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Georgetown
And Vicinity

Mr. Robert McNeill was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Mr. Miller MacDonald of Charlottetown was the guest of friends in Georgetown for the New Year holiday.

A door prize of a box of chocolates which was donated by the management of the Georgetown Skating Rink on New Year's night, was won by Clarence Stewart.

Mrs. Sheldon Ross had the misfortune of falling on the icy streets recently and injuring her knee. Her many friends hope the accident will not prove serious.

Miss Peggy Walker is visiting in Charlottetown, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker.

Elmer Paquet of Charlottetown is visiting here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dougan.

"The Georgetown - Lower Montague Ferry boat is still making regular crossings. On Thursday two or three venturesome persons made the crossing on the ice by foot from this town to Lower Montague.

Mr. P.L. Boudreau, who has just completed his term of office as Mayor of Georgetown, has been invited to attend the opening ceremonies of Canadian Citizenship Week in Charlottetown on Monday, Jan. 6th, where he will be the recipient of a Canadian Citizenship Certificate.

Georgetown students attending the various colleges and universities have nearly all completed their stays at their homes and have returned to take up their studies again.

Although some people may not realize it, this town is at present without the services of a town magistrate, policeman and other civic servants, as from January 1st, until the time of the first meeting of the new Town Council, which cannot now be held before Monday, January 6th.

New Year's Eve passed off very quietly in this shire town. Watch night services were held in St. David's United Church and a large crowd attended.

GEORGETOWN UNITED CHURCH ACTIVITIES

A well-attended Christmas service was held at St. David's United Church on Dec. 22nd. The Church presented a seasonable appearance with its evergreen trees and wreaths and other decorations. Mrs. Arthur Jenkins, Mrs. Babin and Mr. Roland Jay were heard to advantage in "Star of the East" and "Silent Night". An appropriate message was delivered by the Rev. Sidney J. Boyce, B.A., on "The Heart of Christmas".

On Sunday, Dec. 29th, the pulpit of St. David's Church was occupied by Mr. Nathan H. Mair, resident of the United Church Ministry from this place. Mr. Mair conducted the service and delivered the sermon in a commendable manner which shows much promise. The people were earnestly urged to follow the Master in His humility and love.

During the holiday season happy Christmas parties were held at St. David's Church under the auspices of the Young People's Union and Mission Band. Games were played, presents were exchanged and refreshments enjoyed.

The first Watch Night Service in St. David's Church for some years was held on New Year's Eve. A good congregation gathered and much-appreciated help was given by two duets "Bless this Holy" and "Take time to be Holy" by Mrs. Myrtle Bibb and Mrs. Arthur Jenkins. The minister urged that all present should use the occasion for the making of a fresh start in the Christian life and resolutely break with bad habits and wholeheartedly foster good habits. At the conclusion of the service hearty greetings for a Happy New Year were exchanged.

VALLEYFIELD EAST SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Christmas concert of the Valleyfield East School was held in the school on Friday evening, Dec. 20th.

The duties of chairman were performed by Mr. Murdoch A. MacLeod in a very capable manner. The following programme was well carried out.

Opening chorus: Away In A Manger (school).
Welcome recitation: Lloyd MacKinnon.

Recitation: A Timely Suggestion - Chester MacLeod.
Drill: Santa's Mistake - Chester MacLeod and Phyllis Nicholson.

Song: Merry Christmas - Seven girls.
Recitation: Just 'Fore Christmas - Preston MacLeod.

Monologue: Miss Prim's Christmas Shopping - Beatrice Walker.
Drill: A Suggestion - Preston.

Phyllis, Chester.
Duet: Goodnight Little Buckaroo - Joyce MacLennan and Irene Bruce.
Encores - Five Minutes More.
Recitation: A Lady Santa Claus - Phyllis Nicholson.

Recitation: When Mandy Starts to Weep - Audrey MacDonald.
Pantomime: Inoculation Day At School - Nine pupils.

Recitation: Caroline MacKenzie.
Instrumental Music: Archie Stewart, violin; Irene Bruce, guitar.

Contract Bridge

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON
PLACING THE BLAME

A correspondent reports that a bitter argument was touched off by the following deal, and asks for analysis of the bidding.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
K Q J 3
A K Q 7 5
6 4
Q J
N 10 8 7 4
W 10 4 3 2
E 10 8 3
S 9 5 3
A 5 3
A K Q 7
A 10 8 6 4 2

This, it is further reported, is the actual bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♦ Pass
3NT Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Obviously, since South found the club king "right," he made several odd - and it is understandable that both he and his partner were slightly disgruntled over not having reached even a game contract! My informant goes on to say that the accusations lurked back and forth were too voluminous (not to say sulphurous) to bear repeating, and asks simply for the usual decision as to who was more to blame, North or South.

Well, this is not a difficult matter to decide. It was North, and North alone, who should have draped himself in sackcloth and sprinkled himself with ashes for his part in this imbroglio.

