

Liguorian Players Score Before Capacity Audience

A smooth running, well trained aggregation of young people chosen from the ranks of the Liguorian Players made a splendid impression on more than 500 patrons who witnessed their performance in "Bashful Mr. Bobbs" at the Community Centre last night.

The show which is a three-act comedy deals with a complicated love affair centred at a rural hotel, in Delaware, U.S.A. The scenes run the full range of love, intrigue, robbery with violence and a happy ending with triple marriages in the offing, all spilling over with clean-cut humor and comedy. Carl Proude in the title role has splendid support throughout. Each player in turn takes the spot-

light and shows evidence of strict attention to the part with a full knowledge of how to make their work effective over the foot-lights.

The play will be repeated to night.

The show was directed by Rev. J. L. Madigan, C.S.S.R., assisted by Arthur Murray, staging by Chester Donovan, Joseph Pitre and Basil Miller; make up, Gertrude Balsam and Marjorie Macinnis; prompters Bernice Martin and Kathleen MacDonald.

The players were: Anna MacDonald, Hughie Taylor, Rita MacDonald, Allan Shepherd, Pat McCormack, Yvonne Murray, Carl Proude, Catherine Smith, Maurice Martin, Meredith MacDonald, Lois Hennessey.

Presented Report On Experimental Farm

One of the excellent reports presented at the annual Agricultural Council meeting before Provincial and Dominion officials was that of Mr. R. C. Parent. The report was a review of the highlights of the work at the Experimental Farm Station here in 1953 and featured the work being done on the 427 acres now handled by the Farm. Mr. Parent's report appeared in full in the Guardian of January 6, this year.

land and of the Presbytery's Maintenance and Missionary and Church Properties Committee.

Rev. Mr. Weir was married to the former Miss Mildred Lawrence of Hantsport, N. S. who passed away in January, 1953. A son, A. Stuart Weir, is employed with the Canadian National Railways in Charlottetown.

The other two ministers who will receive degrees at the same time are Rev. J. D. MacLeod of Saint John's, N. B. and Rev. Baxter, J. Warr, Chaplain at Camp Hill Military Hospital, Halifax.

Presentation To

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A few moments.

This dinner party, together with others in the past, is but a happy function arising out of our Dominion-Provincial Conferences.

What most of you know, but for the benefit of those who may not, is that the person directly responsible for these meetings has recently announced his intention to retire at the end of this coming March.

To all intents and purposes therefore this is the last such Conference he will attend in official capacity.

Some six or seven years ago (this is our seventh Conference) Walter Shaw promoted the idea of an annual meeting or get-together to include all workers, in agriculture, both Dominion and Provincial, said meeting to serve as a clearing house for matters pertaining to the industry within the Province.

As outlined, several days would be set aside each year to survey and evaluate accomplishments and to seek new leads for solution of the problems confronting the farmers of the Province.

Our friend is not one who subscribes to the philosophy of hiding one's light under a bushel and here opportunity was to be given to let your light shine even though serving as a target for fellow workers.

There would be opportunity as well for exchange of ideas and to offer and receive constructive criticisms of the agricultural programs and policies in Prince Edward Island. All in all what was contemplated was a Donnybrook where everyone had permission to have his say and lay about him with a right good will.

Joking aside, Walter Shaw, as I have said, organized and promoted these conferences, which, under his skilful guidance have become a useful factor in the professional life of all who attend. The reports — followed by full discussion — have led, not only to a fuller understanding and appreciation of what is being done by other departments and by other workers but has been the means of preventing duplication of effort — has supplied many ideas for the more efficient conduct of our duties — and in a number of cases has indicated the need for investigational work along lines quite neglected.

Not to have been given the opportunity, nor the ability, to exercise such influence for the benefit of his fellow man.

He has given of himself unsparingly in an effort to promote the welfare of the industry within the Province. Unquestionably, there were times when things did not run as smoothly as could be desired — times when there were knocks instead of a helping hand. Now that the tumult of battle is over I trust he may console himself in the knowledge that you cannot be kicked unless you're held ahead of the kicker.

