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—LADIES AID United Church, Kensington, will have Sale of Home-Cooking at MacKenzie's Store, Saturday afternoon, February 26th, beginning at 3 o'clock. 2-25-1i.

— SURPRISE PARTY — A group of young people tendered a surprise party in the Olympia on Monday evening in honor of A. B. Francis Arsenault R. C. N. V. R. of Summerside who is at present home on furlough and leaves on Saturday to return to duty. An address was read by Miss Bette Coyle and he was presented with a purse of money on behalf of his friends. The evening was spent in dancing and a delicious lunch was served by the girls present. Music for dancing was furnished by Beatrice Arsenault.—S.

— LADIES NIGHT AT ROTARY —Ladies' night was enjoyed on Tuesday evening by Summerside Rotarians and Rotary Annes at a special dinner function held in the Olympia, commemorating the thirty - ninth anniversary of the founding of Rotary. Mr. J. E. Dalton, vice president, read a message from the founder, Paul P. Harris of Chicago, also a message from the President of Rotary International, Charles H. Wheeler of San Francisco. An interesting program of variety entertainment was carried out. A solo by Ft. Sgt. Bill McCarten, R. C. A. F. a vocal duet by Allison MacLean and Albert Huestis. The accompanist was Beatrice Gallant. A quiz program was then held with Allison MacLean as quiz master. The oscar was won by Mrs. W. E. Darby. A toast to the Ladies was proposed by Dr. J. S. Simpson and was responded to on behalf of the Ladies—S.

—HOCKEY Bedeque rink Friday Feb. 25, Burns League, Kinkora vs. Chelton. Monday, Feb. 28, Summerside vs. Freetown. 2-25-1i.

—BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH. —The services for Sunday, February 27th are as follows: Bedeque 11 A. M. Albany 3 P. M. Borden 7.30 P. M. Rev. James M. Baxter, B. D., Minister. 2-25-1i.

—TRYON UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE. —The services for Sunday, February 27th are as follows: Tryon 11 A. M. Cape Traverse 3 P. M. Crapaud 7.30 P.M. Rev. J. A. Jardine,B.A.,B. D., Minister 2-25-1i.

— MAGISTRATE'S COURT — Four members of the reserve army appeared before Magistrate W. E. Darby in Summerside on Tuesday charged with not attending parades. Two were fined $5.00 and costs and the other two having presented a sufficient excuse were dismissed.—S.

— SUMMERSIDE MAN IN SCHARNHORST FIGHT — Surgeon Lieut. James Dodds, R. C. N. V. R. of Summerside was serving on a Royal Navy Destroyer which took part in the sinking of the German Battleship Scharnhorst according to a letter received from him by Mayor W. J. Lidstone of Summerside. Surgeon Lieut. Dodds went on duty with the Royal Navy about a year ago after having served in the Canadian Navy since early in 1941. He has been serving on the northern convoy route to Russia, and when he wrote Mayor Lidstone he had been laid up with flu'. His letter says in part, "Had a bit of excitement the day after Christmas when the convoy we were escorting was attacked by the Scharnhorst. We only saw the first two games, after which they all decided to move south for the final game of the series. On her second attempt she got to within six miles of us but was then engaged by the cruiser escort and she decided it was too hot. By then the battleship escort accompanied by cruisers and destroyers had cut to the south and her number was up." Surgeon Lieut Dodds is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodds, Spring Street. A brother, Phil is serving overseas in the artillery—S.

TO-DAY

"HENRY ALDRICH GETS GLAMOR"

Also News & Short Subjects

CAPITOL

"A Stranger in Town"

Dramatic Expose of Small Town Politics

—Frank Morgan, setting aside his comedy characters for the nonce, succeeds admirably in extracting the utmost in dramatic situations from his portrayal of a Supreme Court Justice in M-G-M's "A Stranger in Town," current at the Capitol Theatre.

Morgan is seen as Associate Justice Grant who travels incognito on a duck-hunting vacation. He meets a young lawyer running for mayor against a small-town political ring. With the aid of his pretty secretary he resolves to help the barrister by showing him now to revive a few forgotten lays.

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Richard Carlson plays the young lawyer convincingly. Jean Rogers is Morgan's secretary. Rough is the going for the two until they discover a thing called love.

In a dramatic climax Morgan discloses his identity, exposes the unscrupulous politicians, delivers an inspiring appeal on American freedom and makes the townfolk realize they have been shcapegoats all along.

Makes Strong Appeal For Returned Soldiers

Speech On Draft Address By Lt.-Col. E. H. Strong M. C.

Provincial Legislature, Feb. 23. Contimation of the debate on the Draft Address:

LT. COL. E. H. STRONG

Lt. Col. E. H. Strong, (Conservative) Fifth District of Prince, said he was disappointed in not hearing more portfolio holders take part in this debate. The Premier had taken the whole weight of the departments on his shoulders. His junior supporters outside the government had shown a great deal of talent, however.

