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..*INSTITUTE MEETING, Mrs. A. D. MacLure's, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

..*SEE "HOLIDAY REVUE" by Trinity Junior Choir at the A. D. MacKenzie Hall, Montague, Wednesday, April 7. Singing, dancing and dialogues.

..*TAKEN TO HOSPITAL—Mr. George Sheehan of Bear River, Kings County, was taken to the Souris Hospital yesterday suffering from concussion, the result of an accident which occurred while he was driving his tractor. It is reported that Mr. Sheehan was thrown to the ground with a force sufficient to cause unconsciousness.

..*KEEP WATCH ON RUINS—A watch was maintained over the week-end on the baled hay in the ruins of the storage shed at Montague. The hay was spread over a considerable area at the time of the fire and since then more water has been poured on it but it is considered there is still a remote danger fire will break out in it. It is expected that efforts will be made to move the hay today. Fire loss of $5,000 was caused Friday when fire destroyed a storage shed at Poole and Thompson's, containing 40 tons of hay and shingles. Tentative plans call for the erection of a new building.

..*MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER—On March 23, a miscellaneous shower was held at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ching, Red Point, in honor of Mrs. Ching's niece, Miss Phyllis Rose, East Baltic. Mr. Fred Rose expressed the occasion of all present and the popularity of the bride-to-be. Miss Rose was escorted to the well decorated living room by Miss Sylvia Bruce while Mrs. Clinton Stewart played "Here Comes the Bride." Miss Lillian Fraser read an address and Miss Roma Ching read the verses. Gifts were opened by Kay Ching while Bertie Robertson presented them to the bride-to-be and placed them on the table. Miss Rose thanked all for the lovely gifts and a large sum of money. Music and singing and a lunch were later enjoyed.
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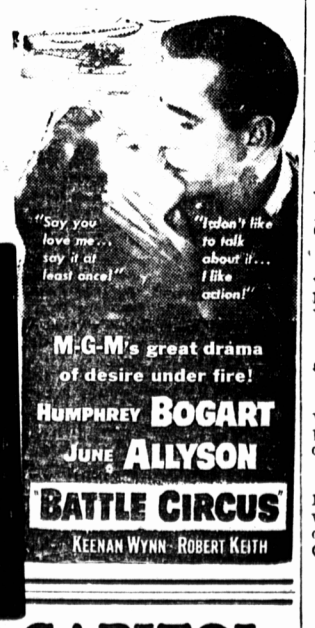

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..*VACCINATION and immunization clinic for Montague children (school, pre-school, and infants), in Memorial School, Monday, April 5, 2:15 p.m.

Murray Harbor North And Vicinity

*Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Dixon who were married at the Murray Harbor North Manse by the Rev. Carl Currie, on Saturday evening, March 20. The bride is the former Velma MacNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacNeil, New Perth, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dixon, Gaspereaux.

Mrs. Elmer Millar was a visitor to Montague, on March 22, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Johnny Beck, who is a patient in the Kings County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millar were business visitors to Montague on March 22.

A C 11 Ray MacInnis, Greenwood, N.S., who is spending his furlough at his home in Murray River was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willard McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Kennedy, accompanied by Miss Jessie McRae were visitors to Charlottetown, on March 22.

The sympathy of this community is extended to Mr. Roy Johnston and family in the loss of his wife who passed away on March 24, in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

Mrs. Francis Fisher, has returned to her home at Murray Harbour, North after an extended visit to Boston and Philadelphia.

Misses Betty Ann and Myrtle Millar, P.W.C., students, spent the week-end of March 27, at their respective homes.

Mr. Wilnot Millar, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dixon, motored to Summerside on March 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millar, were visitors to Charlottetown on Sunday where they visited with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Johnston and son, Glen, Peters Road, Mr. Rae Kennedy, Murray Harbor, North, and Miss Roma Johnston, Murray River, left March 30 by motor on a trip to Boston, Mass., where they will visit with relatives and friends.
—AO.

Pisquid East And Vicinity

*Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rogerson were visitors in Charlottetown on March 26.

Mr. Francis MacIntyre, Lorne Valley, passed through Pisquid, East on business on March 27.

