

Religion and Life

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The school bus has come to stay; why not the church bus? So asked a churchman whose summer home is in a rural centre of worship. Why shouldn't a principle which is rapidly revolutionizing education in rural municipalities be equally effective in religious life and work? It is surprising to see the change that has come over the public mind in regard to education. A couple of years ago a government report spoke of a growing recognition of the advisability of closing small schools where possible and for providing for the attendance of the pupils concerned at nearby schools where they may have the opportunity of associating with more pupils of their own age. Statistics show that the movement is going ahead rapidly, that it has led to an increase in new buildings with better equipment and increased staff, and that enlarged school areas on the elementary level and enlarged districts on the high school level are the order of the day. The "little red school-house," so often inefficient and hard to maintain, is being replaced by facilities which equalize opportunities for education all over the Province. And the school bus which brings the boys and girls to the central school is a necessary part of the picture. My friend's question is: Why work out this idea in the church? Many families who want to attend public worship regularly on the Lord's Day are far from church and have no cars for long-distance travel. This is particularly true in the summer months when the holiday season means the uprooting of so many out of their regular church connection. On Sunday the school bus is idle; why not use it to take people to church? This would meet the need of many families and would bring encouragement to many discouraged congregations. The spiritual condition of many communities will be lifted when such a system is made to work. The importance of public worship cannot be over-emphasized. Where the church is not in action religion is not taught; the young people generally grow up in the image of God. Two summers ago a student was sent to organize a congregation in a remote district of a western province. He found the children in utter ignorance of the Bible and its message. They heard the name of God only in blasphemy. At once this young missionary began to give weekly lessons in religious knowledge in the four schools in his district. A little chap said to him one day: "My mummy wants us to learn these things, but she don't know nuthin about them herself."

The same year another student opened a mission in a suburb of a great city. He found there hundreds of families with no one among them who cared about the moral and social welfare of the boys and girls, not to speak of their religious training. His job was to interest the men particularly, and bring them together in serving youth. There are no moral standards where God is not known and loved. "The morals of the barnyard" was the way I heard conditions in one such area described. We who have been brought up in the church and have never known a place without a church have no idea of how much it has done to

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GUEST SOLOIST—Miss Lena McLaure, A.T.C.M. was the guest soloist at Zion Presbyterian Church morning service yesterday.

CORRECTION. — In the Stevenson—Bernard Wedding the number of guests at the reception was seventy-eight, not twenty-eight as stated in Saturday's paper.

ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fraser, Charlottetown, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence Muriel, to Chauncey Raeford MacNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. MacNeill, Charlottetown. The marriage to take place the latter part of August, at the home of the bride's parents.

WINS FEED AND FERTILIZER — Friday night at the Shur-Gain Foods Booth on the Exhibition Grounds, Mr. Windsor Campbell of Long River was the lucky winner of 1 ton of Shur-Gain feed donated by Shur-Gain Feed Manufacturers Assoc. of P. E. I. and Mr. Keith Bryenton of Union Road won the ton of Shur-Gain fertilizer donated by Canada Packers Fertilizer Division of Summerside.

NOVA SCOTIANS PHOTOGRAPHER — Mr. Watson Weaver, of Parraboro, N. S., a member of the North Nova Highlanders, best known as the North Nova photographer, is attending the re-union. This is the first time he has visited the Island, and he appreciates the hospitality of the citizens to the boys of his old Corps. He has taken re-union photographs which he will supply to anyone communicating with him at Parraboro.

Personals

Mrs. Ada Garrett and Mrs. Silas Chappelle City have left on a visit to relatives in Maine, Boston and New York.

Mrs. Graham Gamester, Broadalbane and granddaughter, Madeline visited her daughter, Mrs. Fred Thomas and son-in-law.

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Born in Prince Edward Island, the daughter of the late Donald and Mary (MacLeod) MacKenzie. Mrs. MacLennan had been a resident of Quinicy for the past 35 years. She was a member of the Adams Shore Community church and was active with groups at the church.

She is survived by six sons, Donald E., John W., Robert and Norman, all of Quinicy; George A., of Brantree, and Roderick, of Long Island, N. Y., two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Weymouth and Miss Katherine MacKenzie of Quinicy, and one brother, William G. MacKenzie, also of Quinicy. She also leaves two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at her home with Rev. Paul G. Rademacher, pastor of the Adams Shore Community church, officiating. Burial was in Mt. Wollaston cemetery.

Munro Discusses Advantages Of Combat Training In Japan

(Special to The Guardian by Ross Munro)

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON



RICE BIRD

Never has any human being come nearer to possessing a dual personality than Mr. Bobolink. We Canadians know him as a beneficial member of society, well dressed, and having a most pleasing voice — a perfect Dr. Jekyll. To "Southerners" he is a wicked thief, drably dressed, with a harsh voice — another Mr. Hyde. So changed is he, that those acquainted with him in springtime only, can hardly credit the tales told of his autumn escapades.

The bird that we have learned to love, subject of the poets, arrives in May, when his rippling, happy song is heard from fence posts surrounding fields on the outskirts of cities and towns. True, he is not as good a family man as he might be, so much of his time is engaged in singing, even on the wing. But a little freedom might be allowed one who is a master at his art; and besides, he is useful as a watchman. At the slightest sign of danger his wife is warned. She leaves the well-hidden nest immediately, knowing that without her presence it will never be found in the tall grass.

