CHURCHES

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albane. Minister: Merle W. Zimmerman.

VERNON — POWNAL Pastoral Charge, The United Church of Canada. Pownal at 9.30 a.m. with Sunday School after church; Cherry Valley: communion at 11 a.m.; Millview Rally Day at 11 a.m.; Vernon River Rally Day at 7.30 p.m.; Orwell worship at 8 p.m. Rev. T.R. Goudge, minister.

FREE CHURCH OF Scotland. Worship D.V. — Charlottetown. 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m., Stanchel. 2.30 p.m. Rev. W. R. Underhay, minister.

PRINCE

NEW LONDON Parish. 11 a.m. mattins. St. Stephens; 2.30 p.m. evensong, St. Thomas; 7.30 p.m. evensong, St. Marks. Ron Parsons, rector.

ANGLICAN PORT Hill. 9 a.m Ellerslie, holy communion; 11 a.m. Enverness, holy communion. Both services conducted by Rev. R.F. Parsons. 2.30 p.m. Lot 11. 7.30 p.m. Port Hill Both services conducted by Rev Delmont Yeo. Canon M. Ferguson, priest-in-charge.

NORTH BEDEQUE Pastoral Charge, United Church. Travellers' Rest 9.30 a.m.; North Bedeque 11 a.m.; Freetown 8 p.m. Evening thankoffering service. J.T. Waldron, minister.

BEDEQUE PASTORAL Charge, United Church. Minister: Rev. R.M. Cameron. Albany: worship 9.30 a.m.; church school 10.30 a.m. Bedeque: Church School 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Borden: Church School 10 and 11 a.m.; worship 7.30 p.m. Rev. D.L.P. Archibald will conduct all services.

FREE CHURCH of Scotland. Cape Traverse 11 a.m.; Argyle Shore 3 p.m.; Summerside 7 p.m. Rev. Kenneth W.R. Cameron, minister.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST Church, Central Bedeque: morning worship 10.45 a.m.; Sunday School 12 noon; evening service 7.30 p.m. Rev. Bernard Toner, pastor.

BEDEQUE UNITED Church. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 p.m. Rev. H. L. Estabrooks, associate pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Canada. St. John's, Belfast: services of worship 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the morning service. Sunday School 2.30 p.m. Preparatory service, Friday at 8 p.m. Rev. Donald Nicholson, minister.

ALBERTON: Divine Worship 3.00 p.m. (service will be conducted by the Rev. J. Donald MacKay). Sunday School 2:30 p.m.; West Point: Divine Worship 7.30 p.m. (The services will be a Laymen's service conducted by members of the Summerside Presbyterian men.) Sunday school 6.30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH. Kensington. Church School 9.50. Morning Worship 11.00 Sacrament of Baptism. Evening 7.30. Rev. E. B. Wheelock, Bible Society secretary, guest preacher. Sound film. Summerside service 9.30 a.m. Rev. Lewis M. Murray, B.A. BD. minister.

ALBERTON Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada. Rev. David MacDonald, BA; minister Alberton and Cascumpec Sunday Schools at 10 a.m; anniversary services in Alberton at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. with Rev. B. Hardie, MA; BD; PH. D. of Pine Hill Divinity Hall as guest preacher and Miss Maida Rogerson of Charlottetown as guest soloist. No public worship in Cascumpec or Tignish.

TRYON PASTORAL Charge, The United Church of Canada. Rev. W.A. MacQuarrie, DD, minister-in - charge. Thanksgiving services at Crapaud at 9.45 and Tryon at 11.00 Sunday-school at Cape Traverse at 9.30, Tryon at 10.00 and Crapaud at 11.00.

NORTH TRYON and Breadalbane Presbyterian Churches. North Tryon: service at 11 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class at 12.15. Breadalbane: Bible Class at 7.30 p.m. Service at 8 p.m. Rev. G. Killen, minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church in Canada. Rev. E.H. Bean, BA, BTh, BD minister. Keir Memorial, Malpeque, Sunday School 10.00 a.m. divine service, Fall Communion Service and reception of new members 11.00 a.m. Freetown, Sunday School 2.00 p.m. divine service 3.00 p.m. Kensington, Sunday School 10.00 a.m. divine service and Ordination of Elders Elect 8.00 p.m.

O'LEARY UNITED Church pastoral charge. Rev. D.H. Hamilton, BA, BD, minister. West Devon 9.30 a.m. Bloomfield 11.00 a.m. Brae 2.30 p.m. O'Leary 7.30 p.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper at all churches.

MARGATE PASTORAL Charge. Long River 10.00 a.m. Margate 11.30 a.m. New London 7.30 p.m. Mr. Garth Caseley, student minister.

ANGLICAN CHURCH Crapaud and Springfield. St. John's, holy communion 8.30 a.m. confirmation class 2.30 p.m. Evensong, harvest festival 8.00 p.m. St. Elizabeth's, choral eucharist 11.00 a.m. Rev. Canon T.E. Loder, rector.

