Bristol

Miss Annette McCarthy of the Camp Hill Hospital staff, Halifax, N.S., spent a few days with her parents here over the weekend.

Congratulations are being extended to Miss Bertha McCarthy, R.N., who graduated from the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing last week.

Miss Irene Ryan had arrived from Halifax to spend a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryan; also the wedding this week of her cousin, Miss Dwan at St. Peter's Bay.

Friends of Mrs. Josie McGuire are happy to see her around again following her very serious illness of several weeks.

The May processions and the crowning of the B.V.M. were held at both Catholic churches here on Sunday evening. The little girls and boys looked lovely in their best. The services at both churches were conducted by Father McKenna, P.P.

The old house on the farm property of Mr. Frank Dunphy, that has been vacant for a couple of years, fell down with the high winds some time ago. Mr. Dunphy has been boarding out for some time. This once fine property has been left to grow wild and the buildings have all fallen down and trees are starting to grow over most of the fields.

Fishermen report the fishing very poor in the lobster line with so much poor weather; and now the cod have arrived to make inroads in the red backs.

Friends of Mr. C. L. Sinnott, bank accountant, will be pleased to learn he is on the road to recovery again after a severe attack of pneumonia that sent him to hospital for two weeks. After a rest at his home here he expects to be back at his desk June 1st.

Mr. Patrick Murphy was a business visitor to the city last week. Mr. Murphy has lost much of his eye sight in recent years and finds getting around the city not so pleasant as it used to be.

The work of widening out the old back farm road from the highway at the post office here to Kane's corner has been started and the fences have been moved back and the curves cut away. We understand the work will get into high gear as soon as the weather and roads get a little drier.

Mr. Fred Sinnott, who spent the winter months in the village, has returned to his old home at Morell Rear, where he will reside alone during the summer months. Fred, who is over 75 now, has retired from farming after a life time of hard work and no play.

Mr. Ernest Blaxland has returned to his duties on one of the dredges at Charlottetown. He has served some years on the dredges now.

Considerable work will be done at the Red Head brestwork again this summer, we understand, and some of the men have already been engaged for the work.

Mr. J. B. Jay has returned from a wonderful trip to Toronto. The biggest event was the wedding of his youngest daughter Mildred, and following this he visited with his other daughters and a son who reside in that big city. Mr. Jay also made a number of business calls while away.

Rev. Mauris C. Coffin, O.M.I., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Coffin here, will be ordained to the holy priesthood in Ottawa on June 5; where he has followed up his studies for some years. The young Father, who will be in the mission field, will celebrate his first High Mass in the Church of the Little Flower here on June 12. Invitations have already been received by his many friends who will, he hopes, attend his first mass and the ordination if possible. Plans have already been made to handle the seating of the large crowd at the mass and arrangements for parking of cars and the reception for the scores of clergy and special friends and guests who will attend the reception for the Father. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Coffin, the young priest's parents, who have waited for this day, will not travel to the capital. But their daughter, Mrs. Somerled Kelly and Mr. Kelly will represent them if present plans are followed.

Mr. Joe MacDonald, one of our lobster fishermen here, had the misfortune to fall in his boat last week while at work, fracturing two ribs. After a visit to the doctor, where the injured side was strapped, he returned to his fishing on Saturday, but will have to go easy for some time.

The school at Sinnott Road was open on Monday, the holiday, in order to close on election day so the school room could be used for a polling booth.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kenny, who was taken to a Halifax hospital for treatment, is improving and an operation will not be necessary.

Women have had the vote since 1950 in Belgium, where persons who fail to vote are subject to a fine.

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By James Pendergast

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

There is a general trend towards new and better schools and play grounds in our Province at the present time. New and higher grade schools are being erected, and tenders have been called for the erection of others. This is a healthy sign of the times.

New bright school buildings and well kept and spacious play grounds must naturally have a good effect on the subconscious, minds of school children. The days of the old schools by the side of the road, with little or no space for play are a thing of the past—and it is not before time.

