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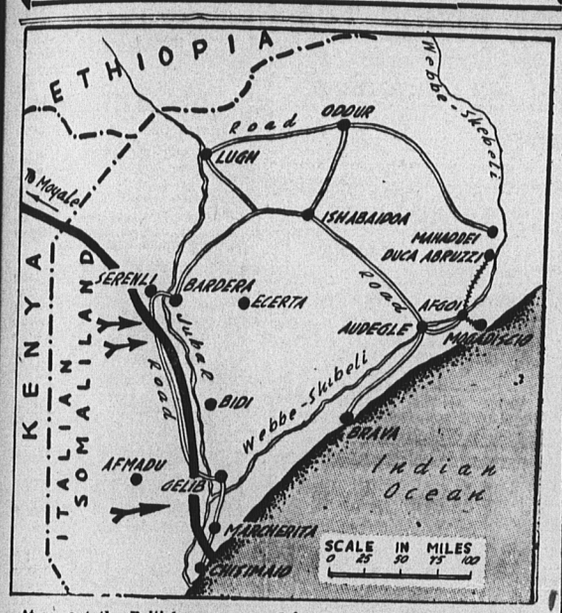

At present the British are engaged in a serious effort to cross the Juba river and advance on Mogadisico, the capital of Italian Somaliland, 200 miles beyond. The river is a thousand miles long and at its mouth is 750 feet wide with a current of three miles an hour. It is navigable by shallow stern-wheelers to a point above Bardera, 380 miles from the sea. A caravan route crosses at Bardera from Serenli. The river runs through arid territory but below the mountains a strip of land on either side is fertile. Very heavy bombing attacks by South African planes were made on places up and down the Juba river yesterday. One squadron dive-bombed the Italian headquarters and store, slightly southwest of Bardera. Others attacked Italian positions at Gelib. Raids also were made on Isha Baidoa, a road centre some distance back from the river. Gun emplacements and trenches were bombed. All the places named are shown on the map, along with the battle front, indicated as a heavy black line, and the principal roads. The arrows suggest the points at which the Italians appear in strongest force and where the principal British attacks may develop.

FANNING SCHOOL

Examinations

The semi annual public examination at Fanning School was held recently under the direction of the teacher Miss Dolly G. Matthew and Miss Olive Drummond. The program was as follows:

Grade I—Reading Spelling, Arithmetic.
Grade VI, VII and VIII—Success and Health.
Grade II —Reading, Spellar, Tables.
Grade IX and X—English, History, Latin.
Grade IV and V—Spelling Match. Geography Quiz — Grades VI to X.
Grade IV and V—Nature Study Grammar, Reading. Song by Senior boys: "What a Friend We Have in Mother".
Oral French: Grades VI to X.
Grade VIII—English, Spellar. History.
Remarks by Rev. Mr. Crowdis.
God Save The King.

After the programme, the visitors and children treated with candy by the teachers. S.

LOWER MONTAGUE W. I.

The regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. V. O. Schirmer, on January 17. Meeting opened by singing the Institute Carol, Helen Annear at the organ. Creed was repeated in unison. Twelve members answered Roll Call with a Sentence Prayer for peace; there were four visitors present. Minutes were read and approved and the financial statement was given showing a good balance on hand. Several letters of thanks were read, from soldiers from the Orphanage and from the King's County Hospital. A new Vice-President was appointed, Mrs. George Annear being the new officer. The President requested that all members bring suggestions for raising more money until Spring to our next meeting. A motion was made that we have a Bean Supper and Card Party. A committee was appointed to take charge, Questionnaire on Contagious Diseases was read by Mrs. David Wright, this proved very interesting and helpful. The president, Mrs. Cowan, who was appointed at the Annual meeting and who, due to her removal from the district had resigned, was presented with a chair This presentation was fittingly made by the new President, and Mrs. C. H. Poole, from the Institute and the people of Lower Montague. In a few well-chosen words Mrs. Cowan thanked everyone for their remembrance. Mrs. Chessel Annear invited the members to her home for the February meeting. Lunch fees amounted to eighty five cents. Meeting closed by singing the King.

This being the occasion of the hostess' anniversary the members received a special treat of birthday cake and ice cream with their lunch.

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The many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Frank P. Gallant Western Road is seriously ill.