Miss Juanita Jay, student at P. W. C., spent the March 27 week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Craig, West Covehead, were week-end guests of Mrs. Craig's sister, Mrs. George W. Jay and Mr. Jay.

Mr. Guy Jay of Charlottetown was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jay.

The roads in this vicinity are at present in very bad shape.

Miss Mabel Jay, Charlottetown, was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jay, on March 28.

Miss Georgie Dover, teacher at Mount Stewart, spent the last week-end in March at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. George Dover. —BA.

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Hydrogen Bomb Threat Gives Small Towns New Role In Civil Defence

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, (CP) — The hydrogen bomb has put the small community in the fore of any battle for survival which Canada may have to wage against any attacking enemy.

This was indicated by Health Minister Martin in a carefully-worded statement Friday in the Commons.

The new bomb envisages such wholesale destruction of large cities that surrounding communities, perhaps as far as 50 miles around, might bear the brunt of rescue work and care for wounded.

Mr. Martin's statement also indicated that, as in the United States, consideration will be given to virtual evacuation of large cities if sufficient warning is received of possible impending attack.

He said in reply to a question: "... Information now available on the destructive potentialities of thermo-nuclear weapons necessitates, here as elsewhere, some examination of some aspects of our civil defence program.

Dispersal Emphasized

"It emphasizes the importance of the consideration of matters having to do with the dispersal of urban populations, through evacuation, if such need ever arise—and I am not saying that it will.

"Substantial consideration is being given to the problem both in Canada and the United States. The new situation increases the importance of mutual aid in civil defence and we are currently engaged with United Kingdom and United States civil defence authorities in a reappraisal of the new situation which now exists..."

Up to now, thinking in both Canada and the United States has regarded dispersal of city population as a virtual impossibility because of likely shortness of notice and chaotic conditions which might be created if evacuation became a flight. In other words, it was thought people would have a better chance taking shelter in homes or office buildings than making themselves sitting ducks in a traffic jam.

This still is the situation in both countries The United States, however, apparently in the belief that build-up of warning systems may allow warning of from two to three hours, has asked its cities to examine the feasibility of evacuation.

Canada Reviews Position

Canada, if an attack came from the north, would have somewhat less warning. But Canadian civil defence administrators are also re-examining their views.

Present thinking in Canadian circles is that cities such as Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, with limited avenues of egress, would have an exceedingly difficult task to map out quick evacuation; but that some other cities, such as Windsor, Ont., might do it.

In general, opinion is that dispersal of large-city populations would be possible only under careful plans and with full co-operation of populations educated to what they must do.

Dispersal, as at present envisaged, does not mean complete evacuation. Certain key personnel must remain and take their chances under the best protection that can be provided.

As in the United States, possibility of population dispersal is a new approach, with strong arguments both ways.

Civilians Hit First

One civil defence worker said:

"The civilian population must realize that in any future war it will be in the front line and will be hit first. If the civilian population is defeated in the first atack, and production stops, the war is lost in the first week."

To which an opponent of dispersal replies:

"Evacuation is based on the assumption that an attacker will drop his bomb where we expect him to drop it and where it will do the most damage. Under war conditions it doesn't necessarily happen that way. That fellow, 30,000 feet up has his problems too. He may drop it where he can get rid of it—perhaps on the spot to which the population is fleeing."

Whatever the outcome of the argument, the hydrogen, or fusion, bomb, promises to do what the atom, or fission, bomb, apparently did not — make civil defence a hot topic.

East Baltic and Vicinity

*Mrs. Harold Hunter and baby daughter of North Lake, spent a week-end recently the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George McGregor in Charlottetown.

Miss Kitty Harris, Hamilton, Ont., is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Harris, East Pond.

Mr. Daniel McDonald who spent some time in the lumber woods in Nova Scotia, returned to his home in St. Columba, and is busy getting ready for the lobster season which opens May 1. Dan is one of North Lake's up and doing fisherman. For many years he fished along the shores. He is now fishing out of North Lake Harbour.

Mr. Kenneth Fraser, Souris, spent a couple of days visiting with friends in Alberton.

Mr. Robert Rose, North Lake, spent a pleasant week-end with friends in Midgell.

Miss Joyce Stead, Howe Bay, was a visitor with friends in Kingsboro.

