

TOP PRELIMINARY QUIZ



Winners of the final playoffs of students of Freetown School are seated, left to right, Helen Rowe, Schurman's School Parade Inter- seen with their trophy after edging scholastic quiz competitions for the Sea View School by a score of the 1 to 5 classroom division of 18-15. Members of the team are...



Sea View School students, run with their trophy after the program Walters Stewart, Vivian Duggan; ners-up in the Schurman's School last weekend. From left to right, Parade quiz competitions, are seen they are, seated, Helen Murphy, Standing, Jean Brander. (Photo by Wotton)

KENSINGTON UNITED W. M. S.

On December 7, the regular meeting of the Kensington United Church Auxiliary of the W. M. S. met in the Y. P. Room. The worship period following the theme, "What Child is This?" was led by the president, Mrs. Alexander Mackay, assisted by Mrs. L. M. Murray and Mrs. Keir Clark. The president also led in prayer for the adopted prayer missionaries. Mrs. W. H. Simpson brought a timely message on the importance of making new church members welcome. Twenty-one members were present. It was decided that the committees for each month be the same as last year. Mrs. Mackay spoke of the prayer missionaries and read of some of the work done by Miss Brown in Lethbridge, Alta. A letter was read from Helen Mose in Japan and Mrs. Simpson was appointed to write to each of these missionaries at Christmas. Mrs. Walden Davidson read a letter from Mrs. Thompson announcing that Presidential week will be held Jan. 24, 25 in Trinity Church, Charlottetown. A thank-you letter was received. Mrs. Taylor reported that a box of toys, books, dolls, etc. had been sent to Fort Simpson. Mrs. MacKay reported that 78 books including the Church papers had been read during the month. Sabbath home calls, 22 hospital calls, 35 treats and four letters had been sent, as reported by Mrs. Duggan. The Christmas exercise, "Are we leaving Christ out of Christmas?" was conducted by Mrs. Mackay assisted by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. D. MacKenzie and included the Legend of the Christmas Tree. The custom of using candles at Christmas and the Giving of Gifts. Mrs. J. Kennedy sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" as part of this exercise.

ALBANY RURAL SCHOOL NOVEMBER REPORT

- Grade X: 1. Arthur Large, 2. Frances Sherry. Grade IX: 1. Pearl Stewart, 2. Barbara Worth, 3. Harry Large. Grade VIII: 1. Winston Cameron, 2. Helena Sherry, 3. Leonard McMurder. Grade VI: 1. Dianne MacDonald, 2. Judy Keough, 3. Donnie Palmer. Grade IV, Sr.: 1. Marlene Noonan, 2. Lowell Large. Grade IV Jr.: 1. Raymond Sherry, 2. Billy Nonnan, 3. Arlene Palmer. Grade III: 1. James Rogers, 2. Alton Stewart, 3. Wayne Keough. Grade II: 1. Donnie Crossman, 2. Hazel MacKay, Lawson Downey, 3. Grant Keough. Grade I: No tests.

ASSEMBLY SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—A General Assembly session scheduled for Thursday to try again to choose between Yugoslavia and the Philippines to fill a vacant seat on the Security Council was postponed until today.

Atlantic Provinces Ec. Council Lays Groundwork

By IRVING C. WHYNOT HALIFAX (CP)—In its first full year of work, the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council has laid the groundwork for what it hopes will be an active and successful role in improving the economy of the four eastern provinces. Most of the year was spent in fact-finding, lining up programs for the future, and deciding in what fields it should devote its first efforts. The over-all aim is simple: Improve the living conditions in the four provinces, mainly through cooperation in the provinces. COMMITTEE WORK As a start committees were named to work on agriculture, power, trade and tourist improvement. A round-table seminar at the University of New Brunswick examined ideas with the aim of pointing the way. Bailed down by O. Nelson Mann, executive manager with headquarters at Moncton, N. B., the problem is this: "We have to find new ways of doing things." In 1953, the average per capita income in the maritimes was \$734. The Canadian average was \$1,224. The differential between the national average and our own is too great and steadily widening, says Mr. Mann. "If we are to do something about this and to help ourselves, then we must improve our ability to produce our goods and services and make ourselves more efficient. "I do not intend to infer in any way that we lack the ability, the initiative, or the will to do a better job. We have all the attributes of a people capable of doing almost anything possible."