Rev. M. J. Rooney was a recent visitor in Charlottetown.

Miss Eva Cain, teacher in Woodstock spent the week-end at her home.

There passed peacefully away at her home in Lot 6. Mrs. John McLean after a brief illness. Mrs. McLean had been an invalid for a number of years. She leaves to mourn her, husband and three daughters. Mrs. Mat Sweet Mrs. Lawson Brundage and Mrs. John McDonald. The funeral was held on Feb. 8th., to the Baptist Cemetery in West Devon where the remains were tenderly laid to rest.

The regular Study Club meeting was held at Jerrie Gallant's. Mr. P. Arsenault presided. He was assisted by Miss Eva Arsenault. There was a large attendance of members and the meeting was most interesting.

The residents of Upper Howlan were sorry to learn of the sudden passing of Thomas Swallow a lifelong resident of Forestview. The funeral was held on the 14th to the Baptist Cemetery in Springfield -D

ORWELL COVE W. I.

The February meeting of the Orwell Cove Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. William Brown, with nine members and five visitors present. The Vice-Pres., opened the meeting with the Creed Roll call was answered by contributing to a grab bag. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Mrs. F. E Rooney and Mrs. Wm. MacLeod were appointed as program committee for March. The Institute Lottery was then drawn by Mrs. J. MacRae and the holder of the lucky ticket was Mr. Wilfred MacLean.

Mrs Wm. MacLeod invited the members to her home for the March meeting at which the roll call is to be answered by "Jokes"

The meeting then adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess The programme committee presented their programme which was enjoyed by all. Miss MacLeod was the winner of a guessing contest.

The Central Guardian

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DR. BLANCHARD Dental Office closed for two weeks from Saturday February 22nd. L-112-2-22-3i.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED—The following War Savings committee has been appointed for St. Louis, P. E. Island: Capt. J. R. Perry, chairman, Joseph Tremblay, Joseph Godin, George Knox, Peter J. Perry, and Albert Kennedy.

BROTHERS JOIN R. C. A. George and Reagh MacNeill, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Torquil MacNeill, Milton left Saturday morning for Petawawa having joined the Royal Canadian Artillery. Their older brother Welbur is already stationed there in the 8th Medium Battery.

ROCHFORD SQUARE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTES — The Save the Children Fund acknowledges with grateful thanks the splendid contribution of $50.00 from the pupils and teachers of Rochford Square School, for aid of Children in the British Isles.

RETURN TO MAINLAND — Lt. J. C. MacKenna and Mrs. MacKenna have returned to their home in Dartmouth, N. S., after visiting Mrs. MacKenna's parents, Lt. Col. C. L. MacKay and Mrs. MacKay of Charlottetown. Mrs. MacKay accompanied her daughter and son-in-law to Dartmouth.

SUCCESSFUL AUCTION PARTY —On Monday evening, a very enjoyable card party was held at the home of Mr. Ivan Lambe, Springfield with five tables in play. The ladies prize was won by Mrs Cecil Hughes, and the gentleman's by Mr. Andrew Hughes. After a delicious lunch was partaken of a freeze-out was played, the prize being won by Miss Etta Dunn. R.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PROWSE.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Prowse was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Newson, Brackley Point Road, yesterday afternoon. The service at the home was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Nicholson, who also officiated at the grave. Interment was at Sherwood cemetery. Pall-bearers: Wm. MacKay, Edward Sellick, Fred Newson, Albert Shaw A. J. Phillips, C. W. Mallett.

FUNERAL AT UNION ROAD. — The funeral of the late Thomas Yeo was held yesterday afternoon. A short service at the MacLean Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. Carlyle Webster followed by funeral service in Union Road United Church, conducted by the Rev. Thomas Wilson. Interment, Union Road cemetery. Pall-bearers: Geo. Abbott, Ambrose Mallett, B. C. Hardy, John MacKinnon, Harry Newman, Beecher Bryenton.

SPRINGFIELD W. I. The Springfield Women's Institute members are sponsoring a series of teas in their homes for furtherance of their work. Last week, Mrs. Norris Sinclair and Mrs. Clarence Haslem were joint hostesses at the home of the former and had four tables of auction. The prizes were won by Mrs. A. Hughes and Mr. Raymond Haslam. Another was held at Mrs. Andrew Hughes at which there were two tables of cards in play, at which the prizes were won by Mrs. M. Tierney and Senator Sinclair. Refreshments were served at these very enjoyable functions and pleasant social hour spent. R.