All are pleased to learn that Miss Anne Whalen is making good progress in her illness with rheumatic fever in the Souris Hospital and all hope she will return to her home real soon.

Miss Annie Townshend returned to her home in South Lake, having spent several weeks a patient in the Souris Hospital. Her numerous friends are glad to see her improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKie, Howe Bay, were recent visitors with Mrs. McKie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kidson, Red Point.

Miss Mararget Jarvis, Elmira, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacGregor, East Baltic.

Mrs. Wallace McInnis, has recently returned to her home at North Lake, having spent some time as a patient in the Souris and Charlottetown Hospitals. Her many friends are glad to see her home and she will soon be restored to her usual good health.

Misses Wanda Robertson, Beatrice Bruce, students at U. C. C. spent the week-end at their respective homes in Kingsboro and Souris.

Mr. John Robertson, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Robertson and Miss Arlene Robertson, Kingsboro, motored to Charlottetown on March 22.

Mr. Horace MacDonald, Kingsboro, was in East Baltic recently.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Jean McIsaac, of St. Eleanors, who recently received her cap in the Prince County Hospital. She is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McIsaac, formerly of Munns Road, now of St. Eleanors

Mr. R. J. Kidson, Red Point, was a business visitor to the City on March 29.

Miss Adele Harris, East Point, visited recently with her sister, Miss Shirley who is making good progress in the Provincial Sanatorium.

Mr. Stewart McGregor, East Baltic, spent several days on business in Charlottetown.

It is regretted that Mrs. Marinda Garrett, formerly of East Baltic and now visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Bruce, Bothwell, has not been enjoying usual good health.

Messrs. Major Young, and Neil A. McLellan, Red Point were March 22 visitors to Charlottetown.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs Wesley Dingwell, Fortune Bridge, in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Milfred Robertson of River View.

Mr. Jack McDonald, well known potato inspector, Rollo Bay, was attending to his duties at Elmira and East Baltic recently.

Mr. Alton Robertson, Munns Road, spent some time with his daughters, Misses Kay and Betty Robertson in Charlottetown.

The Trail Rangers group meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rose, East Baltic, on March 16.

A First Aid class has been recently organized at South Lake, with a large attendance of interested students. Mrs. Charles McCormack is the capable instructor and conducted similar classes last year.

Messrs. Wesley Fraser and Augustus Mallard, North Lake, were March 22 visitors to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ching, Black Pond, was on business to Charlottetown on March 23.

Mr. George Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs Ralph Robertson, Kingsboro, met with a painful accident on March 21 while he was working around his car and had the occasion to use the jack, and it slipped, causing it to fall on him and breaking his collar bone. He was taken immediately to Souris where he received medical care. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Merril Stewart and Mrs. Emma Fraser are making good progress from their serious illness at their residence in Kingsboro.

Messrs. Major Young and Hugh D Campbell, Red Point, were March 23 business visitors to Charlottetown.

Mrs. Page, nurse at the Souris Hospital, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rose, North Lake.

Mrs. Lionel Strong, Souris, is a patient in the Souris Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. It is regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Strong are leaving Souris, to be stationed in N. B. They have made many friends since they came to Souris and the best of wishes goes with them in their new field.

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COMICS AGAIN

With the advent of the 3D Comic Book the whole harangue about reading for children has taken on new impetus. Newspaper columns are filled with high sounding argument about the exploitation of young minds. Pulpils resound with denunciation of publisher and castigation of those moronic minds that fall for the wiles of newsstand pornography. I have even read one learned editorial that asserts that the teacher is to blame for this wretched business. Apparently the teacher is expected in some quarters to mould the home habits of the child and to steer his reading habits away from "the vulgarity of the comic books." The whole debate seems to boil down to this: in many quarters it is thought that the comic book is poison, that it ruins minds and perverts souls, and that somehow the teacher and those connected with public education are to blame for the sensational interest that the average child shows in the comic book.

