

Busy Centre Of Hunter River

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The Mission Band met on Saturday afternoon at the home of Gordon McDonald with 18 members and 4 visitors present. Laura Sherran presided. Theme "Praise God for schools." Hymns sung were "The Wise May Bring Their Learnings" and "Jesus Bids Us Shine," and the Scripture was read by Virginia Waye. Prayer by the President (Laura Sherran) followed by Lord's Prayer. The leader told the story Broadcasting It from the Guide, and explained Chapters 3 and 4 of the study book. Minutes were read and approved. Next meeting at the home of Roy Whitlock. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

The Y. P. Union met on Feb. 21 for their weekly meeting at the home of Margaret Smith. Mrs. Fulton Robertson, citizenship convener in charge of the program. Hymns sung were—Lord of the Lands and Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour. Scripture reading by Margaret Smith followed by prayer by Mrs.

Orville Sellar. Minutes were approved. Correspondence was read and due to the small attendance, it was decided to leave several matters over until the next meeting. Mrs. Robertson and Eleanor Smith were appointed in charge of recreation for next meeting. Games and contests were enjoyed and a treat of candy was passed. Meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction. Following is the slate of officers elected at the annual meeting for 1949: Honorary President, Rev. Howard Christie; president, James McPayden; vice-president, Eleanor Nicholson; secretary, Frances Sherran; treasurer, Shirley Carew (re-elected); Convenors—Fellowship, Lloyd Carew; missionary, Mrs. Fulton Robertson; Culture, Jeanette Moreside; recreation, Fulton Robertson. Financial statement for 1948: Total receipts, \$1130.42. Grant to Improvements on United Church \$1000.00; other expenses \$118.77; bal on hand, \$11.05.

The March meeting of the Auxiliary of the W. M. S. met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Ripley. The President, Mrs. C. B. Matheson presided and opened the meeting. Theme—Thy Kingdom come through the United Witness of the Christians of the World. The worship service as printed in the Missionary Monthly

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was followed. Psalm 46 was read in unison and all knelt in The circle of Prayer. The last chapter of West of the Gorges was given by Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Ripley. Minutes of last meeting were approved as read. Roll call was answered by 15 members and 2 visitors. It was decided to hold a Pantry Sale on Saturday with following committee in charge of arrangements—Mrs. J. S. McLeod, Mrs. LePage, Mrs. Matheson and Mrs. Don Bulman. A letter was read from Mrs. J. D. McFarlane, Presbyterian President, also one from Mrs. Head, Christian Stewardship Secretary. The Temperance Secretary read an item on Social Drinking. Thirty seven home calls were reported and ten books recorded. Lunch committee for next meeting, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Sherran and Mrs. Bertram. Mrs. Bowman invited members to her home for April meeting. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Ripley assisted by committee. Meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Frank Bagnall entertained members of the Riverview Institute on Monday evening March 7, 1949. Sixteen members were present and one visitor. Mrs. Cyril Smith, the President presided, and the meeting opened in usual way. Roll call was answered with an Irish joke. Minutes of last meeting were approved as read. Several letters were read and discussion of same followed. It was moved and seconded that bills be paid. A committee consisting of Mrs. C. B. Matheson, Mrs. J. L. LePage, Mrs. Frank Bagnall, Mrs. C. H. McGuigan and Mrs. C. V. Smith were appointed to select plays. Sick committee gave their report and were re-appointed. School committee reported several articles needed in school and Mrs. Frank Doucette was appointed for next month. Programme committee re-appointed. Mrs. J. L. LePage invited members to her home for April meeting. Lunch committee—Mrs. J. S. Burqs, Mrs. Dan McLeod.

Mrs. Reagh Bagnall and Mrs. Bert McDonald. Roll call to be answered with a suggestion on "how to make our meetings more interesting." Mrs. Hazen Wigmore was guest of the evening and gave a most interesting demonstration on handicraft showing different articles made from felt and leather, also weaving, smoking, needle work. All present thoroughly enjoyed the display and Mrs. Wigmore's talk. The president on behalf of all present expressed sincere thanks to Mrs. Wigmore. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Bagnall, Virginia Waye and committee.