Sunday Express Wants Real Job For Princess

LONDON (AP)—Lord Beaverbrook's Sunday Express suggests the government find a real job for Princess Margaret. "Now that the crisis of her sad romance is over," says the paper, "the millions who desire her happiness are asking—'What's next?'" "She has just taken a personal knock of the kind which happens to most young people at some time in their lives. But, she is being denied the greatest consolation of ordinary people who are worried or unhappy. How do they get through the hard part? They work." The paper says a sound job should be found for the 25-year-old Princess and has two suggestions make her the working leader of Britain's fashion industry, or appoint her governor of one of the colonies. "Let her advise, promote, travel, interview, see fashion the world over, and really work at the thing." ABSORBING INTEREST As to becoming a governor of a colony, the pro-Empire paper says: "Earlier this year, she toured the West Indies. The visit was a complete success. "Her charm and informality out-

2 Missing Aircraft Found But Little Hope For Third

EDMONTON (CP)—Two northern air searches have had happy endings but a third plane still is missing and little hope is held for the survival of its two occupants. Pilot Gordon Pettit of Westlock, Alta., was found safe and apparently uninjured Wednesday beside his single-engine Fairchild aircraft down in deep snow in the McMurray area of northern Alberta, 300 miles north of Edmonton. He had been unreported since Sunday when he failed to complete a 95-mile fish-hauling flight from Embarras Portage, Alta., to McMurray. Two men aboard a Beaver aircraft returned safely Tuesday to Yellowknife, N. W. T., after six planes had searched the Northwest Territories near Conynovak lake, 250 miles northeast of Yellowknife. The Beaver carried pilot William Cooper of Terrace, B. C., and radio technician Fred Cronk. Officials of Pacific Western Airways, owners of the craft, said icing conditions had forced it down Monday. The crew took off again at daylight Tuesday to return to Yellowknife. Pettit was sighted from the air by Sgt. J. Dr. Frank Steele, officer commanding 105 Communications and Rescue Flight at the RCAF's Namao station near Edmonton. The downed pilot signalled that he was all right but needed gasoline to get his plane off the ground. A ski-equipped RCAF Otter flew gasoline to the Fairchild and accompanied the stranded plane on its flight to safety.

Curbing Ring Rot In Alberta Tuber Fields

EDMONTON (CP)—Agriculture officials here are predicting a major drop in the incidence of bacterial ring rot in the province's potato crop next year. William Lobay, supervisor of pest control in Alberta, said there was a slight increase in ring rot this year over the 1954 season but the situation was better than 1953 when the rot posed a major problem. Mr. Lobay said the disease increased because the 1954 crop was late and wet weather hampered proper inspections. Under the program to control ring rot all growers in the potato-producing areas of Alberta must plant approved seed known to be free of the contagious disease.

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

OVER THE REINS Those who have had experience in driving horses will recall that complications usually develop when the animal got his tail over the reins. Some horses did it accidentally and were usually willing to cooperate in rectifying the situation. Others did it by design and then proceeded to resist in a very difficult manner almost as if they were being badly used in any event, the horse with his tail over the reins was difficult to handle and was practically impossible to guide in any desired direction. Present day Canadian agriculture has some resemblance in its behavior to the above mentioned horse. Here and there along the road it gets into situations of its own creating and instead of gracefully cooperating in the obvious remedy proceeds to jump about and head in a number of different directions—all at the same time.

We have surpluses; we persist in producing more, our capital investment is getting out of line; we go on adding to it, livestock we have no longer require expensive housing, we know that organization and united action will over the long haul improve the situation but we persist in being rugged individualists when we can't afford the cost. We haven't gotten to the point of deciding what the moral of the story is—perhaps our readers already know.

TURNTIPS, WHY? The report of the Dominion Marketing Services for December 5 notes that turnd exports to date have been smaller than last year down from 1.1 million bushel to 872 thousand but prices on Prince Edward Island are 28 cents per bushel or 7 cents less than last year. In Ontario, however, prices are higher than last year ranging from 50-65 cents a bushel compared with 40-50 cents in 1954. Now this seems to be a rather puzzling condition. Ontario and Prince Edward Island are the two important turnd producers and both market the bulk of the crop in the United States. Why the difference? Does Ontario put up a better product or do they do a better job of marketing it? Farmers have been assured that the people who handle our produce are competent and skilled; are closely in touch with market conditions; have the welfare of the farmer at heart and are trying to do the best job possible. We repeat that it is all very puzzling and would appreciate having someone who knows the answers making them public. We wonder, too, whether the decline in volume indicates a permanent trend and whether the island turnd industry is going down the drain as a result of the need for changes and improvement in the handling of the crop.