LEGION LIBRARY—The Library Committee of the local Canadian Legion War Services acknowledge with thanks donations of books from Mr. L. C. Carbonnel, Mrs. G. Spink, Mrs. J. C. Houston, Col. Ings, Mr. T. Millar Macdonald, Mrs. Charles MacKenzie, Mrs. Keith Rogers, Mrs. T. B. Rogers, Mr. Frank Walker and an amonymous donor. As it is hoped to open the library on March 3rd, the committee would be grateful if intending donors would send books in to the Legion House by Thursday, Feb. 27th, or telephone 727 and books will be called for.

WILL FLY TO GEORGETOWN —Mr. Justice A. C. Saunders and Supreme Court officials plan to fly from here to Georgetown in King's County today for the opening of the February term of the Court there. Mr. R. H. Rogers, Supreme Court prothonotary for the province said there was only a small docket and he expected the business could be completed in time for the party to return to Charlottetown this evening. The practice of flying to Georgetown for the winter term of the court was started last year. When the docket is small it permits the judge to complete in one day what would occupy three if he travelled by rail. Others going by plane today include Mr. Lester P. O'Donnell, attorney, and Miss Ruth Christie, Court Stenographer.

Personals

Philip Barlow R. C. A. F. arrived from Moncton Saturday on two weeks furlough.

Mr. Eldred Bryanton, Rollo Bay, left for Quebec yesterday morning where he will take up duties with The Horton Steel Co.

Miss Freda McGuigan 22 Chestnut Street city is a patient in the city Hospital.

Mrs. John E. Sinclair, Summerfield was a visitor to Charlottetown on Friday, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Cutcliffe. R.

Mr. W. Harry Tidmarsh left yesterday morning for Amherst, N. S. to attend the Eastern Section of the Canadian Manufacturers Association (canned goods.)

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In Memoriam

DAN MCLEAN

A wave of sorrow spread over the village of Tyne Valley and the surrounding community, when on Monday morning February 17th, it was learned that Mr. Dan MacLean had during the closing hours of the Sabbath day been called to the Heavenly home. Although he had not been in the best of health for the past few years, his condition was not considered serious until within a few days previous to his death. All that medical skill and tender nursing could do failed to restore him, and the spirit of one who was highly esteemed and loved by young and old passed to the great beyond. The deceased was born in Tyne Valley, July 10th, 1864. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacLean and resided on the old homestead. He was one of a family of 13 children of which the following survive, viz., Mr. James E. MacLean, Northam, Mrs. Henry Ritchie, Tyne Valley, Mrs. Henry Williams, Elmsdale, Mrs. Thomas Adams, Lot 14. His departure has left not only a vacancy in the home, but in the community as well. Always thinking of the welfare of others, and ever ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed assistance. His home was a place where both young and old loved to congregate, for by his kind and friendly disposition he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, even during his hours of sickness he was never known to murmur or complain, always greeting those who entered his room with a smile. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church having filled the office of Elder for over 20 years. As long as health permitted he was ever present at its services, always taking a deep interest in all that pertained to his Master's Kingdom. The funeral service which took place on Wednesday afternoon was very largely attended despite the inclemency of the weather, relatives and friends attending from different parts of the province. A short service was conducted at the home by Rev. Herbert Buntain, minister of the congregation, after which the funeral cortege wended its way to the Presbyterian church where the service was continued. The following favorite hymns of the deceased were sung during the service, The Lord's My Shepherd, Forever With The Lord and Jerusalem My Happy Home. At the conclusion of the service the remains were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery beside those of his parents. He leaves to mourn their loss, his grief stricken widow (formerly Maude Raynor), one son, Ivan at home, two grandsons, Donald, teacher at Tyne Valley, Ralph, teacher at Prince St. School, Charlottetown; also two great-grand daughters. The high esteem in which the deceased was held was evinced by the many messages of sympathy received not only from friends in this province but from the neighboring provinces. Many beautiful floral tributes were also received.