Probably papa's seeming neglect is actually good judgment. Mama's buffy dress might pass unnoticed, but his conspicuous, suit would certainly be seen. Unlike any other song bird his upper side is entirely black, his top side mostly light. A yellow, three-cornered scarf is draped over the back of his black head, and the lower half of his back and his shoulders are white. The pointed, bristly endings of his tail feathers are characteristic.

The nestlings are fed injurious insects, and once they are able to fly the entire family takes to the marshes, joining others of their kind. There they live on weed seeds and insects until late August, while the adult male takes off his handsome costume and dons a garb similar to his wife's. Now he is Mr. Hyde, the juveniles are ready to travel, and off they all go.

A few weeks later, rice growers of the Southern States waken up one morning to the sound of hundreds of Bobolinks uttering their monotonous "pink" call. Buffly coloured, striped birds are swarming down on their precious fields of rice, getting ready for a good feed before continuing their trip through Florida and the West Indies, across the Caribbean Sea, and on to South America. Their objective is Paraguay, or the most southern corner of Brazil. Other species use parts of this route, but it is known as "the 'Bobolinks' flyway."

Do Nighthawks migrate singly?

PARKDALE W. I.

Parkdale Women's Institute met in the hall on August 7 with an attendance of 21 members. The President, Mrs. Cantwell, presided. Reports were given by the different committees. The sick committee reported that flowers had been sent to 3 members and cards sent to 4 residents of the district. Reports were given by the delegates who attended the Women's Institute Annual Convention. A discussion took place on the plans of enlarging the hall and it was decided to begin work as soon as possible. As the dishes will be packed away during the work on the hall it was suggested that each member bring a cup and saucer to the next meeting. The flowers are to be taken to the Sanitorium on Sunday, August 20 with Mrs. Hudson in charge of same assisted by her committee Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Joe Gallant, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Compton and Mrs. Cantwell. The next meeting will be held in the school on Thursday, September 5th, with Mrs. Muttow, Mrs. McAleer and Mrs. Brown in charge of the lunch.

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The Colonel from Brooklyn was just about out on his feet. He had fought with his American 24th Infantry Division from Ogan, near Seoul, to the Nakdong River—a grim withdrawal in a month of 85 miles.

Learning heavily on the rough table at the command post behind the Nakdong, he said to me: "The main thing is this: you gotta be a mountain goat to fight this Korean war. We aren't mountain goats yet. You have to be born one to be one. Our good enemy was born that way. But we're learning."

The most important training that can be given the Canadian infantry battalions in the brigade group is to teach them to fight in hilly, mountainous country. Lieut.-Colonel Jim Stone, who is commanding the 2nd battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, will know probably better than any of the unit commanders what this means. I remember vividly when Jim Stone fought down the Agira and Simeto valleys in Sicily with the Royal Edmonton Regiment. There, it was a battle across mountains and hills. It was guerrilla fighting much of the way.

Much The Same Korea will be much the same. Only the country is closer. There are more hills packed into smaller space. There are not as many roads as in Sicily or Italy. But veterans of the Mediterranean campaigns who are in the special force will feel a bit at home on the Korean front.

They will find that Asiatic fleas are the same as Mediterranean; that Korean dust is just as choking as Sicilian; that a North Korean soldier can be just as wily as a German grenadier and can use ground even better to his advantage.

They will find that the Communist enemy is more merciless than the Nazis; they will encounter barbarism they can scarcely believe; they won't fight an enemy that follows any accepted rules of war.

But the big thing is to train, as the colonel from Brooklyn said, to be mountain goats. When the offensive is launched, it will be across the mountains and through the valleys where the few roads snake. The Canadians will have to move out across the rugged, scrub-covered slopes in platoons and companies and flush out the North Koreans in close combat.

That is the way this war has been going.

Training in Japan

After talking to British, Australian, and American military authorities in Tokyo and in Korea, I feel myself that it would be a wise decision to give the special force its real combat training in Japan, rather than in Canada.

The force could be organized, equipped and given basic training at Petawawa, Shilo, Wainwright and Valcartier. But within two months it should be in Japan, on long, hard manoeuvres in the south Japan mountains which are much like those in Korea.

There are more than adequate facilities for such training in Japan. At Kure in the south, about 25 miles from rebuilt Hiroshima, is a camp where 40,000 servicemen in the British Commonwealth occupation force were accommodated at the peak of the army occupation.

I was told by Lieut. Gen. Sir Horace Robertson, commander of the now greatly diminished Commonwealth occupation forces, that Kure would be very satisfactory. To do the main portion of training in Japan would acclimatize the



MOUNTAIN VICTIM

Christopher S. Reynolds (above), 17-year-old son of actress Libby Holman and the late tobacco heir, Zachary Smith Reynolds, who killed his son six million dollars, has been found dead by a search party. Young Reynolds and a friend, 17-year-old Steven Wasserman, apparently plunged to their deaths while scaling Mount Whitney, the nation's highest mountain. Youths had been missing a week.

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