

IN SOLEMN PROCESSION

The horse-drawn caisson bearing the body of John Fitzgerald Kennedy turns into the way to Arlington National Cemetery. Crowds in foreground stand near the Lincoln Memorial. (AP Wirephoto)

Venture Into Handicrafts Pays Off For N.B. Indians

REXTON, N.B. (CP)—A successful business venture has brought a new way of life to the Micmac Indian Reserve at Pig Cove near this Kent County community.

Little more than a year ago Anthony Francis, then chief of Big Cove, sought aid from Dr. I. H. Crowell, director of the handicraft branch of the New Brunswick department of industry and development. He said his people had talent but did not know how to capitalize on it.

Provincial and federal authorities became interested. A fund was established and on Oct. 1, 1962, Dr. Crowell began a program of instruction at the reserve.

The Micmacs soon flocked to classes opened by his staff in a former school house. A wing larger than the original small building was added but there's

still not enough room for the further applicants awaiting instruction in silk screen printing, weaving and jewelry making.

Moncton writer Vera L. Doye reports the first project was a silk screen printing of handi-notes packaged in containers woven on the reserve. Dr. Crowell took them to a national gift show in Toronto and brought home orders for 40,000. Amazed at their success, the Indians formed a co-operative and now have orders for more than 200,000 handi-notes, all in three colors, and bearing original Micmac designs by Michael, cousin of Anthony.

INDUSTRY REVOLUTION

Cash earned by the 850 members of the Big Cove band a year ago was negligible. Now their co-op earnings run close to \$1,000 a week—an industrial revolution for the Indians.

Geometric patterns used by Micmac craftsmen long ago are re-appearing in designs on handwoven place-mats and shoes. The best weaving at Big Cove is done by men. Michael Francis learned Micmac legends from his grandfather and makes designs from them with the ladies first prize going at the provincial handicraft festival.

Robert Carr of Stanley is a patient in Prince County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle McKay of Sea View entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bryanton of Spring Valley. Keith Douglas, Stanley Bridge, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

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Miss Ethel Henry of Sea View is a patient in Prince County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Taylor of Malpeque have as their guests Mrs. T. Wigmore of Kensington and Mrs. Ernest Pickering of Clinton.

William McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keir McKay of Sea View, is making a good recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. McKay is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

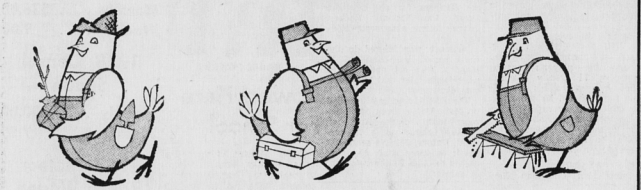
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockhart, Summerside, were recent visitors to Malpeque.

Mrs. Duncan McGoggan of Summerside and formerly of Malpeque is a patient in Prince County Hospital.

Frank Bernard, Baltic, who has been a patient for the past several weeks at Prince County Hospital, has sufficiently recovered and is now convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bryanton of Spring Valley.

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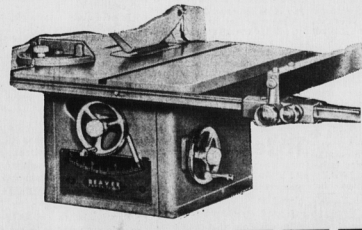
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