The following acted as pallbearers. Mr. Edward MacArthur, Mr. Laughlin MacLean, Mr. Fred MacAuliand, Mr. Russel Rogers, Mr. Shrieve Millar, Mr. Robert Ramsay. The elders from the different ecctions of the congregation were in attendance. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family and relatives

NEWTOWN CROSS

Honor roll for Newtown Cross School.

Grade X—1. Thelma Power, 2. Kathryn Collins.
Grade VIII—1. Charles Morrissey, 2. Helen Power, 3. Myrtle McKenna.
Grade VII—1. Teresa Power, 2. Cecil Morrissey, 3. Leo Kelly.
Grade VI—1. Rose Morrissey 2. John Power, 3. Joseph McKenna.
Grade V—1. Earl Kelly.
Grade IV—1. Lorna Morrissey, and Elizabeth Power (equal).
Grade II—1. Fabolla Power.
Highest Average: Teresa Power, 93 per cent.
Perfect Attendance: Teresa Power, Charles Morrissey Cecil Morrissey, John Power, Lorna Morrissey, Elizabeth Power.

—Teacher: Mary Roche.

GREENVALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Following is the 1940 Financial report of Greenvale Women's Institute.

Receipts:

Members fees	$3.50
Government Grant	$2.00
Proceeds of Play	$10 80
Social and Bazaar	$23.05
Ice cream festival	$51.31
Ice cream festival	$37.52
Rent of Booths	$3 00
Refund on Ad.	.51
Total	$131.69
Balance carried forward 1939	$19.77
Total	$151.46

Expenditure:

Minute Book, Postage, etc	$3.56
Bazaar	$1.00
School	$8 90
Community, fruit, etc	$7.61
Health Bond	$10.00
Red Cross	$2.00
Ambulance Fund	$10.00
Y. M. C. A.	$5 00
Canadian Legion	$2.00
Institute "News"	$1.00
Ice Cream festival	$47.46
Ice Cream festival	$22.76
	$121.29
Balance on hand annual meeting	$30.17
Total	$151.46

Mrs. Miller MacPherson, President
Mrs. A. M. Spence, Secretary.

In 1940 the Trans-Canada Air Lines flew 5,258,989 miles, as compared with 3,125,393 the year before.

The Eastern Guardian

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..*W.M.S. MEETS.—The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Montague, was held at the home of Mrs. A. C. MacKay. Mrs. T. O. Hughes presided. The roll call was answered with Scripture verses. Reports of various committees were given. Hospital, Mrs. Currie; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mosher; Treasurer's report, Mrs. Nelson. A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs. A. R. Gibson in her recent sad bereavement. Your correspondent might say here that Rev. A. R. Gibson passed away after a serious operation. Many friends in all churches here will remember him kindly and hear with deep regret of his death. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Montague for a number of years. Mrs. Hughes gave an interesting talk on mission work in Japan. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction after which refreshments were served, and a pleasant social hour enjoyed. L

Personals

..*Lieutenant Allan Nicholson is on furlough and visiting in Montague. L.

..*Thomas Meanie, service man, is on furlough, and visiting his family in Montague. L

..*Mr. Horace Fraser, of the firm of Clark Bros., St. Peter's, spent the week-end at his home in Montague. He is a son of Mrs. Roy Fraser. L

..*Albert Gaudet, of the R.C.A.F., is at present on furlough, and visiting his home in Montague. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs J. W. Gaudet. L

..*Mrs. L. H. Coffin has returned to her home in Montague after spending a pleasant two months in Montreal, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Douglas. L

SOURIS HIGH SCHOOL

Honor roll for month of January:
Grade X—1. Marion MacKenzie, 2. Muriel Richards, 3. Robert MacQuarrie.
Grade IX—1. Charles Holland. 2. Billie Pierce 3. Lillian Poole.
Grade VIII—1. Melvin MacKenzie 2. Edward Cheverie, 3. Leo MacLellan.
Highest Average for Senior Grades Marion MacKenzie 94.3 per cent.
Perfect Attendance: Dorothy Poole, Marion MacKenzie, Melvin Gallant, Elmer MacPhee, Barbara Poole Charles Holland, Doreen Dunlop, Leo MacLellan, Melvin MacKenzie, Alan McLean.

