

What is a Catholic?

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Piusville and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Warburton Murray of Piusville were recent visitors to Summerside. The many relatives and friends of Mr. Pat Gallant, Piusville, are sorry to hear he is confined to his bed, and everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Corcoran, Mrs. Norbert Corcoran and daughter Angela, and Mrs. John J. Corcoran were recent visitors to Summerside. A very enjoyable evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gallant in honour of their son Euclid of the Canadian Army, who is on embarkation leave. A large number of people gathered and thoroughly enjoyed themselves with music, songs and games. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess assisted by some of the ladies of the district. Mr. Gallant was presented with a sum of money from the Women's Institute, and the St. Ann Club, for which he thanked them in a few well chosen words. They all joined in singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" and wished him a pleasant journey and a safe return. —B.B.

Bedeque Notes

Mr. Walter Leard returned from Florida, where he had been home on Thursday, December 18th, for over four weeks. Mrs. Leard, who spent three weeks in Sackville with her son Mr. Alden Leard, at Mt. A. Academy, returned a few days ago. Two men employed on the erection of Mr. Ralph Lord's new dwelling house at Central Bedeque, had the misfortune to fall to the ground when the staging on which they were standing gave way. One man, Mr. Syc Buruma, suffered a badly fractured arm, and the other man, Mr. Wallie Waugh, had ribs broken. They will be laid up for several weeks. Mrs. Carrie Leard, this village, is spending several days with relatives and friends in Moncton, N. B. She plans to return after the Christmas holidays. Mr. Douglas MacFarlane, Fernwood, has been in Saint John, N. B. for several days where he is taking medical treatment. He has been in good health for the past few weeks. While some other sections of the Island have been getting snow from four to twelve inches, this community has had not more than an inch or two. A "White Gift" service was held in the Bedeque United Church on Thursday evening, December 18th, under the auspices of the Sunday school. The superintendent, Mr. J. Harrison MacFarlane, presided. The meeting opened with hymn: "As with gladness men of old". Scripture reading by Harold Leard. Christmas meditation by Marina MacCallum, prayer by Ann Leard and reading by Mrs. Charles Henderson. "Love shared" Miss Louise Callbeck read a letter from Dr. Florence Murray, Korea. Ann Leard was soloist with Mrs. Walter Craig as organist. Numerous white gifts were presented by the Sunday school children, which will be sent to Korea. After the close of this meeting the children gathered in the Church vestry where they received generous treats of candy and fruit. —B.Q.

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND



SPECIAL PROPERTY

Travelling across Canada from the Rockies to Newfoundland we meet much the same birds all the way, although certain species are confined to the Prairies, others to the Atlantic border, because in these regions only can they find essentials for existence. However, a few species live in very restricted areas, seldom, if ever, appearing elsewhere. Alberta proudly possesses Trumpeter Swans. These grand birds, at one time found over a large section of the country, have gradually dwindled in numbers. Yellowstone Park, a sanctuary in the United States, supports about 400 the year around. Otherwise only a few hundred on our Pacific coast and a mere handful, fairly recently discovered summering in northern Alberta's Cypress Hills, are known to be left. Picturesque Whooping Cranes, once nesting across a wide stretch, are counted by the hundreds. No more than 30 migrants remain, probably most of these breeding in Mackenzie, at the west end of Great Slave Lake, and in the fall passing through Saskatchewan to a sanctuary in Texas. On account of the southern tip of Ontario reaching far into the United States, that province is fortunate in having many summer residents unknown to the others. One species actually remains there permanently: the gorgeous Cardinal. Although now fanning out northward, only a few have been found beyond the borders of Ontario, in Manitoba and Quebec. Very strange indeed is the fact that Ipswich Sparrows never nest anywhere but on Sable Island, Nova Scotia. Great interest in this is shown by ornithologists throughout North America. The island being a mere speck, it is thought that eventually it will be washed away. What then becomes of the little birds? Even in winter they are "choosy", migrating along a narrow flyway and settling for some months on the very edge of the continent, stretching as far south as Georgia. These actions cannot, however, be called unique, for Ross' Goose is only known to breed in one tiny area on the Canadian mainland in the far north, opposite King William Island. In migration it passes through Alberta. Considering how many, many Gannets winter in the south, it is remarkable that they were all born either on Bird Rock, Anticosti Island, Bonaventure Island (where there are the most birds), or two very small islands off Newfoundland. Because of their beauty and interesting nesting habits they have drawn the attention of many bird watchers from far and near. Are Pheasants Canadians? —B.Q.

Bedeque and Vicinity

Mrs. Sterling Tucker has recently undergone an operation in the Prince County Hospital and is doing as well as can be expected. Mr. Judson Blackmore of Bedeque is a patient in the Prince County Hospital. Miss Ruth MacFarlane, Montreal R. C. A. F. Training Centre, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacFarlane, Lower Bedeque. Among the students of Central Bedeque who arrived home to spend the Christmas holidays are Mary, Jimmy and Gerald Johnson, St. Dunstan's University; Clara Johnson, David Schurman, Prince of Wales; Marion Schurman, Acadia University; William Wright, Mount Allison University, and Leona Hooper, Hartland, N.B., Bible College. The funeral of Mrs. Edward Hooper was held from her late residence in Central Bedeque on Tuesday afternoon, December 23. The service was conducted by her pastor Rev. Chas. A. Britten, who brought a comforting message to the family. Hymns sung by the Baptist choir were: "Sands of Time Are Sinking", "Nearer My God To Thee", and "Abide With Me". Pallbearers were Messrs. John Stuart, Ralph Callbeck, Howard Schurman, Vernon Craig, Lewis Muttart, and Mr. Plump. Interment was in the family plot in the Lower Bedeque Cemetery beside her husband who predeceased her about forty years ago. There were a number of lovely floral tributes. —H.