We old-timers who have known him down the years have found pleasure in his friendship and profited by his kindness.

His many sterling qualities have been a delight to us. His broad knowledge of agriculture in general — his detailed knowledge of the industry and its problems within the Province — his talent as a singer of songs and a teller of tales — as a public speaker — as an organizer and administrator — as a dependable source of sound, constructive criticism and advice are abilities for which he is widely known and constantly sought. His able inditement yesterday afternoon — whether of "Agricola" as was inferred by the title, or of professional agriculturists who for fifty years have nominated themselves leaders in the field — makes little difference — gives ample evidence of his deep concern in matters affecting the former.

And over all a religious outlook on life — and I speak seriously — that can only bespeak a sound early training — none the less sound because it was Scotch and Presbyterian.

It has been said — supported I understand by considerable evidence — that if you give a Scot a pension he will live forever.

Be that as it may, we are happy indeed that in retiring you are in possession of good health and

Spring Park Community Club Monthly Meeting

Members of Spring Park Community Club appointed a committee at their monthly meeting last night to look into the matter of raising the Community Hall and placing a cement wall and base under the building. The meeting, which was well attended and presided over by Mr. S. H. Burhoe also appointed a committee to arrange for a full coverage of the district in the forthcoming Red Cross drive. A report of the Home and School Committee was presented by the chairman, Mr. George Cairns and the decision reached to put on a concert on Education Week, in co-operation with School Unit No. 1, of which Spring Park is a part.

A communication from the Trustees of School Unit No. 1 asked the Community Club to discuss the matter of taking care of the increase in school population and submit their recommendations. The decision was reached to hold a special meeting for this purpose during Education Week. A club membership drive was organized to work through the district this week.

An educational film on loan from the National Film Board was shown and the meeting concluded with a lunch served by the ladies.

Town Planning

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Provinces of the Community Planning Association, Mrs. Toward, who is a daughter of the late Dr. E. M. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald and a graduate of both Edinburgh University and the University of London, Eng., spoke with authority on the subject of community planning, and developed many phases of such work which were of deep interest to those present.

She spoke of the "shocking" difference of many in large cities or small areas, to the development of community life. She touched briefly on housing, new industries, tax rates, the cost of power, zoning regulations, all of which have a definite bearing on the life of any community. "Community planning is everybody's business," the speaker said, "and although generally speaking people take very little interest in such matters, they are constantly asking for additional services and are indignant if they are not forthcoming."

Every dollar mis-spent on any project is wasted and is denied other and more worthy objectives — and the matter does not rest entirely with the City Council but is up to you as residents to know what it is all about and do your part in having your wishes carried out," the speaker said.

The speaker, who had been introduced by Mr. Walter Hyndman, president of the P. E. Island Community Planning Association, was thanked for her timely and comprehensive address. Others who spoke briefly on special subjects under review by the Council of the Board were F. W. Curtis, W. Farrell Gaudet, and Keith MacKinnon.

Mr. Hyndman stressed the satisfaction of having incorporated villages placed in a position where their commissioners were able to deal with authority on many subjects of local interest when approaching Government officials who were deeply interested in a planned development of community welfare and expansion.

Members of the Charlottetown City Council accompanying Mayor Stewart as guests were: Edwin Johnstone, G. R. Keefe, J. Arthur Gormley, George J. Rogers, A. W. Gaudet, P. R. McCormac and F. Gordon Hutcheson, Councillor D. Elmer MacDonald was unavoidably absent, being out of the Province.

Village commissioners present from Parkdale were: Edwin Cook, Harold Hennessey and Henry Douglas.

The Department of Industry and Natural Resources was represented by Mr. G. Claude Smith, Director of Town Planning.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. D. Reid, President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade who following his words of welcome made fitting reference to the naming of Lieut. Col. K. S. Rogers, a past president of the local Board and also past president of the Maritime Board of Trade. A period of silence out of respect to his memory followed.

During the afternoon a meeting of the Community Planning organization was held at the office of Director Claude Smith when the members met with Mrs. Toward and took part in a general discussion and laid the foundation for a summer programme. Members taking part in the discussion included Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Mr. Tom Lathan and Miss Lillian Duchemin.