BALTIC W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Baltic W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Riley on Thursday evening, March 4th. The vice-president presided and opened the meeting by singing the Ode and repeating the Creed in unison. Roll call was responded to by each member paying according to her waist line. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. One new member was welcomed. Reports of different committees were given: Sick committee reported having made two calls and taking treat to same. It was moved and seconded bills be paid.

School committee reported nothing needed; also treasurer's report. Mrs. James Cousins reported \$18.25 realized at a recent card party held at her home. A letter was read from Mobile X-ray unit and plans were made regarding their visit to this district during 1949. Mrs. David Cousins and Mrs. Bruce Crozier were appointed field organizers. Next meeting to be held at Mrs. Benj. Burns, roll call to be answered with a house-cleaning hint. Program committee, Mrs. Keir Crafer and Mrs. David Cousins. Collection amounted to 40 cents. Two very interesting contests were put on by Mrs. B. Burns, also a "Shoe Hunting Contest", which caused much laughter. Meeting closed by singing National Anthem. Lunch was served by hostess, assisted by Mrs. B. Crozier.

KINGSTON W. I.

The regular meeting of the Kingston W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Merrill Green on Thursday evening, March 3rd. Meeting opened by singing Institute Ode followed by the Creed in unison. Roll call was answered by eleven members present. Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. A

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See Newfoundland A Strong Bastion On The Atlantic

By DAVE MCINTOSH
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 12 (CP)—Entry of Newfoundland into confederation will give Canada her biggest far-north base and her most easterly outpost. Chief among these will be Goose Bay in Labrador and Gander in northeastern Newfoundland, a grey sea of tarmac carved out of the wilderness. Through Gander hundreds of thousands of war planes were ferried to Britain during the war. In a busy month, 1,700 flights still go through this "crossroads of the world." Canada will have bases farther north than Goose Bay and Gander, but none bigger or better equipped. Ten airlines make scheduled stops at Gander, an airport community of about 2,000 persons. Canada poured \$26,000,000 into Gander at the start of the war and will take over the \$1,000,000 annual deficit incurred in running it now. Canada also built Goose Bay, 450 miles northwest of Gander, primarily as a coastal command and ferry base during the war, and as an alternative to Gander. She now shares the field with United States forces.