He suggested that the standing rules and orders be amended to include, after prayers in the morning, a two-minutes silence in memory of the gallant lads who have made and are making the supreme sacrifice in the war. This custom was carried out at every meeting of the Canadian Legion.

The speaker warmly approved the suggestion to have Lieut. Gordon DeBlois' letter included in the school textbooks. "It would be much better than having a lot of this American literature put in our schoolbooks today, for our children to read," he said.

He went on to emphasize the importance of the two large airports at Summerside and Mount Pleasant.

Citing his experience as a gardener, Col. Strong urged the Government to take steps to eradicate wild mustard. One farmer objected to the winter roads crossing his farm on account of this nuisance. The horse droppings were full of wild mustard, and the seed will last in the ground for twenty-five years. It is becoming an increasing menace to crops throughout the country.

The Government should also take steps to prevent "key young men" from leaving the province in greater numbers. "There are three men on the Selective Service Board," he added. "They may be very fine men, but they are out of touch with the conditions in this Province. They are three 'pesky lawyers' that the Government benches complain of, and they are taking our key men off the farms and it is time to call a halt."

Selective Service

Col. Strong said that when Selective Service was first formed the farm boy could go to his local doctor and he could send in a report. "Now we have something similar to the Gestapo in use. Some busybody got to work and said 'You can't trust these local doctors.' Now they are sent before this Gestapo Board in Charlottetown. The public is not allowed to attend the proceedings. It is like the old-time Star Chamber or the Inquisition." Lot of men now being taken into the army are unfitted to be soldiers and would be far better off on the farm, the speaker said. The local doctor is the proper man to pass on a matter of this kind, as he knows each case history.

Every three months these boys get notices to appear before the board, until their life is made miserable. Blacksmiths and storekeepers, as well as farm help, are being called up, leaving these essential business depleted.

Speaking from thirty years experience as an army man, Col. Strong said he considered he had a right to make these criticisms without being thought unpatriotic. Volunteers from this Province more than outnumber our complement. There should be some judgment and discretion exercised in enforcing the call-up regulations.

Another federal regulation against which he protested made a farmer liable to prosecution if he put up a few cans of lobsters for his own use. There had been "a bevy of raids" by fishery officials. There had also been unnecessary liquor prosecutions involving the expenditure of a lot of money which would better have been made in promoting agriculture.

He congratulated the leader of the Opposition, Dr. MacMillan, on being awarded the Order of the British Empire. "That award was well merited," he said amid applause.

He complimented the Premier as an oldtime athlete and "a man amongst men ever since his youth." He also commended Hon. Horace Wright.

He referred to the achievement of the late Capt. Peters, V.C., a relative of the late ex-Premier Frederick Peters of this Province.

On the subject of veterans' reestablishment he quoted from the last issue of The Legionary, organ of the Canadian Legion, emphasising each soldier's problem as an individual one. He recalled his own experience of the nerve-wracking nature of service under shell fire, and said that time to readjust themselves on their return home was vitally important in the case of all discharged soldiers.

Asks Consideration

Resuming the debate on Thursday morning, Col. Strong cited distressing cases of young men who had been drafted and then discharged unexpectedly because it was deemed possible they might become casualties in a year's time. He pleaded for greater consideration of returned soldiers' problems. They should not be placed on unproductive land or expected to compete with long-established farmers.

There was no need to worry about returned soldiers going C. C. F. or Communist, the speaker believed. "They will exercise good common sense and as long as the old parties live up to what they expect of us, we will have their support."

The Veterans' Land Act, he explained, is intended to provide men with a life work. The maximum amount of assistance under the Act has been increased from $4,800 to $6,000. The soldier must have some capital to start with, and this will present a problem in the case of men who have served in the ranks at $1.50 a day. These are the men whose interests should be safeguarded. Returned officers can look after themselves for the most part.

The speaker reviewed in detail the provisions of the Act and the classifications under which men are eligible for assistance as farmers and fishermen.

He instanced the fine physical condition of Prince Edward Island recruits and asked if this was not even better than having disease free cattle and other livestock.

He did not agree with the Speech from the Throne that the war would end this year. The Gestapo will prevent internal uprisings and the German army remains intact.

A veteran of the last war who enlists in the present war apparently is not eligible for assistance, Col. Strong said. This was a grave injustice. These men are coming back every day, unfit to carry on civilian duties. They have to prove their disabilities were incurred in service, and this is sometimes a difficult thing to do.

He quoted from The Guardian an interim report of the reconstruction committee tabled in the House of Commons, commenting on its importance and significance.