SPRINGFIELD, O'LEARY and Alma United Baptist Churches. Springfield 10.30 a.m. Alma 3.00 p.m. Both services in charge of Men's Association. Community service in Bethel United Church at 7.30 p.m. Rev. Dewis Rector, speaker.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Ghost Stories Cover Island

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

THIS COLUMN on stories of ghosts, and other things that are mostly unexplainable, is my reply to the many people who have been asking for it. Locale of the stories range pretty well across the province.

A lady who lives near Souris saw a row of car headlights in her yard one night but there was nothing there when she went to the door. She saw road lights a few nights later, though, when friends gathered to sympathize with her on the sudden death of her husband.

John A. MacDonald, Glasgow Road tells me a man from the Breadalbane area was awakened one night when something was smashing at his door. Grabbing a stick he struck at a black object with a chain on it but only hurt his hand. He kicked at it but hurt his foot. The man said it was "the devil" but neighbours said it was a black ram that had got loose with the tether chain still attached.

JOHN COLWILL, Colville Road was driving in a sleigh in a nearby district with his brother when they were youngsters. He saw his brother "picking at something near the peak of his cap," then saw it was a tiny light, "about the size of a pea" that remained there despite efforts to brush it away. A man in the area died violently soon afterwards.

Two nearby millers were quietly watching on old up-and-down rip saw as it sawed a log into boards in the long ago. They were startled by a loud noise in a pile of pine logs. Next day boards from that pile made a coffin for a neighbour who died unexpectedly.

William MacDonald, West Point never did find an explanation the time he used to find his horses' manes braided each morning in their stalls and their bodies soaking wet. But this belongs in a haunted house story I'll tell you about later

Stories From Rose Valley Area

MY COUSIN and longtime friend, William Matheson, saw a light hovering over one of the Rose Valley hills and said immediately "John Boulter is dead," a statement that was proven correct shortly afterwards. He and Mrs. Matheson heard one night the unmistakeable sound a horse and sleigh make when they are coming down off the snow bank that often drifts up around a country home. There was nobody at the door when they looked, but several nights later the same sound was heard as a neighbour came for him to "lay out" Hugh Gillis, who had died about a mile away. Mrs. Gillis died at Vernon River a little more then a week ago.

Another cousin, Dan Matheson, saw a young lad 100 yards ahead of him one night as he headed for a nearby store. Try as he might he couldn't overtake the boy, who disappeared when he came close to Beecher Graham's gate several hundred yards away. Next night Dan was called to his neighbours, the same William Mathesons I spoke about previously, as their young son Gerald had died.

Flaming Casket Seen At Kildare

BUT I heard the most sensational forerunner story of all last Saturday evening at Alberton at the home of Joe MacDougall. The old gentleman was out picking cranberries when I called, but his niece, Mrs. Frances Larter, recalled one of his favorite yarns.

Joe and his brother Frank were sent to invite neighbours to a "fulling frolic" at their Kildare home when they were in their teens. (A large number of people used to sit on either side of a long table, and the web of cloth, made in the loom, was stretched out and passed along between them slowly. Each person grasped firmly the part of the web in front of him or her, squeezed it and "worked" it, then pushed it along to the person alongside. This "fulled" or thickened the web of cloth, and practically everything that the family wore came from the loom or the knitting needles in those days.)

Joe was nearing the gate of Charles Gavin, an old man, when he saw a flaming casket coming out of the Gavin home. Nobody was carrying it but it proceeded slowly down the lane, turned at the gate, made another turn farther on, and disappeared in the direction of Alberton. Mr. Gavin died the next day. His brother Frank, who has since died—they were in their early teens—was coming out of a house farther on and he ducked into the ditch as heat from the flaming coffin singed his hair as it went by.

Dr. Creighton Believes In Ghosts

I TALKED in mid-August to Dr. Helen Creighton of Nova Scotia who collects ghost stories, folk lore and such other things as gaelic songs. I find she believes in ghosts, and was not even interested when I told her several stories that have a real explanation.

Pressed for an explanation she said "because things have happened to me". I asked for a sample and got this story:

The previous week she had stopped over night in the Marshlands Inn, Sackville while on her way to a folk song festival at Newcastle, N.B. In her room that night she saw herself as a young girl of 10 or 11, coming towards her. Asked "what did you do?" she told me she made a gesture of "get away" because "that is a bad omen. It means death", she added.

NEXT DAY she was driving between Buctouche and Cocagne when she suddenly saw a deer right in front of her. Travelling at 50 m.p.h. she could do nothing about it and merely breathed "O Lord help me." The crash smashed a headlight among other things.

Miss Creighton suggests that is the incident the nighttime visitation indicated. "But", she added, "it may not have been. If you hear of my sudden death anytime later this year, you'll know it wasn't."

Lanza Like Singer Did Strange Things

THIS STORY comes from the home of the Mrs. Donald MacDonald who carried the spinning wheel and her new-born baby from Point Prim to Stanchel in the 1800's. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Flora Graham, hired Welsh-born Fred Knight, a seventh son of a seventh son who reputedly had supernatural powers. Edward White who now lives in the city, recalls Knight told a strong and vigorous looking Stanchel neighbour "You'll be dead in six months," and he was. Another time Knight walked into a neighbour's home and placed his hands on the kitchen table "which immediately began to dance around."

