is my first opportunity to write you. The opportunity came much sooner than I expected it would when I wrote you last. We have been in the first line trenches and near the enemy so we could hear them laugh and talk. Kind of exciting at times, but not many of our men were killed. We are now in a rest camp. Landed here this morning at 1:30. Hiked quite a ways, but the walking was fine and for some reason my pack, even though it was very heavy, carried easy, and after all I was not so very tired.

Well, dear mother, I feel a little more cheerful than when I last wrote you, and I hope my letter will make you feel better than the last one did, but I felt it was my duty to allude to the fact that we were to leave and not to look for mail for two months, but came out sooner than I expected.

Believe me, I have seen some very wonderful sights and some very peculiar and startling sights, but on the whole when the most noise was going on, there was hardly a minute went by but I thought of you all. Of course I have not heard from you, but keep on writing and sometime I shall get them all at once.

It might interest you to know your son was one of his battalion to be first of the National Guards to relieve the French from the first line trenches. Paper is rather limited, so will have to stop. I am insured for \$10,000. Did you get notice of it? Am feeling fine. Don't worry. Just keep on trusting in the "Great Man Above." Write often and all the news. Will now write Aunt Nell and my "Bell" brother C. to write and send Willie's address to me. Regards to all. Heaps of love. Edward.

The Bible study class will meet with Mrs. Lucy Bemis Thursday evening.

Mrs. Julia Blake, who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Nute, left recently for her home in Eden.

Mrs. Hiram Wilson went Friday to Wells River to visit her son a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. Furness and Miss Ethel Bohannon attended the prize speaking at Cabot last Friday evening.

Willis Henderson is working for O. C. Pitkin during suaring.

Thomas Tatterfall of Lawrence, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cole over Sunday.

Tonsillitis is quite prevalent. Mrs. F. G. Merrill, Mrs. Flora Bliss and daughter, Clara, Clarence Pitkin, Ellen and Gretchen May, Gertrude Blake and Mrs. J. W. Boudley being among those who are ill with it at present.

The remains of Ray W. Smith, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Smith, of Dorchester, Mass., were brought here Saturday for interment at Cabot. He had double pneumonia and was ill only three days. He was a grandson of C. D. Smith.

Owing to illness in the May family, the Red Cross whist party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shortt last Friday evening. There were nine tables and the total receipts amounted to \$7.10. The pound of butter contributed by the winning couple of the previous party brought \$2.20 at auction. J. W. Mears and Mrs. E. H. Taft were the winners Friday evening and further donations are expected.

The two churches will unite for Easter and are to give the service of story and song, entitled, "The Victor of Hope," on Sunday evening at the Congregational church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Perry Pitkin is home from Goddard, ill with a quinsy sore throat.

Rev. G. A. Furness was in East Calais Tuesday to attend the funeral of Rev. McKay.

C. M. Lilley and H. C. Hollister, who were the committee to solicit funds for the Red Cross flags, have secured \$24.75 and the flags have already been ordered.

A. W. Clark was in Burlington a few days recently to visit his mother, who is at the Mary Fletcher hospital.

The call for clothing for the French and Belgian relief met with a ready response here, the local Red Cross having collected and sent in 600 pieces, the total weight being 450 pounds. Some of the articles were new, among them being an infant's entire outfit, contributed by Mrs. G. A. Hill, who also sent several other serviceable garments. H. C. Hollister did the packing and took them to Montpelier Tuesday. He also did a good deal of the collecting and the ladies extended thanks for his loyal service.

G. W. Dow is quite ill with bronchial pneumonia.

The next Red Cross whist party will be held in the K. of P. lodge room this week Friday evening. Remember the time and place.

Mrs. Anna Towne expects to leave Friday for Sherbrooke, P. Q., to spend Easter with her son, Cecil.

Topic of the pastor's Easter message next Sunday morning will be "Resurrection Power." There will also be a short Easter address for the children.

Mrs. Arthur Clark left Monday for Burlington to spend a few days with relatives.

TUNBRIDGE

Road Commissioner Sleeper was at the last sale at West Lebanon and purchased a pair of heavy horses, also a third horse by exchange.

The additional tenement at the creamery has been re-finished and Manager and Miss Whitney have moved there.

Sylvester Howe has been quite ill the past week, also Mrs. Howe and the children.

E. E. Sleeper has installed a new sugar evaporator and arch.

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Edward Ward Writes of Exciting Times at the Front.

The following letter from Pvt. Edward T. Ward has been received by his sister, Mrs. Fred Shontell of Moretown:

"Somewhere in the World," Feb. 21, 18. Dear Ones: An opportunity has just appeared and here goes. Have been thinking of you a heap lately and I know you love me, and that is the reason I take my first opportunity to write to relieve you.

Well, we have been in the first line trenches and if you believe it, your brother Ed, was one of the first of the National Guard to relieve the French from the first line. Quite an honor, don't you think?

Feb. 23, 1918. Will now try and finish my letter to you. Since I started this I received a letter from your mother, Joe and a girl in Marshfield. Believe me, I was glad to get them. Am awfully glad you are taking and having such fine luck with your music lessons, and I do hope you will continue to go on with the interest and success that you started with, and when I come home you will be able to play ragtime or melodies. And about you, Lavinie, I think you could learn to play either a violin or cornet; that would go good with the piano.

We are having quite nice weather here now, although the trees have not commenced to leave out yet, but the grass in places is green.

This morning there was not much to do, but a few of us boys played cards. We are to take a bath this afternoon. Haven't had one for about three weeks. When we were where we lived all last winter, we used to take one every week on Tuesday afternoons.

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This morning there was not much to do, but a few of us boys played cards. We are to take a bath this afternoon. Haven't had one for about three weeks. When we were where we lived all last winter, we used to take one every week on Tuesday afternoons.

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