There are times in the lives of all of us when we meet the last straw. I have found such a straw in this comic book foolishness. From newspapers I have learned that I as a teacher, have helped to ruin a generation's grammar. I am to blame for the horrible and lamentable lack of spell-ability. I must take the blame when the employer finds that the high school graduate lacks perseverance, initiative, loyalty, or whatever other quality the average employer insists upon but very seldom demonstrates himself. When vandals desecrate a public park I realize that somehow through by ineptness, for which I am underpaid, I am to blame. All these blows I take on the chin like a true warrior. But I think it only fair to duck and weave in good style when I get blamed for the comic book craze.

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Today is the day of "passing the buck". People don't want too much responsibility. They want comfort and security. Hence the popularity of small families and service life. If they get in a jam they want someone near to catch the buck. And who's nearer than the teacher? Hence, when the comic book looms as a problem — when childhen, in imitation of their lithographed heroes, murder, rape and rob—who's going to take the blame? Never the parent! Nay, Brother! The parent would never be guilty of negligence, even by example. Papa's favourite reading may well be "Lurid Crimes", but Junior doesn't imitate Papa, don't be silly. And Mama? Why her habits are no more noxious than bingo, bridge and gossip. It's true she is never home, but how could that harm the children? What of the editor himself? It's true that on page four he prints his edits that condemn the comic tragedy. But look further ahead, friend. In the back section he has also included the comic features to catch the very morons he has smeared with his oil of vitriol. Morons sometimes have nickles too! No one wants to take the blame, and who stands closest to take it on the chin? Why, the teacher of course.

A great problem has been created. Newspapers tell us that a generation is being lost to the comic book. Great phrases are uttered. Long sermons are preached. Resolutions are passed and societies formed. The noise and the din are terrific. But it's my own belief that the only hontest attempt to beat the comic book is not made by the crusader or by the editor. It is made by the average class room teacher. Most class rooms, I am sure, include some time for reading. And here an honest attempt is made to show that good reading can be exciting too. In many cases, however, it is difficult to undo in five hours, damage that is done in 19. At other times it is a little like taking the rustic lad to Paris. It can be rather a chore to get him back to the farm. — (From the N. S. Teachers' Journal.)

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Call Early Meeting U.N. Disarmament Commission

By A. I. GOLDBERG

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., (AP) The Western Big Three issued a call Saturday for an early meeting of the UN disarmament commission.

Britain, the United States and France proposed the meeting to determine whether private talks on disarmament, aimed toward agreement on control, of atomic energy, can be launched. This course was recommended by the UN General Assembly last November.

Russia appeared to welcome the idea of the meeting, it was indicated after Britain's Sir Pierson Dixon called on Russia's Andrei Vishinsky Saturday.

T. F. Tsiang, Nationalist Chinese delegate and chairman of the disarmament commission for April, said he planned to call the meeting this week.

Canada To Take Part

British and American sources here said that recent bomb tests in the Pacific, demands for a U. S.-Russian atomic "standstill" by India's Prime Minister Nehru, and British Labor party protests about atomic policy did not figure immediately in the request for a commission meeting.

The Western Allies have been discussing their next step on disarmament since the Big Four meeting at Berlin decided that the four powers should continue work on a disarmament program.

The UN disarmament commission consists of 11 members of the UN Security Council plus Canada. They include the council's five veto-powered permanent members—Britain, the United States, France, Russia and China—and six two-year-term members, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Lebanon, New Zealand and Turkey. There is no veto power on the commission itself.

The disarmament commission has never been able to reach agreement. Chief difference between East and West is Russia's insistence on outlawing atomic weapons first as opposed to the Western demand that a method of checking on disarmament be arranged at the same time.

Georgetown and Vicinity

..*Miss Peggy Johnson, student at Notre Dame Academy in Charlottetown is spending a few days at her home in Georgetown.

Mr. N. W. Hansen was a business visitor to Charlottetown on April 1.

Mrs. Ruth Guich and Miss Betty Lou Hayter, who have spent the past few months at Rocky Point, returned recently to their home in Georgetown.

Mr. Frank MacLean and daughter Rose Marie were visitors to the city on April 1.

Mr. Ernest Doyle, retired C. N. R. locomotive engineer, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Miss Dorothy Simmonds of Charlottetown, was a recent guest for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen.

Mr. Harry Yorston motored to Charlottetown on business on April 1.

Mr. Michael Sigsworth of Newport, was a visitor to Georgetown early in the week. AC

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