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Freeland and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hardy and family, Cape Traverse, spent Sunday, December 14th visiting relatives in Freeland. Mrs. John Millar is convalescing at her home, having spent a few days in the Prince County Hospital. Her many friends wish her a complete recovery very soon. Mr. Allan R. Palmer, King's College, has arrived home for the Christmas holidays which he will spend at his home here. The many friends of Mrs. Marshall Murphy will be pleased to learn that she has arrived home from the hospital and is feeling much better at present. Mr. Arthur Smith (Sr.) entered the Prince County Hospital on Monday, December 15th, and underwent a successful operation on Thursday, December 18th. A host of friends wish him a speedy recovery to his former good health. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Coles, Kensington, were visitors to Freeland on Sunday, December 14, and visited at the home of Mrs. Ruskin Banks. The St. Peter's congregation were very happy indeed to welcome the Rev. W. J. Phillips back on Sunday evening, December 14th, and to hear his very inspiring message which concerned chiefly the boys overseas, with whom Captain Phillips is working for the extension of Christ's kingdom. —B.Y.

Miscouche and Vicinity

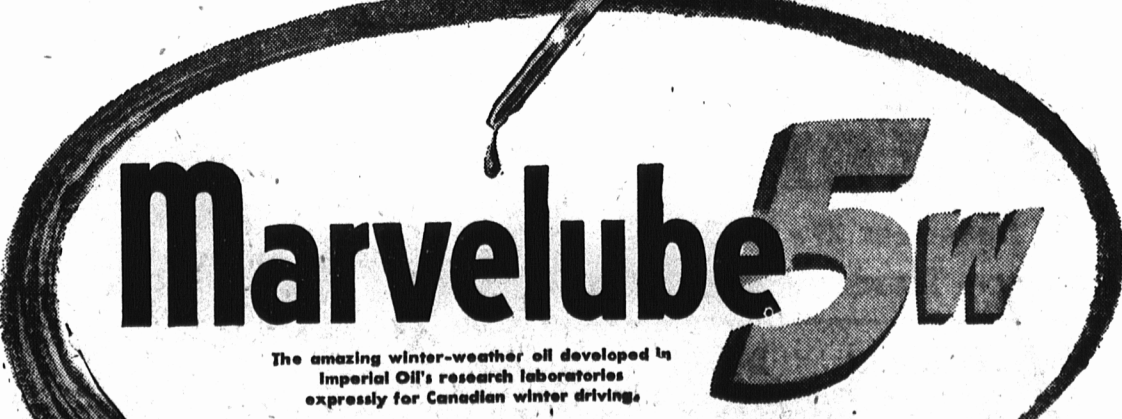
The Honourable Wilfred Arsenault and Mrs. Arsenault of Wellington were visitors to Miscouche on Sunday, December 14. Mr. Harold Perry of Miscouche motored to Charlottetown on Friday, December 12, attending a hockey game. Mr. Cyril Perry recently arrived at his home in Miscouche, having spent the past several months in Ontario. Friends of Mrs. Frank D. Arsenault are sorry to learn that she is confined to her home through illness. Mrs. Arcade Arsenault of Wellington was a visitor in Miscouche on Sunday, December 14. D. H. Gallant of Miscouche motored to Charlottetown on Monday, December 15th, on business. Friends of Mrs. Alban Gaudet of Miscouche are sorry to learn that she is spending some time in the Prince County Hospital, receiving treatment. Eric Gaudet has returned to his home in Miscouche after spending several months in Ontario. Mr. Frank Gaudet of Charlottetown is a visitor in Miscouche guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alban Gaudet. On Sunday evening, December 14, the Miscouche Branch of the Catholic Women's League held their monthly meeting in the Convent classroom with eleven members present. The opening prayer was said, followed by the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report. Correspondence was then read and discussed. The sick committee decided to send "Get well" cards to the sick members and also to furnish money to buy a Christmas treat for the school children. Other obligations were also attended to, such as helping the Orphanage children by sending clothes, knitted goods, etc. Money was also voted for the tuberculosis campaign. The closing prayer was said and the meeting adjourned. —B.V.

O'Leary and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacDougall and son Kenneth were visiting in Charlottetown on Sunday, December 21st, and were the guests of Mrs. Herma Myers who is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams of Charlottetown spent a very enjoyable weekend in Knutsford, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raby Adams. The many friends of Mr. Arthur Lockhart of Coleman are glad to hear he is doing splendidly in the Prince County Hospital after his recent operation. The many friends of Mrs. (Rev.) Forsythe of Springfield West are glad to hear she has returned to her home after spending some time in the Prince County Hospital, following a serious operation. Mr. George Buchanan has returned to his home in Mt. Royal after his serious operation in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside. The many friends of Mr. Frank Stewart, West Point, are glad to hear he returned to his home Sunday, December 21st, after being a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside. Messrs. Earl Phillips and Milford Ellis, West Cape, were visitors to Amherst the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Avar Harris, Mrs. Foster Smallman, Knutsford, Mrs. Dan Smallman and Mrs. Ray Wedlock, were in Summerside Saturday, December 20th on business. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smallman, Forest View, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnstone, Summerside, on December 21st. Friends and relatives of Mr. George Buchanan of Mt. Royal regret to learn of his admittance to the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, for the purpose of undergoing an operation which has been performed and has been successful. Mr. Buchanan was the very obliging mail-courier on Route

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