



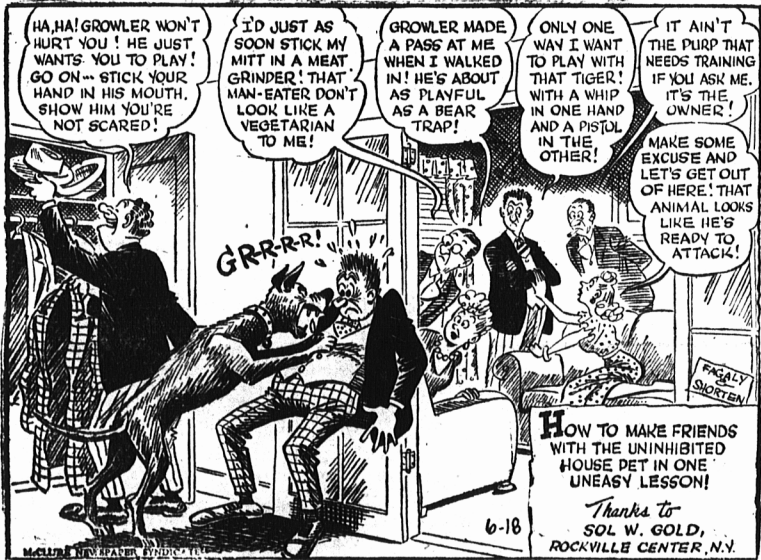
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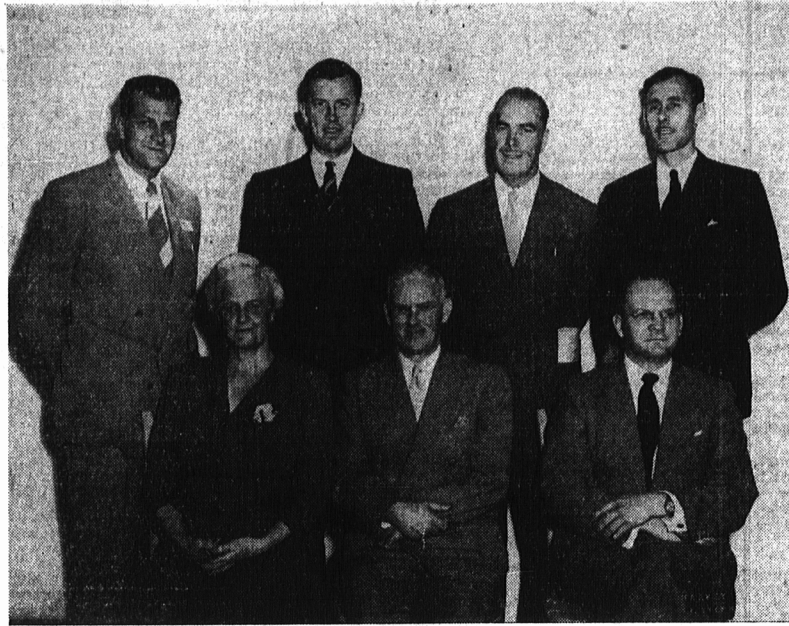


FANCY DECORATIONS

Many birds trim their nests, different species having quite varied ideas as to what is best for home decoration. Sometimes we see their point of view, and find the finished residence particularly attractive because of the added bit of colour or form. Mrs. Baltimore Oriole, whose weaving ability is one of the wonders of Birdland, has an eye for the beautiful. Leave a few pieces of bright coloured wool where she can find them, and they will next appear mixed in with the usual fibres, plant down, hair, and string of her long, pocket like nest.

The added finery is, however, not always for the sake of beauty. The Redstart hangs strips of bark artistically from the bottom of its nest as a disguise, which works well. Bird watchers are puzzled by the Red-shouldered Hawks' decorations. They often use their same home for several years, each spring putting in more bits of down and re-decorating with fresh green leaves. When the leaves wither, more green ones are added. Perhaps there is some other reason, but it seems as though this were done for protection. The nest is thus camouflaged in the green boughs of the tree.

The nest of a Parula Warbler is not decorated, it is made entirely of part of one vast decoration. This small bird prefers swampy ground, where dead trees are covered with certain kind of moss that hangs down in festoons. Ends of the moss are turned up by the Parula, and fastened to form a neat cradle. Nests of both species of Kinglet are artistic in themselves—balls of moss, grass, and



Shown above are officers and executive members who were elected this week at the annual meeting of the Maritime Hospital Association at the Algonquin Hotel in St. Andrews. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Gladys M. Porter, Kentville, N. S., sec. retary-treasurer; Neil D. MacLean, Charlottetown, president; Dr. O. C. MacIntosh, Antigonish, vice-president for Nova Scotia. Back row: E. J. Holland, Halifax, retiring president of the Maritime Hospital Exhibitors' Association; R. H. Stocker, Cornerbrook, vice-president for Newfoundland; L. F. MacDonald, Charlottetown, vice-president for Prince Edward Island, and J. A. Likely, Charlottetown, a member of the executive.

feathers suspended from the tops of conifers. There are some birds which have a curious taste in their selection of trimmings. The Red-breasted Nuthatch builds in hollow stumps and branches. Like many other species, it lines the cavity with grass and feathers, but coating the area about the opening with fir balsam is its own, particular idea. Another bird using a hole in a tree for its home has an even more extraordinary habit. The Crested Flycatcher places a piece

of snakeskin at the entrance. A Bald Eagle does not use exterior decoration, but interior. The assortment of articles that have been found in nests of this bird makes an almost unbelievable list: wire, fish hooks, shells, bottles, balls, whole magazines, clothespins, and believe it or not, one well known bird watcher found a 100 watt lamp!