He could see a danger in bringing too many evacuee doctors to this province, especially from enemy countries.

Hon. Dr. MacMillan at this point explained that the two doctors brought to Prince County are not qualified under the Medical Council of Canada and consequently are licensed by the Provincial Board. They are given temporary permits good only for the duration of the war. If they want to stay after that they must become fully qualified under the provisions of the Dominion council. "This is a war provision," he said, "the best we can do. We tried to get men out of the Army. The Medical Advisement and Procurement body will not move any men."

Col. Strong: 'Still I say we must be careful, that is all."

Mr. McKinnon: "Doesn't the hon. gentleman think that those men will make useful citizens after the war?"

Mr. Speaker: "I do not think there is any discussion. The subject is out of order."

Col. Strong said he believed in Canada for the Canadians. He did not want to see leadership established in this country by men of Europe whose ideals were different. He was not a "yes, yes" man so far as his party leader was concerned. He differed with him on this point. "You can get anything if you go after it," he said.

Hon. J. A. Campbell: "Why do Canadian doctors go over to Europe to take special courses?"

Col. Strong: "I am not saying anything about education. They are very highly educated I understand. Perhaps if they were taken into some of our colleges of learning they might teach postgraduate work."

Daylight Saving

Col. Strong urged that daylight saving time be abolished in this Province. He quoted from a farmer's letter, complaining that the system was "a humbug" and an inconvenience to the farmers, while for urban people it "lengthened their nights and shortened their days." It reminded him "of a fellow who cut the top off his blanket and sewed it on the foot in order to lengthen it."

He hoped the Government would bring in some resolution doing away with the foolishness of this system. It was something the same as the scheme for providing gas masks, A. R. P. services "and other foolishness that has been foisted on the people of this community. The money wasted in this kind of thing could be well spent in developing the Province."

He also strongly criticised the establishment of the National Park where people go "to watch a few people from Ottawa playing golf, and a few judges." He asked whether any farmer in the House would like to be surrounded by vacant farms growing all kinds of weeds blowing over his land. That, he claimed, is the situation in the neighborhood of the Park. It was "a regular weed-infested territory."

Col. Strong referred to the building of the Summerside High school on a guarantee from the Provincial Government that they would pay the salaries of the teachers in grades eleven and twelve. This contract with the Province had been broken.

Hon. J. A. Campbell: "It was not fair for any government to give special consideration to one part of the Province."

Col. Strong: "A contract is a contract. That is the way we look upon it."

Mr. Campbell: "It is not fair; the sooner it is broken the better."

Col. Strong: "It has been broken. "

With regard to the Sanatorium, he continued, it is now a question how much of the extension will be allotted to the civilian population.

He dealt with health clinic facilities at Summerside and stressed the gravity of social diseases.

On the subject of electrical power he offered to give the Government a report for which the Summerside committee had paid $700

He commended reforestration and the efforts of ex-Minister W. H. Dennis in this connection. His only objection was that provision is not being made for wind breaks.

He read with interest the attempt of the Agricultural Department to deal with pullorum. He quoted the last report of the department, stating that blood samples were drawn on producers' premises and forwarded to Summerside for testing. That was the policy under Mr. Dennis, but it has been changed. The pathologist to whom these samples were sent was Dr. Cunningham, a skilled man who in the last war was director general of veterinary services in Persia for the British Army. He did not interrupt the Premier's statements on this subject because he did not take the Premier's reference to Dr. Cunningham to be derogatory. He hoped, nevertheles, that the department would continue to use the services of Dr. Cunningham and the laboratory he has provided at Summerside at a great deal of expense.

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Three New Boy Scout-Troops in Summerside For Scout Week

By W. A. CURRIE

Assistant Boy Scout Commissioner for Prince Edward Island

Two months of preparation on the part of nine volunteer Scout Masters and Assistants and twenty-five boys, mostly former Scouts, has resulted in the forming of three Scout Troops, who will hold their first regular Troop meetings this week.

After a lapse of three years, occasioned by the prompt enlistment of all the splendid young men who had taken over Troops or who were already to do so, Scouting is again to occupy a definite place in the community. No. 1 Summerside Troop, will meet on Monday evenings and will be in charge of Scout Master Earl McDonald with Assistant Scout Masters, H.T. Holman, Jr., and Edwin Estey. No 2 Summerside Troop will meet on Wednesday evening under Scout Master Dave Lidstone with Assistant Scout Masters, Herb Stright, Cpl. Stogrie and Lorne Campbell. Scout Master Don MacFarlane with Assistant Scout Masters Gordon White and Horace MacFarlane will be in charge of No. 3 Summerside Troop and will meet on Friday evenings.