To begin, North might well have started out with one spade so as to be able to show his hearts without "reversing." That, however, would have been unimportant if he had given greater attention to the entire sequence of bidding, including his own bids, when the four-club call came around to him for action. Both partners had "reversed" before this, and thus both had announced strong hands. It was utterly inconceivable to South - and North should have known it - that North would drop a four-club bid, short of game. Thus, in the most logical sense, that same four-club bid was an absolute force and North had no right to pass. Moreover, North should have wanted to bid five clubs!

Bristol and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald had a wonderful Christmas with their family of eighteen, all home except one daughter. Bruce who is in Montreal, also four guests. It took more than one goose to go around.

Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Sinnott, with a family of fifteen were all at home for Christmas along with a few guests. Mrs. Sinnott said it was a happy day for her with husband and family all home with the yet unbroken circle.

The home of the oldest resident was closed up for Christmas for the first time in more than half a century as Mr. Curran is in the hospital and Mrs. Curran has gone to reside with friends for the winter.

Midnight Mass at the Little Flower Church, Morell, attended by hundreds was celebrated by Rev. Phalen McKenna, P.P. who also presided at the sermon. On this occasion the crib, in memory of the late pastor, Rev. Joseph Rooney, was aglow with lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Alzair Doucette and family have taken up residence at Mr. Joe MacDonald's farm property for the winter months. It is understood they are purchasing the property of Jack Keele near the Bristol Mills.

Mrs. James A. O'Brien has returned from a visit to Boston, where she spent some time with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey; also with her sisters and brother. She also visited many other old friends, one being Peter A. Sinnott, whom Joyce MacLennan, organ (encored).

Dialogue: Heck Says It (nine pupils).

Recitation: Santa Claus and the Mouse - Anna MacKenzie.
Recitation: Harry's Mistake - Lloyd MacKinnon.

Song: But She Could Yodel - Phyllis Nicholson.
Encores: Rose of the Rio.
Recitation: Specially Jim - Katherine Watson.

Recitation - Santa Claus - Freddie Bradley.
Song: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child - Beatrice Walker.

Drill: Christmas Nine pupils.
Instrumental Music (encored).
Dialogue: Descom's Proposal - two pupils.

Motion Song: Christmas Stockings - Freddie Preston, Lloyd, Chester.

Monologue - Christmas Acknowledgments - Katherine Watson.

Recitation: Family Troubles - Phyllis Nicholson.

Closing Chorus: Silent Night - school, followed by trio, Old Santa Claus - Preston, Phyllis, Chester.

Santa then distributed gifts from a tree well laden with gifts for young and old, after which a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with "The King."

Santa, teacher and children are very grateful for a treat of candy and fruit provided by the Women's Institute and also to Ethel Walker who acted as accompanist for the evening.

OUR 90th YEAR!
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ON the threshold of our 90th year we pause and look back -- Look back to what some call "The Good Old Days". But WERE they the-good-old-days?
LET us stop for a moment and think what the Horse-and-Buggy Age meant to our ancestors... Hardship and hard work. Everything was done by Lamplight. Travel was limited to Old Dobbin. News reached people every two or three weeks. Wages were small and comforts few. Grandpa went to bed with the hens and got up with them. The house was cold and drafty and proper fuel was a luxury for a chosen few. On the farm, chores were done the hard way -- cows were milked by hand -- the fields were tilled by horse power and a lot of sweat... Yet, they say "The Good Old Days".
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OUT OUR WAY
By J. R. WILLIAMS
OUR BOARDING HOUSE
With Major Hoople
YE GODS! THAT DOGS BARKING WILL DRIVE THE NEIGHBORS INSANE! CAN'T SOMETHING BE DONE?
NO--NOBODY CAN SHOVEL SNOW AS FAST AS A CAT KUN RUN! HE WANTS ME TO SHOVEL A PATH TO A CAT DOWN HERE!
EGAD, BOYS! THE RIBBING COST OF FOOD FOR BRUCE THREATENS TO FLATTEN MY WALLET! WHY CAN'T GEESSE BE PUT OUT ON THE RANGE LIKE LONGHORN CATTLE?
POULTRY WILL EAT ROCKS, YA KNOW, MARGIE? -- MY COUSIN TOM TIED THREE OF 'EM ON A GRAVEL ROAD ONE NIGHT -- NEXT DAY HE SOLD 'EM ALL TEN POUNDS OVERWEIGHT!
YOU COULD GET THE SAME RESULT BY FEEDING THE BRIDE'S BISCUITS -- KOOK-KOOK!

HEALTH EDUCATION
To those who enjoy reading, the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, recommends the numerous books, many of them free, which explain in layman's language measures adapted by medicine to defeat disease and lengthen the span of life. The department suggests that it is everyone's duty, particularly in preventive measures, to know how to safeguard health, both personal and communal.