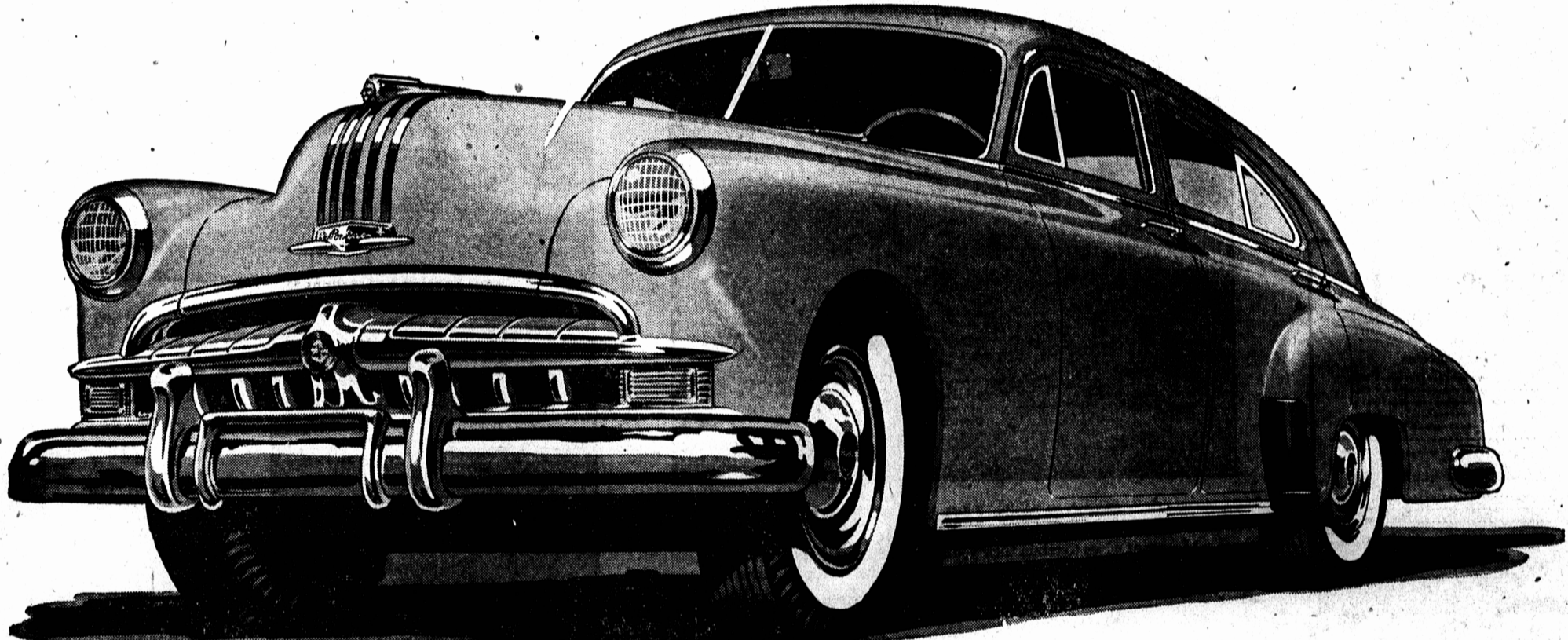
Nearest To Europe
Torbay, the airport for St. John's, also was used by the R.C.A.F. during the war. Nearest airdrome to Europe in the western hemisphere, with the exception of two American bases in Greenland, Torbay is small in comparison to Gander and Goose and it is only a few hundred yards from the coast. The three other big bases in Newfoundland are owned by the United States, obtained in the destroyers-for-bases deal in 1941 for 99 years. They are Fort Pepperell, just outside St. John's, which is strictly an army post, Argentia on the south coast, both a navy and air force establishment, and Harmon Field near Stephenville on the west coast, an air force base. It is not likely that confederation will bring any modification in the bases deal. If Americans will be based on Canadian soil, Newfoundlanders point out that Americans have been based on other Canadian soil for some years at Seven Islands on the St. Lawrence; Fort Chimo on Ungava Bay; Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island; Eureka Sound, Resolute Bay, Cambridge Bay, Sawmill Bay, Kittigazuit, Fort Nelson and Churchill in northern Manitoba. There are dozens of other small airfields in Newfoundland and Labrador most of which could be developed as rapidly as Gander or Goose. Most of them were built as emergency landing strips.

War-time Activity
There have never been big service establishments in Newfoundland such as one finds in most countries. Thousands of Canadian, Newfoundland and United States servicemen were stationed here during the war but all but a handful of Americans have disappeared since and former R.C.A.F. and army barracks are falling into ruin. On Signal Hill towering above this old capital, the Americans placed heavy siege guns during the war when the city, always blacked out then, expected naval attack. None ever came and the guns have been taken away. Fort Amherst, manned by Canadians, sits at the entrance to St. John's harbor. A sole lighthouse keeper is the only person who goes near it now.

The Newfoundland serviceman, since the English wars with the French for the mastery of North America, has always fought away from home. Extremely loyal to Britain though often accusing her of misusing Newfoundland, the islanders would be the first to go to her aid if the mother country became involved in another war. Though Newfoundland is doing no particular attention to defence now, it is most probable that with confederation Canada will look closely into the matter. Newfoundland has strategic defence posts left over from the last war. The problem would seem to be only how quickly they could be re-equipped if the need arose.

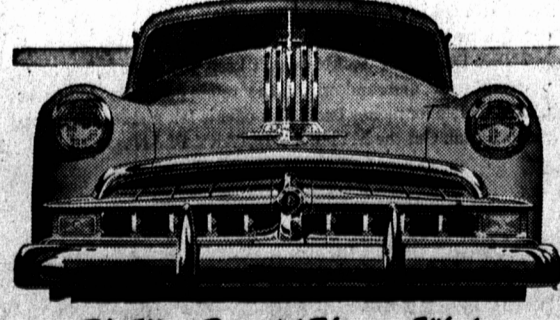
DARNLEY SCHOOL
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Grade II, Sr.—1, Marjorie Mounts; and Dennis Whitlock, equal; 2, Dale Pickering; 3, Dorothy Connick.
Grade II, Jr.—1, Norman MacKay.
Grade I, A.—1, Joyce Champlon.
Grade I, B.—1, John Cousins and Robert Keir Cousins, equal; 2, Doris Connick.
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