The boys who have been reviewing the Scouting they learned some years ago and who are now prepared to go further in this great boys programme and at the same time teach new tenderfoots their preliminary scouting are: Stan Carnegy, Deane Reade, Allan Lecky, Lowell Huestis, George Pope, Robert Romcke, Billie McFarlane, Basil Profit, Chester McDonald, Preston Kelly, Ivan Stright, John Ellis, Jack MacFarlane, Howard MacFarlane, Stewart McNeill, Albert Newton, Graham Muttart, Don McPhee, and Arnold Pidgeon.

Other boys who have already started learning the Tenderfoot Test are: Kenneth Linkletter, Gordon Lidstone, Bill Linkletter, Neill McLeod, Nicholas Gaudet, and Roy Arsenault. Many others have been waiting for the new Troops to be formed and will be on hand this week

Scouting operates under its own Community Group Committee who are responsible to the Provincial Scout Executive of which Mr R. S.P. Jardine, Charlottetown, is President. However, our reorganization plans were given added impetus by the recently formed Community Welfare Committee who early recognized the important place Scouting must occupy in any youth development plan and the Scouters on that Committee were assigned the Boy Scout Movement as their special community interest.

Scouting has few means in itself of raising funds and the Y's Men's Club, which has always been a strong supporter of the Boy Scout and its sister organization, the Girld Guide Movement, bought our initial order of necessary troop supplies. This club has also supplied a generous quota of Scout Masters and Assistants and in this worthy work the Knights of Columbus is also represented.

Scouting has many friends. When the Oddfellow's Lodge were made aware of our difficulty in obtaining suitable Scout Quarters, their spacious lodge room was made available to us at a very nominal cost. The boys appreciate the privilege of meeting there and make every effort to see that the premises receive care

Scouting is a boys show. When the Troops become properly organized the boys themselves will direct and manage them under the guidance of the Scout Masters and Assistants. The boys will have an added opportunity of learning discipline, initiative and self-confidence. They learn to be thoughtful to others through the "Good Turn Every Day." Boys from homes representing different [illegible] wealth learn to discover their common ground and worth. Respect and courtesy rank high in Scouting Training.

Obviously anything that benefits the boys — the future citizen of the Community — benefits that Community. The Boy Scouts Association therefore appeals to the community at large to rally to its support in its effort to make this great, worth-while citizen training program available to still more boys

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Fl. Sgt. James Clarence MacDonald wish to thank all kind neighbours and friends, who sent Mass Cards, Spiritual Bouquets, Letters and Telegrams of Sympathy. 2-25-1i.

BIRTHS

CAMERON — At the P E I. Hospital, Feb. 24, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Cameron, a daughter.

GALLANT — At Fredericton, N B., Feb. 15, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley, (nee Margaret Gallant), a daughter, Joanne Kane.

MacPHEE — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on February 23, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. N. Wesley MacPhee, Charlottetown, a son.

ANDERSON — At Saint John on February 23, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs J. A. Anderson (nee Jean Belcher Charlottetown) a daughter.

MARRIAGES

ALEXANDER-ADAMS — At Zion Manse, on Thursday, Feb. 24, 1944, by the Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, Miss Mary Sephy Adams, of Conway, to Mr. Wm. Alexander of Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

DEATHS

PHILLIPS—At the Prince County Hospital on February 24, 1944, Mrs. Everett Phillips of Summerside, aged 49 years. Funeral notice later.

GILLIS — At New Argyle on Feb. 21, 1944, Mrs. John Gillis in her 95th year. Funeral from her late residence Saturday afternoon, service starting at 2 p.m. Interment in Argyle Shore Cemetery.

CREAMER — At 711 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn, New York, Catherine Creamer, widow of Doctor Joseph Creamer and daughter of the late Judge D O'M Reddin of Charlottetown.

HENNESSEY—At his residence, 206 King Street on Thursday, February 24, 1944, James Hugh Hennessey, aged 60 years. Funeral from his late residence Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Dunstan's Basilica thence to the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

MURCHISON—At New City, New York, on Feb 20, 1944, Marion Murchison in her 16th year, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A.J.G. Murchison. Funeral from Trinity United Church on Sunday, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment Mt. Buchanan Cemetery on Tuesday. Remains will arrive Friday evening and will be taken to the McLean Funeral Home, where they will remain until Saturday noon.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our father, Robert Spargeon Day, who departed this life February 25th, 1943.

One year has passed since that sad day,
The one we loved was called away,
God took him home, it was His will
But in our hearts, he liveth still.

Ever Remembered by Son (Garfield), and Daughter (Laura).
2-25-1i.

In Memoriam

In memory of James Duncan, who passed away February 25, 1943.

Sincere and true in all his ways
Upright and just till the end of his days
Beautiful memories of one so dear
Are treasured still with a love sincere.

Ever Remembered by His Daughter Margaret.

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