We should not speak disparagingly of the doings of the pioneers. There is a saying that "if we had other peoples' money we'd do the same as they do," which is tantamount to saying that subjected to the same conditions and environment, we would do as they did.

They had such a hard time clearing the land and making it ploughable that every square foot of it was venerated. The younger generations have widened the lanes. They are more prodigal with the land. They lost no sweat digging out the stumps with hoe, axe and pry. Most of them belong to the "never sweats." Mechanical inventions (labor saving) are the factors which changed times and conditions. It is the march of progress.

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Education and the supply of competent teachers is the big conundrum in Canada and the U. S. at the present moment. It is puzzling the best brains of both countries. It would be presumptious for the common layman to offer suggestions. It is obvious however that the leaders in the provincial and federal governments must get together soon and work out some feasible plan. to ward off default and chaos. Most of our Canadian provinces are in fiscal need. At the time of Confederation, and until recently the immense cast of education was not visualized. It would seem now that it is incumbent on the Federal Government to assume part of the cast.

Teaching is one of the noblest of professions. The influence of the teachings and inculcations of a good teacher will endure for many generations. In the Divine order of things it is imponderable — cannot be weighed. It might affect the course of human events and even the fate of nations one hundred years or more from now.

It appears that as a preliminary move the stipends for teachers must be raised still further in order to be more on a par with the salaries of industrial workers. "Purse pride" and equality complex will be re-established.

Several other factors enter into the melange. Fifty or more years ago the teacher was a "personage" in the community. Certainly teachers of today are not wanting in all the graces, dignity and aplomb, but presumably on account of their lower financial standing, they are merged into the "hoi polloi" and are just one of the bourgoisie — notwithstanding the dictum of the poet Goldsmith; "I'll fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, whose wealth accumulates and men decay." She sails along like a schoolmarm," was a favorite local quip in the rural districts of Missouri state — in reference to any young "blade" who walked with verve and spirit — implying that a "schoolmarm" was the ne plus ultra in general ensemble and department.

Quite often teachers find it hard to get suitable living quarters (boarding houses). A few people in a district can give a teacher a lot of grief and misery, instead of joy and pleasure in their work — thereby being an impediment to the success of the teacher and pupils, and driving teachers out of the profession.

Teaching is a great lesson in administration. The percentage of teachers who have atttained the heights in affairs of church and state is high. The writer heard and saw the late John R. Nicol settle a dispute—an incipient insurrection of a "splinter" of the Conservative party at the Ottawa Convention in 1938. His expressions, composure in an emergency, and general department reminded me of the attitude of the late Chief Justice John A. Mathieson in his palmy days as principal of Kensington School.

After the fracas was settled, I said to him in a jocose way, "I'll bet you were a school teacher" and wasn't much surprised when he answered quickly "I was principal of Beaverton high school for three years."

There are cases where some pupils, through the exuberance of youth, become stubborn and incorrigible, and give a bad example to the class. Corporal punishment, (faddists to the contrary notwithstanding), is the quickest and most effective way to restore law and order "Sparing the rod" and general lack of authority is producing a higher rate of delinquency and teen-age criminals.

Sometimes parents take it as a personal insult if their child is chastised — put on the "paint and feathers" and declare war on the teacher. They would be doing their child a far better service to chastise him on her again for causing trouble to the teacher — unless the teacher should have made a mistake and punished the child unjustly.

A great old time teacher, James Landrigan, told the writer that he tried to run a school just like a foreman of a machine shop, keep everybody working and give them plenty that wasn't on the course of studies. The teacher must be also a reader.

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Teachers would do well to discuss their problems in small groups vis-a-vis (face to face). There will be strength in good counsel — one with another. The writer has in mind a notable instance to wit: Over sixty years ago John A. Mathieson was principal of Kensington school, and Andrew MacPhail was principal of Lady Fanning school in Malpeque (distance six miles). One fine evening in summer they would walk from opposite directions till they met at Tuplin's bridge; approximately half way. They would talk for a couple of hours and return to their respective abodes refreshed in mind and body.