Miss MacLellan's Department

Grade VII—1. Francis Cheverie, 2. Billy Poole, 3. Clarence Paquet.
Grade VI—1. Earle Smith 2. Billy Crockett, 3. Vernon Poole.
Grade V—1. Alton MacKenzie, 2. John MacDonald, 3. Francis Lewis.

Miss Burke's Department

Grade V—1. Louis Cheverie. 2. Albert M. Cheverie, 3. Damien MacDonald.
Grade IV—1. Colin Jarvis 2. Howard Glover, 3. Jackie Poole.
Perfect Attendance: Albert M. Cheverie, Colin Jarvis, Ralph Mosher.

Miss Holland's Department

Grade III—1. Basil MacDonald, 2. Vernon Jarvis and Walter Paquet, 3. Kenneth Paquet and Charles LaVie.
Grade II—(A) 1. Hazel Crockett 2. Eunice Croucher, 3. Doreen Ellis.
Grade II—(B) 1. Fred Paquet, 2. James Cheverie, 3. Roy Perry.
Grade I—1. Eric McEwen and Donny LaBrech, 2. Reg. MacDonald, 3. James Meurant.
Perfect Attendance: Walter Paquet Francis Perry, Roy Perry, Edgar Steele, Harold LaVie, Charles Cheverie, James Meurant.

—Principal: E. James MacDonald.

TEND CHICKS FIRST

Tend your chicks before you tend your layers. Arrange your timetable for the day so that you look after your chicks first. In this way you avoid tracking disease in among the chicks.

Layers may be healthy and yet be carriers of disease germs to which they are relatively immune. Chicks on the other hand, are susceptible to anything that comes along, so if you track dropping or litter into the chick quarters from the laying house, you may start an infection hard to check.

Install a mat saturated with some good commercial disinfectant outside the brooder house door as an extra precaution, but do the chick chores first as a primary disease preventive measure.

A good idea is to have separate cleaning equipment for the brooder house, especially new brushes for the water fountains.

AGES OF TWO PASSENGERS TOTAL LESS THAN A YEAR

MONTREAL, Que. —When the westbound Trans-Canada plane took off from Montreal the other night it had among its passengers two whose aggregate age came to less than a year. Sally Ann Blanchard, four months old, was being taken by her mother to her father, Pilot Officer S. S. Blanchard, R. C. A. F., at Edmonton. David Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hart of Woodstock, Ont., was making a shorter trip but he was also going home to his daddy. Only six months old, he has nevertheless flown between Montreal and Toronto three times. He travelled in his mother's arms. Sally Ann slept in a clothes basket.

NEWSY NATURE NOTES

By Stuart I. Thompson

THE FINCH THAT LOOKS LIKE A PARROT

Of all his family the Crossbill is the most curious-looking and most original acting.

At first glance one would think there was something gone wrong with his bill. The tips pass each other as though the bill were broken. He is truly "cross-billed" and so we can say that at least he is well named, and that is more than we can say of many birds. In addition to a very odd bill, he is short and stout in body with a short tail and a big heavy head. In brief, he quite lacks the grace of most birds we know. And his actions! First of all he always appears to be in a great hurry. As we watch a flock of Crossbills swinging themselves through the air they seem to know exactly where they are going, and their hard note, "click click," sounds like a speedometer ticking off their speed. Then, suddenly the whole flock comes tumbling down into the evergreens and is lost in the foliage. It is worth while following them to this spot, for here you will see the Crossbills in action. As you watch the birds scrambling and tumbling about among the twigs of the spruce, balsam or hemlock, snatching at the cones hanging up-side down in their efforts to reach those farthest away and tugging at others to get them within their grasp, you begin to think you are watching a group of parrots, especially as the birds are red and green in plumage. Then, as suddenly as they arrived, apparently at a given signal the whole flock forsakes the tree and is gone to parts unknown.

It is while feeding that we see the utility of the crooked crossed bill. It seems to be specially designed to insert under the scales of the evergreen cones and then, with a deft twist, the seed, hidden deep in and inaccessible to almost every other bird, is brought out and eaten. No bill, otherwise shaped could do this so well and so quickly. Even the red squirrel must gnaw the whole cone to pieces to get at the seeds.