Do parents shield nestlings?

Ring Reminiscences

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met the war veteran's son in Valleyfield, Quebec, in 1943. He was a chemist at the big De Salaberry munition works. His disposition was as pleasant and affable as his father's. I had spent the winter of 1913 in Regina, Sask. in the collecting department of the Massey Harris Co. Got acquainted with Compton & McNeill, (also from P.E.I.) who had a prominent real estate business.

Naturally we talked about the big boom in fox ranching at home. The upshot was an agreement was made that I was to go West and North to prospect for live foxes. I got off one of the C.P.R. "Princess" boats at Prince Rupert, and stayed at the Central Hotel which was run by Peter Black, a former Dawsonite. I soon threw off the more or less Del Sarte habiliments and put on overalls and jumper to explore for foxes. It had to be done quietly and surreptitiously. I was a mystery man—the mysterious Mr. X. The "blind pig" operators were suspicious that I was a member of the B.C. provincial police in disguise. I didn't even tell anyone that I was from P.E. Island except on one occasion at a road house enroute to Telfer, I read the "riot act" to a couple of fellows whom I noticed doing some unorthodox tricks in a game of "draw".

Several of the company were Ontario boys — college boys getting engineering practice on the G.T.P. construction. They were friendly and seemed very anxious to know where I came from. When I told them they were pleased and even more friendly. They had thought I was from California.

Sport Briefs

BROOKLYN, June 16 —(CP)—Tommy Holmes, fired as manager of Boston Braves last month, today signed with the league leading Brooklyn Dodgers. Holmes, a Brooklyn resident will serve as a pinch-hitter and utility outfielder.

CHICAGO, June 16 —(AP)—Chicago White Sox announced today return of pitcher Luis Aloma to the club's list of active players and release of Ken Holcombe, another pitcher, to St. Louis Browns.

York Highlights

Mrs. Dolph Murray of York has recently accepted a position on the staff of the Canadian National Hotel in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vessey of York motored to Brackley Beach recently, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gregor MacCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vessey and Beryl were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Matthews of West Covehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newson and family of York were guests in Union on Tuesday, June 3rd, of Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vessey of York were the guests of Mr. Howard Wats during his stay in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Minto Foster of York motored to North River on Sunday, June 1st, the welcome guests of Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor.

Miss Margaret Watts of York has been visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts of Tracadie, for the past week.

Miss Enid Slackford of Charlottetown has been the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Edison Hardy of York for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Court of Bedford spent Sunday, June 1st at her home in York.

Messrs. Reese Newson, Myron Ling and Donald Crockett motored to Belle River on Thursday, June 5th, on business.

Mr. Raymond Watts of Charlottetown is now constructing a new home in York and hopes to move with his wife and family by late summer.

Misses Hazel and Lorna Vessey were recent guests of the Misses Isabelle, Ruth and Marion MacCallum of the Brackley Point Road.

Reverend John H. Douglas of York was attending the Maritime Ministerial Conference of the United Church of Canada held in Sackville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crockett and son Wayne, of Brackley Point Road, were in York recently, the guests of Mr. Crockett's mother, Mrs. Robert Crockett.

The many friends of Mr. Howard Watts of York, who is employed with the Canadian National Railway, are pleased to see him able to return to his home, Mr. Watts who has been a patient on a waiver, Aloma has been off the roster since May 7 when his tonsils were removed.

in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, had the misfortune to break his knee while working with the ties on the section.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison West, little daughter and son Blair, of Parkdale, were guests of Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Vessey on Sunday, June 1st.

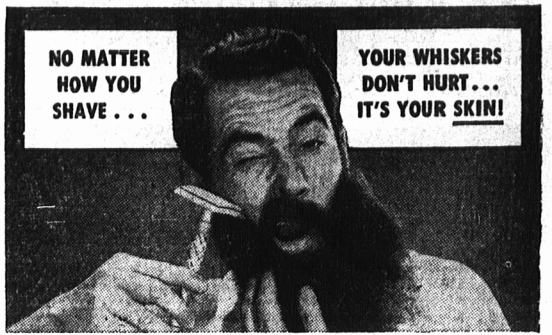
Mr. Leonard Andrews, who is employed in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, was visiting in York, the guest of Mrs. L. Andrews and his family for several days recently.

Mr. Raymond Vessey, William Crockett, Edison Hardy and Tom Vessey of York motored to Tea Hill on May 24th to enter in the shooting competitions there. Mr. Raymond Vessey was successful in gaining the second prize.

Miss Marguerite Vessey of the Royal Bank, Charlottetown, spent the holiday weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Vessey in York.

Miss Freda Newson of Charlottetown spent a weekend recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newson in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, their daughter Fernie and sons Gordon and Lowell, recently motored on an enjoyable trip through Prince Edward Island and around northern New Brunswick through Moncton. They reported the crossing of Northumberland Strait ideal on Sunday, June 1st. B.P.



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