Their conversation and contact must have been profitable because they both became quite famous in Canadian "Who's Who." Mr. Mathieson became Premier and Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island. He had the qualifications to administer almost any government office in the Empire

Andrew Macphail became a great teacher at McGill University — also a great writer. He was knighted by the reigning Sovereign of Great Britain. It was more than a coincidence that those two intellectual giants were attracted to one another. They derived mutual intellectual benefit in their contacts.

"A superintendent, of the '90's, D. J. McLeod, had a printed" teachers' alphabet, Under T, was the sentence "Teachers are born, not made." There is a deal of truth in the saying. Many married women—former teachers, with experience and mature judgement are doing a good job in our schools. If the trouble about getting boarding places persists it may be necessary to build teachers' cottages adjacent to the schools — as is done by B. C. and other Western provinces

This writer is inclined to agree with "small d" (Let's Talk It Over) that the latest frills and frescoes in education should be reduced to at least a happy medium, the three R's being fundamental and of paramount importance.

York

Mrs. Laura Bustin, Charlottetown, spent the week-end at the home of her nephew, Mr. Arthur Vesey, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Muttart, Marshfield, paid a short visit to York on May 22.

Mr. Edison Hardy, Halfax, was a week-end guest at his home in York.

Mrs. Malcolm Allen, and Miss Aletha Brown, York, spend the week-end holiday in Georgetown.

Miss Elaine Cooke, York, has accepted a position in Charlottetown.

Miss Christine Proud, teacher of Wilmot Valley School, spent the week-end holiday at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cooper, York, spent Sunday at Southport, the guests of Mrs. Will Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes were recent visitors to York.

Mr. Leonard Andrew, New Glasgow, N. S., was a recent visitor to his home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooke, City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, York, May 22.

Mr. Harry Watts of Toronto, is visiting at his home in Tracadie.

Miss Rose Watts, Saint John, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts over the week-end holiday.

The people of York are busy at their potatoes this week, and quite a few have a lot in.

Rev. Mrs. Sproule and two sons, spent Sunday afternoon in Iona, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dalling.

Mrs. Peter Proud and son, George, s, ent Friday in the City.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Court and son of Darlington, spent Sunday in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Watts, York, were recent visitors to Whim Cross Roads, the guests of Mrs. Watts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell.

Mrs. Leith Brown, Mrs. Harry Lewis, Mrs. Malcome Allen and Miss Aletha Brown were recent visitors to Georgetown.

Mrs. Fred Coles, York School Teacher, spent the week-end at her home.

Miss Jean MacLeod, York, school teacher, spent the week-end holiday at her home.

Mr. Allen Brown and Mr. Frankie Lewis were recent visitors to Georgetown.

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Provinces To Pay More For Services Of RCMP

OTTAWA (CP)—The cost of a Mountie is going up.

RCMP Commissioner L. H. Nicholson said Wednesday provincial governments and municipalities that employ the mounted police will be asked to pay higher rates per man under new contracts.

The force acts as provincial police in all provinces but Ontario and Quebec. It also has about 125 separate contracts with municipalities to carry out local policing duties.

The first province to be affected by the rising cost of mounted police protection is British Columbia. Assistant Commissioner C. E. Rivett-Carnac, head of the RCMP in B.C. at Vancouver, advised municipal officials by letter of the increase.

Contracts will be renewed June 1 with the 23 municipalities of more than 5,000 population and 22 smaller communities in B.C. that depend on the RCMP for policing.

PAY $2,379 PER MAN

Under the new contracts the areas will pay $2,379 a man compared with $2,000 under the present contract.

Provinces and municipalities that buy the RCMP service pay 40 per cent of the cost for each man and the federal government 60 per cent and Commissioner Nicholson emphasized that this payment ratio will not be changed.

