

Address and Presentation

A pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Swan, Mt. Edward Rd., recently, when on returning home they were met by about thirty of their friends, who had invaded their home in their absence, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

After all had gathered in the spacious living room Mr. Leo McIsaac, as "Master of Ceremonies," gave a short speech, congratulating the bride and groom of twenty-five years ago. He then called on Mrs. M. F. Rodd who read an address.

The presentation of a suitable gift was made by Mr. Nelson God and all joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

A delectable lunch was served by the ladies in charge and time was pleasantly spent over the tea-cups. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" an evening long to be remembered came to a close.

Dear Charlie and Leah:— We are gathered here, to

nicht to extend to you happy felicitations on this auspicious occasion, your twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. This estimable lady of your choice has proved to be a worthy partner, an excellent homemaker, ever solicitous for the care and welfare of her family.

When you took unto yourself your better half, you chose wisely and well. In Charlie you have found a true companion, one who is sympathetic in illness, and one who is also ready to share with you the troubles and joys of everyday life.

This fine home which you have established stands as a monument to your teamwork, industry and thrift. When you lived in the "Old Home" we recall the welcome sign was always out, the same kind hospitality is extended here, to your friends and neighbors.

We wish you good sailing down the river of life to your golden wedding anniversary. At this joyful season of Christmas, may God's richest blessing be bestowed upon you and yours, and now, we ask you to accept this gift as a fond remembrance from all your friends.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The island of Nangue Ngoze in Africa is the bedroom of countless numbers of parrots. These gray birds are said to live to be 120 years old and come to the island every night to roost.

Towards three or four o'clock in the morning their cries pierce the air with a terrific din, making sleep impossible to all but the natives who do not seem to mind their chattering and screeching.

Why do the parrots come each night from the mainland to spend the night on the island? Because there are no wild cats to pounce upon them and disturb, or rather devour, them at night.

When a man in the Fan tribe in Africa wants a wife, he has to purchase her on the installment plan. The husband must make an annual payment to his father-in-law for as long as the wife lives.

Pity touched the heart of Bill Swallow of Wentworth, N. S., and he stopped his car to give first aid to an injured dog, who repaid his kindness by biting him. Then he called the police and wound up by being arrested and charged with driving minus a license.

No doubt some of our Island farmers today have hard struggles on occasions to make a decent living, but they do not have the positively ruinous times that their sires faced during the low priced period following the settlement of the Million Acre Farm.

Some of the older residents can recall something of this struggle, when a quart of good milk sold for one cent; butter fetched 10 cents a pound and eggs six to eight cents per dozen. Why extend the list? Those were tough years and most of our young men rushed to the United States to help swell Uncle Sam's population. Someone has well said that the United States caused a serious drainage of young folk from our rural districts.

But the top of the century brought a change for the better. Land went up in value and the price of farm products soared to new heights.

Other changes, mostly for the better, soon began to come about after the step was made across the threshold of the 20th century. Isolation, the curse of Island farm life was beginning to be overcome by better transportation and communication. The drudgery of farm life was yielding to the magic of modern farm machinery. Soon the day dawned when Islanders began to wake up to the fact that farming was a real business, requiring the same training and skill and experience necessary in any other complicated profession.

In the last quarter century there has been a great uplifting of the spirit among farmers, and added appreciation of life and its meaning; a clearer vision to see that farming with all its problems is still a place where real happiness may be found.

Locust plagues in Africa and Asia are the worst since Biblical days. Indeed, they have created an international problem so serious that the cold war has been forgotten for a time and the Russians have pitched in with U. N. to beat the swarms.

Here's the picture in Iran: one million acres of land is covered by the locusts, which multiply faster than they can be destroyed.

And strange but true, the swarms have blackened out the sun in many countries.

At a B. C. Experimental station the result of cross pollination by insects and wind has been under control in hand-pollinated blossoms of fruit trees by applying a bit of vaseline to the newly pollinated stigma. This does away with the method of covering pollinated blossoms with cotton bags.

UNDERWATER TV.

NANAIMO, B. C.—(CP)—Underwater television tests made with equipment developed by the electronics division of the National Research Council were recently completed here. The tests were the first to be made in salt water.

DEEP FREEZE VIOLETS

HALIFAX—(CP)—Mrs. Walter Curry of nearby Sheet Harbor recently found a bouquet of five violets in her garden. The violets, three of them in full bloom, were poking their head through the season's first heavy snow.

Christmas Concert At Zion Church

The annual Christmas concert of Zion Church School was held in the hall of the Church Friday evening. The capacity audience enjoyed the splendid program presented by the children under the direction of their various teachers.

The minister, the Rev. G. Carlyle Webster acted as chairman and the following members of the school acted as accompanists: Mrs. Peter MacDonald, Faye Hickox, Janet Mingo and Sondra Sutherland, Mr. J. E. R. MacEwen and Mrs. G. C. Webster and the superintendents.

Part I of the program opened with a chorus by the beginners, "Away In A Manger", which was followed by recitations by Elizabeth Douse, Cheryl MacQuarrie and Mary Bernard Ann Hickox, Judy Lee, Audrey MacMillan and Elaine Reynolds were heard in a dialogue which was much enjoyed by the audience.

A recitation by Norma Birt, Barbara Foster and Margaret Burns, and another dialogue, presenting Gail and Lynn Lofties, Betty Moore and Carol Ann Gillis, were followed by a solo, "Away In A Manger", by Dorothy MacEwen.

Recitations were given by David Bryden, Brent MacLeod, Barry Aitkens, Gordon Ranahan, Scott MacDonald, Douglas MacDonald,

Donald Roper, Wayne Schleyer, Allison MacNevin, Robert MacNeil, Helen MacInnis and Vicky MacNevin.