WINTER DISASTER With each succeeding year the island farm population becomes more dependent upon wheels and

gasoline, upon snow plows and upon getting to trading centers for many of the necessities of life. In the past and within the memory of many of us we have had winters in this Province with a continuation of storms which produced snowfalls so heavy that the possibility of getting wheel traffic moving under similar circumstances would be quite remote.

A percentage of rural people are depending on oil for heating and have no horses for transportation. The really old-fashioned winter could produce very serious inconveniences if not hardships upon a people almost completely dependent on automobiles and trucks.

We do not know whether it is possible to plan in advance for such an emergency but if and when it does occur our highway authorities will have a problem on their hands.

TWO CHAMPIONS Eastern Kings County had good reason to be proud of two of its farmers who were honored at the Rotary luncheon Monday. In many cases the farmer's success is judged by the size of his operation and the volume of production but two champions are usually decided on the basis of excellence. This is how it should be and Messrs. McAuley and MacDonald prove their right to be classed as perfectionists. It has not always been the custom to recognize publicly the outstanding achievements of individual farmers. Possibly society must progress to a certain point before such functions take place. In any event Monday's testimonial dinner was a happy precedent and one which should be continued when and if similar worthy occasions present themselves.

While it is perhaps a trifle premature to judge what the final action, on the part of the Dominion Government, may be with respect to potato tariffs, there is, nevertheless, some grounds for an uneasy feeling that there will not likely be much in the way of relief forthcoming.

The Canadian potato industry is convinced, and we believe rightly so, that the imposition of a modest tariff against American importations would benefit the growers particularly in the Maritimes and British Columbia. It would, however, be far from the truth to suggest that this tariff question is the most important problem for the industry. In this Province there are far more important problems to deal with, matters which can and should be solved provincially. We refer to marketing and protection of our reputation for a disease free product. It takes a variety of services to make up the industry. Each has an important part to play and it is not enough for the different sections to be

CRAPAUD UNITED CHURCH W. M. S.

The December meeting of the Crapaud auxiliary of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. John Nicholson on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7th, with eleven members and two visitors present. The Christmas worship program, "What Child is This," as outlined in "The Monthly" was under the leadership of Mrs. John Leard, with all members present assisting as readers of the several scripture passages, and joining in the singing of a number of Christmas carols.

The business period was conducted by the president, Mrs. Ralph Myers. Nice sums were realized from the opening of the Birthday box, the sale of Christmas cards to the members, and a generous offering, which the treasurer reported would enable the allocation to be reached.

Mrs. Warren Ferguson invited the members for their next meeting when the leader will be Mrs. Joseph Trowsdale and the lunch committee: Mrs. John Leard, Mrs. John Nicholson and Mrs. George Nicholson.

The following slate of officers was elected for coming year: Pres. Mrs. John Leard; Vice-Pres. Mrs. George Nicholson; Sec'y Mrs. Joseph Trowsdale; Sec'y Tres. Mrs. John Nicholson (re-elected); Christian Stewardship Sec'y, Mrs. Murgidge; Christian Citizenship Sec'y, Mrs. Frank McDonald; Community Friendship Sec'y, Mrs. Hubert Harvey; Missionary Month-by-Month Sec'y, Mrs. John Leard; Literature Sec'y Mrs. Wm. Waddell; Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Robert Dawson; Press Sec'y, Mrs. John Simmons; Mission Band Leaders, Mrs. John Nicholson, and Mrs. Hubert Harvey.

Meeting closed with Friendship circle and Mizpah benediction. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Clayton Fraser and a social hour enjoyed.

ELLERSLIE BIDEFORD

Mrs. Elsie Hayes, Charlottetown, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Pearl McGowan, Ellerslie.

Mr. Allison England, motored to Cape Breton last week on business.

Mr. Albert Barlow, formerly of Ellerslie, and now residing at Coleman, will take over as fore-

man on the C. N. R. section at Ellerslie, to replace Mr. James Somers who has been transferred to Summerside. Mr. Barlow will resume duties here on Monday, Dec. 12th.