He said the increased rate will apply only as new contracts are signed. It had become necessary to offset higher operating costs.

Advise Growing Of Potatoes

TORONTO, (CP) — If you're looking for something easy to grow and even easier to sell, try seed potatoes, the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association advised Tuesday.

Annual supplies of seed potatoes in the province are never sufficient to meet demands, the association's potato committee said in a statement distributed by the Ontario department of agriculture.

Growevers in isolated areas, particularly in northern sections of the province, have special advantages in the production of disease-free, high-quality seed-potatoes, the committee said. Tests have shown that northern seed and slightly immature seed are particulars likely to produce vigorous plants.

Free inspection of potato crops and advice on growing potatoes is being supplied this year by both the federal and provincial departments of agriculture.

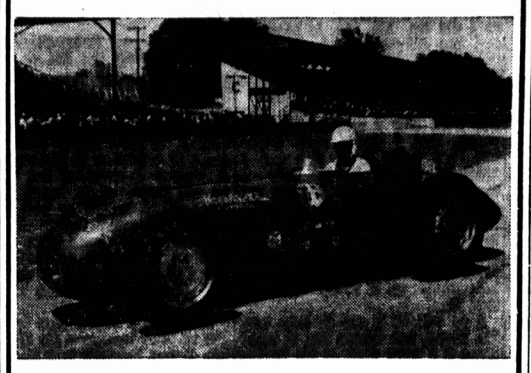
KENSINGTON-INDIAN RIVER C. W. L.

—At the annual meeting of Kensington-Indian River sub-division C. W. L., held in Kensington, Sunday, May 8th, the following slate of officers were elected: President, Mrs. Leslie G. Ramsay; first vice-pres., Mrs. Percy McCarville; second vice-pres., Mrs. (Dr.) Zelinskie; third vice-pres., Mrs. Archie Mann; secretary, Mrs. Hubert Gillis;; treasurer, Mrs. E. Brennan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bernard MacLellan.

Father Callaghan opened the meeting with the League Prayer. The retiring President, Mrs. Leo McCarville was in the chair. Reports were heard from visiting sick committee, also entertainment committee. Mrs. E. Brennan, Treasurer gave the financial report for the past year.

Mrs. Percy Driscoll proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President for her untiring efforts during her term of office. The new president, Mrs. Ramsay presented the vote of thanks to Mrs. McCarville, who thanked all those who in any way had helped her, especially the Secretary, Mrs. Driscoll.

Councillors were appointed as follows: Kensington, Mrs. Austin Pendergast; Spring Valley, Mrs. Robt. Glover; Indian River, Mrs. Austin MacLellan; Clermont, Miss Jean Curley. Meeting closed with prayer.



Can Vukovich Make It 3 In a Row At Indianapolis Speedway?

Bill Vukovich, "Czar of Zoom" and winner of both the 1953 and 1954 speed classic at the Indianapolis Speedway, roared around the four laps in his Hopkins Special at an average speed of 141.071 to qualify for Monday's great race and shove the former four-lap record into discard.

Vuky, the 36-year-old Slovenian from Fresno, California, emerged as champion of last year's racing, driving the 500 miles at an average of 130.84. In the 1953 race he won at 128.740. If he wins again this year, he will only be the fourth driver ever to accomplish this, the others being Louis Meyer, Mauri Rose and the late Wilbur Shaw.

As the trials continue it becomes clear that no driver running less than 139 will qualify and there's every indication this year's race will be the fastest in history. Fifty-one cars have entered in this year's qualifying rounds. Of the 33 who finally qualify as starters in the race, it is seldom that more than 10 finish because men and machines can't stand up under the strain. Tires, on the other hand, have been developed by Firestone to the point where today practically all entries could finish on their original rubber, changes being precautionary. Firestone engineers are proud of the fact that there hasn't been a tire accident in the past ten years. Incidentally, the drivers all buy their tires—Firestones being the favorites. For 31 consecutive years, Firestone Tires have been on every one of the winning cars.

it takes to impair the ability of a motorist.