The concluding number on the first part of the program was a song, "Jingle Bells", by Margaret and Mary Fall.

The second part of the program opened with a hymn, "The First Noel" and a dramatization of the Christmas story by the classes of Miss Garnham and Miss MacEachern.

A chorus by the members of the Mission Band was followed by a piano solo, "Holy Night", by Judy MacDonald, a recitation by Forrest Hall, and a junior school chorus singing "Away In A Manger".

Heather MacNevin was heard in a recitation, "Lord Jesus", and Mrs. Lea's class sang "Joy to the World". A very amusing recitation entitled "Christmas Arithmetic" was given by Margaret Bakerston, who was followed by a chorus of six girls under the direction of Miss Farquharson and Miss Ross, singing "The First Noel", and a play, "The Candy Kids", by Mrs. Lea's class.

"I Saw Mummy" was sung as a solo by Paul Whalen, and three choruses by the Brownies, followed by a recitation, "Where Is Santa?" by Ralph Beaton, and a piano solo, "A Christmas Dream", by Sondra Sutherland. Judy MacDonald was heard reciting "Santa at Work".

The program was concluded with a play, "Aunt Serena as a Christmas Present", starring Raymond MacLean, John Lane, and Robert Simmons; two exercises, "Christmas Stars" by Mrs. Darrach's

class, and "Christmas Wishing Well" by Mrs. MacDonald's class, and "Here Comes Santa Claus", sung by all. The arrival of this jolly old gent and the distribution of the usual Christmas treats brought a very happy evening to a close.

MILLVIEW W. I.

The December meeting of Millview Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Victor Grant with the vice-president presiding. The meeting opened with the Creed, repeated in unison. Roll call was answered by an exchange of Christmas gifts. Ten members were present, and one visitor. Three members paid dues.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. Correspondence consisted of letter from Mrs. Cudmore concerning first aid, one from the T.B. League and three letters of thanks. It was moved and seconded to send \$2.00 to the T.B. League. The sick committee reported five visits made; a bill of \$1.15 paid for fruit, and chocolates were sent to a sick member.

It was moved and seconded to sell apples at the Christmas country fair, and that 75c be paid for school book. Collection amounted to 65 cents.

The program consisted of guessing the number of beans in a bottle, and the contest was won by Mrs. Emma Storey and Mrs. Joseph Smith. A delicious lunch served by the hostesses assisted by her daughter brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Smith.

To Spend Christmas In Korea



Two members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, P. J. Collins, Port Elgin, N. B., left, and Pte. J. E. Doucette, North Rustico, P. E. I., are preparing for Korea from a west coast port. The men, reinforcements for the 3rd Battalion, PPCLI, are Pte. P. J. Collins, Port Elgin, N. B., left, and Pte. J. E. Doucette, North Rustico, P. E. I. (NATIONAL DEFENCE PHOTO)

DUTCH SETTLERS

BADDECK, N. S.—(CP)—A family of 12 Netherlanders arrived here recently. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelmus Gerardus Cox came here to join Mr. and Mrs. Laurens Smolenaars and their 12 children on a 360-acre farm near here.

OUTDOORS BEAUTY

RAYMOND, Alta.—(CP)—Hunters and others in the district were treated to a rare sight when they saw about 100 beautiful white swans alighting on Alkali Lake south of here. The area is about 350 miles south of Edmonton.



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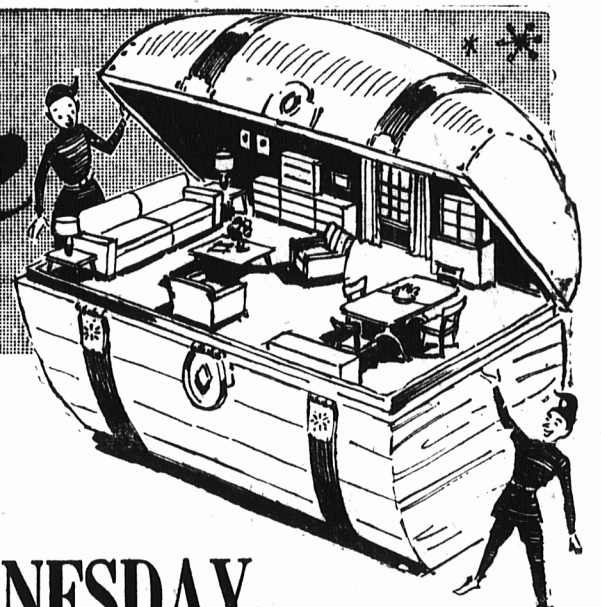
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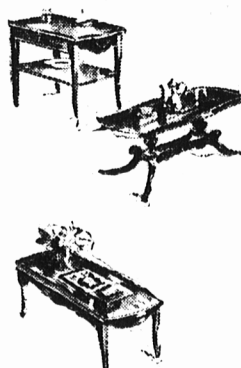
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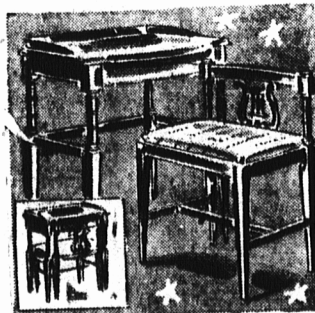
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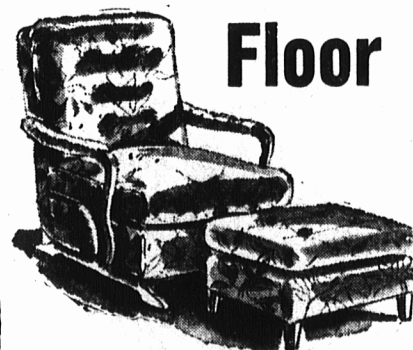
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