— if press photography bears true witness — growing younger day by day.

It is not difficult to envisage you as Laird of Strathairn, your charming wife — your children — your grandchildren — your neighbours — gathered about you enjoying the warmth of your genial hospitality.

May I, on behalf of those assembled at this Dominion-Provincial Conference, present you with this small token of our esteem. May I also say that you will be welcomed at future such conferences where I think you will be assured, at least, the privilege of freedom of speech.

I believe I can assure you as well that all present will say an amen in closing I add the Biblical quotation "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Fruit Growing Reviewed In Report Before Council

A notice that an attempt should be made by the newly growing apple raising industry to concentrate more on quality, rather than quantity, all attention on quantity, was mentioned by Mr. W. P. MacLeod, District Fruit and Vegetable Inspector, as he presented his report before the annual meeting of the Agricultural Council.

At the same time Mr. MacLeod stated that several growers were now putting up a pack which should command favorable attention anywhere.

The report also mentioned that last year there was a crop of 707,000 quarts of strawberries with approximately half being processed and the remainder either shipped or used on the fresh fruit market. The crop brought growers an income of \$141,470. It was also noted that the strawberry position here was more favorable last year

with the neighboring Provinces suffering from a poor season.

Mr. MacLeod remarked that the Department was hopeful of even greater development in the field of blueberry culture and said that some experimental work is being carried on at Blooming Point and Alliston. Last year 600,000 pounds were harvested with the pickers receiving a varying amount between eight cents per pound at the start of operations and 14 cents at the end of the season.

Rust proved the bane of growers of green beans for canning purposes last year, especially in the Gaspereaux district. However, a large quantity grown for the cannerly at Kentville, N. S. was found to be almost entirely free of rust and 274,000 pounds were shipped there. At present efforts are being made to obtain a more rust resistant variety.

Describes Agriculture

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the border from one territory to another, and as a result tends to make the freight rates exorbitant. All stock in the country, therefore, is moved on foot and regular stock roads are set aside for this purpose only.

Australia has many natural

One of the biggest shipping years in history favored the tablestock potato industry last season with over six million bushels leaving the Island. But it was pointed out that carelessness in digging and handling by the growers had resulted in some "break down" in stock assembled here for early shipment.

Turnip prices were notably low last season and hardly met production costs. Many growers have held meetings in the hope of developing a better system of grading. This is primarily designed to have a more uniform size with which to compete with Wisconsin and Ontario growers for the Southern United States market.

poets which are native to the country and some which have been brought there by the early settlers. In the first category are the kangaroo which competes with the sheep for grazing land, the Emu, a large bird which sometimes reaches a weight of 200 lbs. These, he said travel in bunches and when they come to a fence which they cannot go over, they use their combined weight to push it down. Rabbits and dingos cause great destruction by eroding the soil and a plant known as the prickly pear gave considerable trouble in over-running the soil until an insect from South America was brought in to bring about their destruction. Dairying and the raising of beef cattle are carried on extensively in certain areas but the sheep still remain the main source of income to the Australian farmer.

In New Zealand Mr. Williams found a much different soil condition than in Australia. The land is much more fertile and greater numbers of sheep or cattle can be grazed off a much smaller area. He was impressed with the amount of lamb and mutton which the

populace consumed. In making comparisons, he pointed out that the average yearly consumption of mutton or lamb in Canada was about 2 lbs. per person while in New Zealand it was over 100 lbs. Since New Zealand is mostly a grazing country, the farmer there, as at a decided advantage in not having to buy machinery and erect large buildings for housing his stock and feed.

Of particular interest to his audience was a picture shown by Mr. Williams of a modern dairy in which the milk is pumped directly from the cow to the separator from which the skim milk is piped to the pigs so that to feed these animals, a tap may be turned to allow the milk to run into the trough. Most of the milk in New Zealand is used for butter production.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. S. C. Wright who made reference to the wonderful educational value contained in the talk. Dr. George Fisher, assisted by Mr. Jim Nicholson very capably called off the square dancing which was participated in by many of those present.

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