Knight had an unusually fine baritone voice. "He could sing like Mario Lanza, but he was possessed of the devil" an old neighbour told me recently.

Jilted Girl Returns In Pig's Body

I TOLD this story to Helen Creighton when she first visited me several years ago, and find that she used it in her book "Bluenose Ghosts" and it has since been used by a Washington, D.C. lady who asked for special permission. The setting is the old Strathalbyn area and it was told to me by Dan Matheson many years ago.

Names have been forgotten, and I wouldn't use them anyway, but a man driving from Springton to Rose Valley with horse and wagon, noticed a pig was persistently following him with its nose just under the rear axle of the wagon. The man had a fast horse but he couldn't shake the unwanted companion.

HE WAS nearing the line between Stanchel and Rose Valley when he became exasperated, pulled the whip from the socket, jumped to the road and struck the pig sharply along the side, in an effort to chase it away.

Imagine his surprised alarm when a woman's reproachful voice came out of the pig "Why did you at me, John?" It was the voice of a former sweetheart whom he had left, and who had died, after he had married another girl. Helen Creighton wonders "why a girl should choose the unlovely form of a pig" for her ghostly rendezvous with a former lover.

Stories Researched In West Prince

I HAVE many others but I need space to thank those who helped me during a four-day story hunt from North Cape to Portage last weekend. Special thanks are due Mrs. Reg. Eldershaw, our Tignish correspondent for many valuable tips, and to Frank Weeks, Alberton bureau manager, who has given me so many useful tips for this column, also to Mrs. Alice Green, Alberton for valuable assistance.

Special thanks are also due Percy Morrissey, Sea Cow Pond, who spent most of Saturday afternoon with us in the North Cape area, and Keith Matheson, a long-time friend from O'Leary, who spent his entire Thanksgiving holiday afternoon helping me research stories in the Cape Wolfe and West Point areas.

Many others helped but their names will appear as I tell the stories in this column as space permits.

FED. OF AGRICULTURE NEWS LETTER

Island Harvesting Slow, But Feed Said Abundant

In spite of last week's continued fine weather progress was still slow with harvesting.

First of all it was usually around 11 o'clock in the morning before combines could start due to heavy dews. In addition, work could not be carried out after sunset.

A portion of the grain that had been cut with binders was either threshed or stored. All in all it would appear that no more than half of the province's harvest has been saved, and it would probably take some searching of records to find a previous year when this was the situation at this time of the year.

Of course, the grain is not the only problem. Almost the entire potato crop remains to be dug and there is always risk of complications after the middle of October.

On the credit side of the ledger pastures continue excellent with abundant feed and this means a saving of the poor quality hay crop. In some cases straw will contain enough grass and clover to make it better feed than the hay.

EGG PAYMENT

To egg producers who sold through registered stations and to producer vendors a deficiency payment of one cent per dozen will be paid for the year ended Sept. 30. Payment will be limited to 4,000 dozen and confined to grade A eggs.

Shortly the Stabilization Board will be mailing forms and instructions to producers.

The support level will be continued at 34 cents per dozen for the current year.

WEEK OF MEETINGS

Next week has more than the usual number of meetings important to agriculture packed into it. On Friday and Saturday the Stabilization Board is meeting in Ottawa to consider various aspects of the price support program for farm products. The advisory committee to this board has not met for sometime and has on it two new members from the province of Quebec.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, the Maritime Holstein people are staging a sale of over 50 registered animals. Again on Thursday the 18th Maritime dairy interests are meeting to hear outlined and to consider the proposed new approach to dairy promotion. On Monday and Tuesday APEC holds its annual meeting in Fredericton. For Thursday and Friday of this week a Farm Forum committee meet in Pictou and a feed grain committee in Moncton.

CREAM HAULERS

Our attention has been drawn to the practice on the part of cream haulers in some parts of the province and the farmers involved have a share of the responsibility where the trucks move back and forth from one side of the road to the other making their pickups. To conform with truck regulations and as a highway safety precaution the milk and cream stands should be on the truck's right handside or if there are no stands the cans so placed.

Our advice is that farmers arrange matters so that the trucks do not have to be driving back and forth, and that truck drivers resist the temptation even if the cans are not on the right handside of the road.

PASTURE COMPETITION

The province's fourth Pasture Improvement Competition has now been concluded and arrangements completed for the banquet to be tendered by Dominion Potash Limited on Oct. 29. This year 130 persons entered and of these some 45 will receive prizes.

Judging was on a county basis with three divisions in each county. Those who had previously first prize winners were in one classification. Next those who had been entered before, but had not won a first prize, and finally the entrants for the first time.

The competition jointly sponsored by the Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Association and the department of agriculture has been to a large extent the administrative responsibility of David Rogers who is now taking post-graduate work at Cornell University.

As a means of assisting in the potato harvesting urgency, the Federation of Agriculture is requesting that consideration be given by the authorities to recommending and granting permission to the regional high-schools to close for one week in order that students may be available to provide help.

Admittedly the proposal may not be of a higher order in an educational sense, but to its credit if carried out will be improving of a very difficult situation and of making available to the students cash which is always appreciated.

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