All the time you are watching this energetic flock feeding, you will notice that there is a constant falling of the thin brown scales which the Crossbill nip free from the seeds and allow to float away, and perhaps you will see that the snow beneath the evergreen is littered with these scales. This is a sure sign that the Crossbills are in the locality and feeding. So that it is a good plan to look for signs of these interesting birds' presence first, and find the birds themselves afterward.

Of course this clue can only help you during the winter. Are the Crossbills, then with us during the summer also, you might well ask. Yes, and this is another of this eccentric birds traits. He does not observe any known law of migration as do other birds, but comes and goes, here and there in the most whimsical fashion. In fact, he is the most irregular and erratic of all our bird-travellers. Season, clime, or locality mean little to him. And, though his true home is logically amid the evergreen forests of the north should the birds find themselves in the southern forests at nesting season, they are not a bit perturbed. They nest and bring up the family as usual. I have seen Crossbills every month of the year in the same locality, and again, have not seen a single Crossbill for months. So with his strangely misshapen bill, his energetic uncouth actions, and his irresponsible disregard for migration law the Crossbill is certainly a unique and interesting bird.

NEW TCA DORVAL HANGAR TO BE READY IN SPRING

MONTREAL, Que.—The Trans-Canada Air Lines' hangar at Montreal's new Dorval airport will be completed in the Spring, according to John Schofield, TCA Architect Excavation started at the end of October, but when S. J. Hungerford, President of the Air Lines, went out to the site a few days ago, he found that erection of the 200-foot steel trusses had been almost finished. The big trusses were going up at the rate of one every two days. They are supported by steel columns and concrete foundations on concrete piles driven to a depth of 41 feet.

The next step will be the building of the enclosing walls, consisting of brickwork up to the window sills laid in adhesive lime which is quick setting and non-taining. The balance of the enclosing walls will consist of insulated steel siding and glass. The steel sheets are in large sections, weatherproof, and can be erected quickly during the winter months. They can be taken down and used again when extensions become necessary.

The hangar is the largest in Canada built as one unit.

HUNTER RIVER SCHOOL

The standing of the Senior Department for January.

Grade IX—1. Verna Robertson; 2. Gladys Andrew; 3. Robert Andrews.
Grade VIII—1. Frances Bagnall; 2. Wilmont Robertson; 3. Gordon Ripley.
Grade VII—1. Ray Higgins: 2. Elwood Robertson
Grade VI—1. Robert Smith; 2. Lloyd Cousins; 3. Helen Nicholson.
Grade V—1. Walter Thompson; 2. Freda Newman; 3. Manson Smith.

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As result of the close co-operation between the Canadian Postal Corps overseas and in Canada, and our Post Office Department in seeking to trace owners of mail reaching overseas in an undeliverable condition one Canadian soldier will receive a gold signet ring which he may treasure all his life as an unique wartime souvenir.

Honourable William P. Mulock, K. C., M. P., Postmaster General, draws attention to the fact that a ship carrying Christmas mails for the Canadian forces overseas was damaged by the enemy, and among the mails salvaged from the sea, was found a gold ring which bore the initials J. W. C. and was engraved inside "From Grace and Jonnie, Christmas, 1940". This gift was accompanied by a letter on which a street address was deciphered showing that it had been mailed in Calgary, Alberta, but which bore no trace of the name of the sender of the addressee.

Canadian Postal Corps officials overseas communicated this limited information to the Base Post Office, Canada which took up the matter with the postal authorities at Calgary. As a result the ring was subsequently identified as having been sent overseas in a Chris mas parcel to No. M. 20731, Pte. J. W. Chambers, 1st Divisional Ammunition Column, R. C. A. S. C., by Mrs. J. W. Chambers 414-13th Avenue East, Calgary, Alberta. She had fastened the ring in the toe of a sock - one of a pair included in a Christmas parcel.

Instructions to deliver the signet ring to Pte. Chambers have been given.

The above example is merely one instance of the effort made by the Canadian postal authorities to effect delivery of soldiers' mail, and to trace the ownership of letters, which, as a result of damage through enemy action or insufficient addressing, improper packing, etc., are rendered difficult of delivery.

The above instances the fact that the Canadian Postal Corps overseas holds undeliverable articles of value which may possibly be identified, and releases them when ownership is proved to the satisfaction of the Officer-in-Charge.