A total of 68 volunteers, mainly from the Montreal area, will take part in the tests at the RCMP's Rockcliffe establishment.

The first series started Wednesday will last three days. More tests will be held later.

The tests will establish among other things the maximum permissible alcohol level and more efficient clinical and chemical methods to determine the amount of alcohol involved.

They will include actual driving tests after the subjects have consumed alcohol, clinical examinations and psycho-physical tests.

High Holiday Death Rate

(By the Canadian Press)

Seventy-four persons died accidentally during the Victoria Day weekend.

A Canadian Press tabulation shows that drownings claimed 31 lives and traffic 30 for the period between 6 p.m. local time Friday and midnight Monday. Thre persons died in fires, one child died of a beating and nine other persons lost their lives in miscellaneous accidents.

Ontario led the list of fatalities with 31, while Quebec had 16. Six persons died in accidental deaths in British Columbia and five in Manitoba.

Newfoundland had three deaths and New Brunswick, Alberta and Saskatchewan each had two.

R. C. M. P. To Test Effect Of Alcohol On Driving Skill

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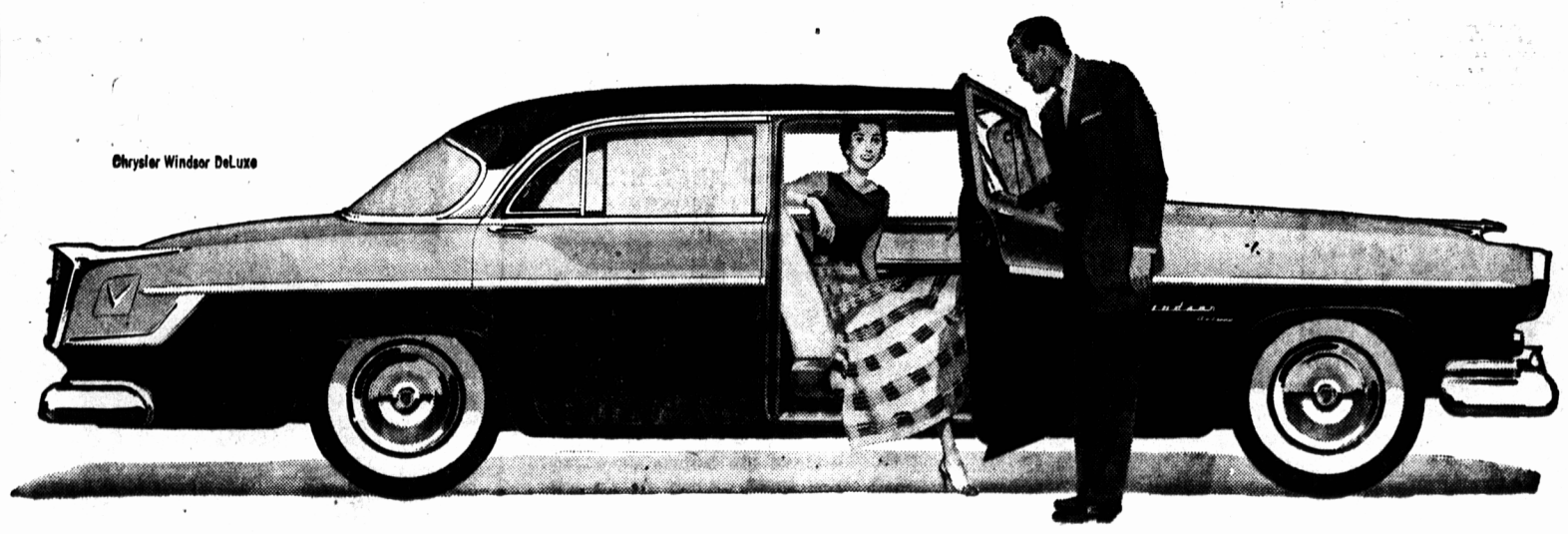

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