Congratulations are being extended to Mrs. John Coughlin on being the winner of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) in the "Famous People Contest" which appeared in a publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ramsay, Port Hill, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ramsay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Millar.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Coughlin spent Sunday visiting with Mrs. Coughlin's mother, Mrs. Russell Cotton, Springhill, who has just returned from an extended visit to the U. S. A.

Miss Olga Hutchinson who is employed at Summerside spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hutchinson, Ellerslie.

The congregation of the Bideford United Church, was very glad to have Rev. W. B. MacPhail inter-im-moderator host service in the church on Sunday morning Dec. 11th, with Mr. W. E. Brooks as speaker.

Mrs. Keith MacDougall, Bideford, was a dinner guest of Mrs. John Coughlin and Mrs. Ernest Paynter on Monday, D.H.

CAUTION OR CRITICISM

The President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in a recent address appears to suggest that Canadian farm policy may be responsible for the development of a surplus production. From the statement as it appears we are unable to judge whether Mr. Stewart was dealing in caution or criticism. There is little to indicate that the supports supplied in Canada are encouraging production, nor does there appear to be any likelihood of the Canadian Government applying price support at incentive levels. The reference to the wheat surplus would apply only with justice to the United States.

Canada is not subsidizing wheat. The concluding statement of "we can surely do something more than rely on acts of God to solve difficulties and reduce surpluses" suggests that Mr. Stewart feels there must be some man-made answer. If there is, it should not be kept secret for it is being eagerly sought.

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Allies May Take Firm Stand On Berlin Issue

By J.M. ROBERTS Associated Press Staff Writer It hardly seems reasonable that the Allies should let such a situation develop again without the sternest warnings that they will not let it down this time any more than they did then. A good many observers believed in 1948 that the Allies could have avoided the long blockade and the accompanying expensive airlift by a firm stand at the very beginning. That situation developed until there was a great fear among Europeans that it might produce a war.

Russian fighter planes patrolled the edges of the narrow corridor through which British and American planes carried the necessities of life, especially coal, to West Berlin. The Russians finally had to give up.

Recently the Russians have "recognized" the satellite Communist government of East Germany and demanded that the West Germans negotiate with it on the subject of the blockade. The idea, of course, is to work the Germans into a position where reunification will depend on establishment of an all-German government through coalition, the normal Communist weapon of domination. The Allies and the West Germans refused.

Now by threatening to cut off West Berlin's coal supply once more through refusal to issue barge transit permits, the Reds

are trying to get recognition through negotiation in another field. This is being accompanied by another tactic, a Red claim that four-power occupation of Berlin no longer exists, an effort to squeeze the Allies out of the negotiating picture.

In some ways a new Berlin blockade would be more difficult than the one in 1948. At that time the principal Allied problem was to keep West Berlin supplied. The airlift was primarily a one-way job.

Today there is the problem of maintaining contact between West Berlin's resurgent industry and its West German customers. Cessation of this business would create an employment problem in the city.

LOCKE ROAD Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters, and Mrs. Bennett Peters of Bloomfield were visitors on Friday evening December 9th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View.

Matt Griffin of the Locke Road, was in O'Leary on Friday, Dec. 9th.

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PIUSVILLE

Friends and relatives of John F. Gallant were sorry to learn he had to enter the Charlottetown Hospital for further treatment. All wish to see him soon.

Friends of Mr. John Hardy pleased to see him home after an operation in the Charlottetown Hospital.

The pupils of Piusville School progressing favourably under the skillful management of their teachers, Mrs. Bertha Gallant and Laurette Gallant.

CANADIAN TOUR

LONDON (CP)—The Daily Express says an announcement is expected from Clarence House shortly that Princess Margaret will make her tour of Canada next year.

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters and Mrs. Bennett Peters of Bloomfield.

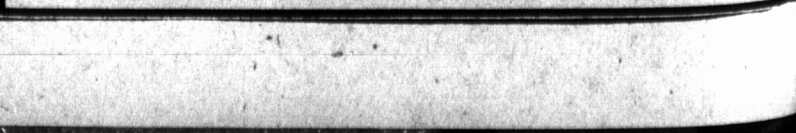
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