ROTARY

Yesterday's weekly meeting of the Rotary Club held at the Charlottetown Hotel at 12.55 p. m. marked the celebration of the 36th year of Rotary as a going and growing concern.

George T. Hardie occupied the chair and introduced the speaker, President Heath McIntyre who spoke of the position which Rotary has attained, particularly in the matter of community service. Reference was made to the leadership which is given here as elsewhere, by members of the club, who take into their community life the inspiration which Rotary tends to foster. "At no time in history," said Dr. McIntyre, "was our communities in greater need of inspired leadership and the willingness to work steadily and diligently to overcome the aspirations of Hitlerism and what it stands for."

A message was read from Rotary International President Pereira and also one from the founder, Paul Harris. Referring to community service, the President said: "Pride in things done should result in determination to do still more. Let us deserve more friends by being still more friendly."

By thus benefitting our communities we shall be making our respective countries stronger.

Secretary T. Roy Cudmore moved a vote of thanks to the Press and Station CFCY for liberal publicity given Rotary in connection with the anniversary being celebrated. The vote was seconded by G. F. Hutcheson and unanimously agreed to

The "Rotary Quartette "was revived and rejuvenated yesterday when Ernie Richardson was added to the score. "Rotary My Rotary" took on a new lease of life when the new "big four" broke into song and "Cock Robin" died the same old death without variations. Quigley, Calder and Sterns were the originals. Roy Kendall at the piano.

Prairies Due For Flax Boom

By FRANK FLAHERTY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Feb. 24 —(CP) — A moderate swing from wheat to flax production is expected on many prairie farms during the present year.

While Canada has an immense surplus of wheat, there is need for an increase of 1,000,000 bushels of flax if domestic requirements are to be met without imports.

Flax seed production in western Canada is quite a different undertaking from fibre flax production in eastern Canada. The latter is going ahead as a wartime job but western flax is of a different type and is valuable for seed only. The seed is mainly used for production of linseed oil.

For several years past Canada has imported about 1, 00 000 bushels of flaxseed for oil purposes, mainly from the Argentine. If all the flax required could be produced in Canada, a substantial saving in foreign exchange could be affected.

Production of flax for seed purposes requires no special machinery. It can be handled with the standard grain binders, combines and threshers. Generally speaking owing to smaller yields, a farmer needs to get about twice the price for flax that he gets for wheat in order to make its production equally profitable. Present price quotations show flax is worth slightly more than twice as much as wheat.

In 1940 Canadian farmers increased their flax acreage to 372, 700 acres against 297,500 in 1939 and secured a production of 3,240 000 bushels against 2,075,000 in 1939.

MARKET IN U. S.

In suggesting a further increase in production for 1941 the federal department of agriculture states that even if Canada produces a surplus of flax over domestic requirements it will find a market in the United States where production falls short of requirement by 15,000 000 bushels.

While there is a duty of 65 cents a bushel on Canadian flax entering the United States it is stated the higher quality of northern flax from Canada as against other flax available to the United States is almost certain to result in any Canadian surplus moving across the border.

The type of flax grown for seed production is quite different from that grown for fibre and this accounts for the higher prices paid for fibre seed. This, grown in eastern Canada, on export to Northern Ireland for seeding purposes, commands a top price of $6 a bushel for No. 1 certified seed with uncertified bringing $4.25 for No. 1 and $4 for No. 2.

Against this the top prevailing cash price for flax seed on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange is about $1.50 a bushel.

Fibre flax, however, produces a much smaller yield or seed.. In Northern Ireland where the linen industry is centred and where considerable quantities are grown, little attempt is made to save the seed, but fibre flax seed is an important by-product of the production of fibre in eastern Canada.

TCA HAS SIX NEW LODESTARS

WINNIPEG, Man., The Trans-Canada Air Lines is now in possession of the six new Lodestars ordered from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The new planes have seats for fourteen passengers, four more than are accomodated in the equipment now in service across Canada. They have a top speed of 263 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 236 miles an hour at 12,000 feet. The "Fourteens" have a maximum of 244 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 207 miles per hour.

The Lodestars have made many records. One of them recently flew from Burbank, Calif., to Jacksonville, Fla., in nine hours, 29 minutes and 39 seconds. The journey of 2,357 miles was made at an average speed of 240 miles an hour with one stop.

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